

# CHILDREN OF HOPE AND FAITH<sup>SM</sup>



## SHARING CHRIST'S LOVE EDUCATION FOR ORPHANS. HOPE FOR COMMUNITIES.



### FROM THE PRESIDENT...

We greatly appreciate all our sponsors, donors and volunteers who support the mission of COHF! You are a wonderful blessing to the children and communities we serve in Tanzania.

A heartfelt huge thank you to all who contributed to the water and sanitation project for St. Augustine Primary School! It is an amazing accomplishment! The school was saved from being closed for health hazards and they were able to start the new school year in January. There is now an adequate supply of clean water for drinking, cooking, laundry and good hygiene (Picture above of children drawing water). The lavatories with toilets and bath facilities are in the process of being painted and the sewage system is nearly completed. Bishop Almachius, the principal, and entire school are most grateful for your loving support and quick response to the crisis. This was truly an act of mercy for an extremely poor Catholic school.

We currently have 157 students sponsored through COHF. The hope is that all the children will reach their full potential. Our children are in primary school (62), secondary school (70), higher education programs (15) and in the seminary (10).

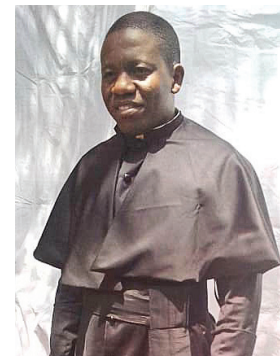
In this newsletter we highlight our sponsorship program. COHF is making a significant impact in the lives of our sponsored children to give them the opportunity for a good future. For your Lenten giving, please consider sponsorship or a scholarship for children in need of tuition, support for Angel Home Orphanage or a donation toward the completion of the girls' dormitory for St. Joseph Secondary School.

May the Risen Christ bless you abundantly for your kindness and generosity! Please keep COHF in your prayers.

St. Josephine Bakhita, pray for us! ■

Sincerely in Christ,  
Jane Walsh

### IN MEMORIAM



*Fr. Steven Ruhagaze Safari*

We are greatly saddened at the death of one of our sponsored students, Fr. Steven Ruhagaze Safari, who was Ordained to the Priesthood this past July, 2019. Fr. Steven died as a result of injuries from a motorcycle accident. He was sponsored at St. Alfred Secondary School and as a seminarian for the Rulenge-Ngara Diocese. Fr. Steven was a parochial vicar at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Biharamulo. Please pray for the repose of his soul, for his family members and the Rulenge-Ngara Diocese. We give our condolences to the priest who sponsored Steven through all his years as a seminarian. ■

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# PROJECTS AND UPDATES



## ANGEL HOME ORPHANAGE

Support of Angel Home Orphanage comprises over half of the Corporal Works of Mercy including Feed the hungry; Give drink to the thirsty; Clothe the naked and Shelter the homeless. Orphans receive an excellent education which includes the Spiritual Work of Mercy to instruct the uninformed. Thank you to those who gave to the end of the year appeal to support the orphanage and provide tuition for children to attend school. We have 35 children from Angel Home sponsored in primary (24) and secondary schools (11) who return home to the orphanage during school vacations. The Franciscan Sisters give daily care to ~20 children who range in age from infants to 4 years old. The sisters have requested more assistance from COHF with the expenses for food, clothes, medical care and transportation of the children to and from schools. ■

## ST. JOSEPH GIRLS' DORMITORY UPDATE

St. Joseph Secondary School is the main Catholic high school where we have sponsored students in the Rulenge-Ngara Diocese. Thank you to all who contributed to the girls' dormitory project! Fr. Jeremiah, the principal, was very happy with the \$6,000 he received toward the project. The good news is that construction has begun. However, they are still in need of the remaining \$11,900 to finish the project. Please consider helping the school to admit more girls for secondary education. It is very important that girls continue their education after graduation from primary school. The girls must have a place to live since most secondary schools are boarding schools. Thank you so much for your consideration and generosity! ■



*Some of our sponsored students at St. Joseph Secondary School. Six Form IV students graduated in November.*

## HEALTH CARE UPDATE

Thank you so much to our extremely generous health care donors! We were able to fund the ultrasound machine and also a Medical Outreach Program to neighboring villages. St. Francis Rwambaizi Health Center is in the process of purchasing the ultrasound machine and setting up the outreach program. Sr. Dorosella, a Franciscan Sister of St. Bernadette and nurse, is most grateful and filled with joy. Lives will be saved as she will be able to provide better medical care to pregnant women and their young children because of your immense generosity. A further update will be provided in our fall newsletter. Contributions for medicine and medical supplies are always needed and appreciated. ■



We have a monthly Holy Hour for the intentions of COHF and our supporters. It is usually the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm in the Adoration Chapel located at St. Matthew Church in Champaign, IL. Your prayer intentions can be sent to [childrenofhopeandfaith@gmail.com](mailto:childrenofhopeandfaith@gmail.com).

# THE VITAL ROLE OF SPONSORSHIP

We cannot express our gratitude enough to our sponsors! An excellent Catholic education provides each student intellectual, spiritual, and social development. Education is indispensable for young people to become leaders, responsible citizens, and enable them to gain employment, which will provide for their families and break the cycle of poverty. Young people who have a good education are more able to solve problems, face challenges and serve as role models for others. The African saying that "Education is the Key of Life" is very true. Our sponsored students have become priests, teachers, nurses, a seamstress and are employed in the fields of agriculture and medicine. Our young people are most grateful to their sponsors for the wonderful opportunity given to them.

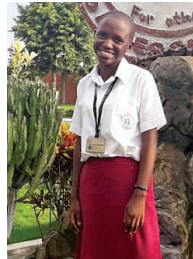
Below are two excerpts from letters of sponsored children to their sponsor.

*"I thank you very much for your sponsorship, support and the many things you have done for me...When I grow up I would like to be a lawyer...My school is very unique than other schools. The motto of our school is "Men and Women for Others". At school we learn how to love and serve others. Besides academic activities, we are also involved in community services where we help to wash clothes and clean at orphanage centers and other facilities where vulnerable people live".*

*Winifrida lives at Angel Home Orphanage; She graduated from Form IV from Loyola Secondary School and is waiting for National Exam results*

*"The aim of writing this letter is to thank you from the bottom of my heart for paying my school fees and for your good wishes. Pray for me so that I may become a good child and it is my desire to reach my dreams. Thank you for helping me. I feel loved, cared and accepted. This is because I am orphan. I have no father or mother. They passed away...Thank you for making me to be in this school...I love you too and wish you good."* ■

*Felician lives with his poor, elderly grandmother and is in 5th grade at St. Severine School*



## ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF OUR SPONSORED STUDENTS AT THE UNIVERSITY LEVEL

Congratulations to Tryphon Karangwa who graduated from the University of Dar-es-Salaam last December. He earned a four-year degree majoring in law. Tryphon was accepted to law school at the University of Dar-es-Salaam. It is a one-year program and upon completion he will be able to practice the legal profession. Both of Tryphon's parents died and he has great support from his extended family. Many thanks to his sponsors for their generosity in supporting him in secondary education, at the university level and in law school. We are very proud of Tryphon and share in his joy.



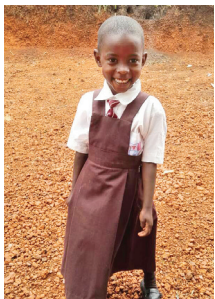
Tryphon's Graduation



Tryphon at Moot Court Competition in Kenya

## CHILDREN IN NEED OF SPONSORSHIP OR SCHOLARSHIPS

We have children from both Angel Home Orphanage (7) and from very poor families (11) who need sponsors to attend primary or secondary school. Most of these children had sponsors who are no longer able to assist them. Full sponsorships or half-sponsorships are available. Sponsorship of a child through a school or an organization is also a great option. Some of the students in need of sponsors are shown below. ■



Joyce Benjamin  
St. Bonaventure  
Primary School  
\$700/yr.



Tumuombe Andrew  
St. Augustine  
Primary School  
\$750/yr.



Benson Straton  
St. Augustine  
Secondary School  
\$750/yr.



Adella Protazi  
St. Clare Girls'  
Secondary School  
\$800/yr.

Congratulations to Francisco Mathias and Robinus Gaudine; two of our students who graduated from Form VI. They did well on the National Exam and therefore were able to continue their studies at a university.



Francisco Mathias

Francisco is attending St. Joseph University and majoring in medicine (Clinical Officer). Robinus is attending St. John University and majoring in Medical Laboratory Technology. Thank you to their sponsors for continuing to support their education past secondary school at the university level. ■



Robinus Gaudine

**The cost of higher education in Tanzania is a small fraction of the cost in the U.S. For our students to attend a university, tuition is not much more than Catholic secondary schools. Vocational and technical schools have tuition that is less than Catholic secondary schools.**

**Give us a call: (217) 352-6673**

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 903 Bluegrass Lane  
 Champaign, IL 61822*

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### IN APPRECIATION FOR THE ARTS AND CRAFTS BAZAAR

We are most grateful to Holy Cross Parish for hosting the Arts and Crafts Bazaar and to Sharon Kristovich for assistance with the planning. We greatly appreciate all who gave of their time and talent to make the event such a great success including the artisans, bakers, and volunteers. Thank you also for the support of those who attended the event! The proceeds of \$5,000 were used for scholarships for children to attend school. ■

### COHF FINANCIAL SUMMARY

## 2019

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