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FROM THE PRESIDENT...

In this newsletter we highlight the success of our sponsored students and recent projects made possible by the generosity of our sponsors and donors. We are a small organization but we are having a significant impact on the Dioceses we serve in Tanzania.

A heartfelt thank you to all who donated to the St. Augustine Primary School water and sanitation projects! We asked the students and teachers to pray mightily for the funding, as the need was urgent. On May 13, the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima, we received a check for \$13,000 which ensured that the projects would be realized. We are most grateful for the intercession of the Blessed Mother and God's Providence through all who generously donated. The school is making rapid progress on the building of the lavatories (*pictured above*). It was literally saved from being shut down for major health hazards. A full report will be in the spring newsletter.

We also highlight the new science laboratory for St. Joseph Secondary School and their tremendous need for a girls' dormitory. A health care update reports on an important opportunity given to St. Francis Rwambaizi Health Center and on their immediate need of an ultrasound machine to save lives.

We are most grateful to our sponsors and donors for their initiatives and involvement. Examples include sponsors who obtained money for their sponsored child through selling pies at the Farmers Market and an eleven year old girl who raised money for their child by selling lemonade and cookies and asking others to help her. Married couples provided funding for scholarships and projects through Wedding and Anniversary gifts. We have also been remembered in estate planning.

May Our Lord Jesus bless you abundantly for your great kindness in alleviating the suffering of our brothers and sisters in Tanzania.

St. Josephine Bakhita, pray for us!

Sincerely in Christ,
Jane Walsh

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Saturday, October 26
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*For more information about
the Bazaar, please contact Jane
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HEALTH CARE UPDATES



Fr. George, Sr. Dorosela and staff receiving the medicines and supplies.

St. Francis Rwambaizi Health Center serves very poor people in a remote area of Tanzania. The health center has struggled to operate and employ health care professionals because of the inability of local people to pay for medical services. In part due to the assistance of COHF, a tremendous opportunity arose when the government offered to help pay for the cost of medicines and supplies. The catch was that St. Francis Health Center had to start treating more patients and then be reimbursed for the services. One of our health care donors graciously agreed to fund \$3,600 for purchasing medicines and supplies. Fr. George Furula, Secretary of Health Care for the Diocese of Kayanga and Sr. Dorosela, a Franciscan Sister of St. Bernadette and the main nurse at St. Francis, are most grateful for their generous support. ■



Sr. Dorosela and three mothers and their babies who gave birth that day.

ULTRASOUND MACHINE COULD HELP SAVE LIVES

The death of mothers during childbirth is still a significant problem. Sr. Clevina from Angel Home Orphanage recently asked us to find sponsors for triplets whose mother died giving birth. When we visited Tanzania last November, Sr. Dorosela requested an ultrasound machine for sonograms. She delivers about 60 babies per month, which averages 2 babies each day! An ultrasound machine would help Sr. Dorosela prepare for the individual needs of mother and baby during labor and delivery. It will hopefully help to save lives and result in better health for mothers and their children. The cost of the ultrasound machine is \$4,000. ■

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RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF SPONSORED STUDENTS

TWO ORDINATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD

Congratulations to two of our Seminarians who were ordained to the Priesthood this past summer. Fr. Steven Safari was assigned as Parochial Vicar at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in the Rulenge-Ngara Diocese. Fr. Eligius Zilimu was assigned as Parochial Vicar at St. Paul Parish in the Kayanga Diocese. We are very grateful they answered yes to the invitation to serve God's people through the Priesthood. ■



Form VI students graduated from St. Charles Lwanga Junior Seminary (L-R) Robinus Gaudine, Clemence Spridion, Francisco Mathias, Sylvanus Cyriacus.



Leah Julianus graduation from Form VI from Loreto Secondary School.

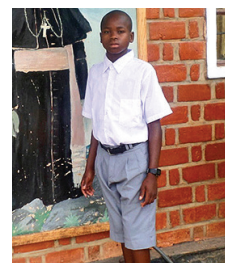
STUDENTS GRADUATED FROM FORM VI LAST MAY

We had four Form VI students graduate from St. Charles Lwanga Katoke Junior Seminary and one Form VI student graduate from Loreto Secondary School. Clemence Spridion and Sylvanus Cyriacus have entered the Seminary for the Kayanga and Rulenge-Ngara Dioceses, respectively. Francisco Mathias and Robinus Gaudine hope to continue their education at the college level. Leah Julianus would like to become an airline stewardess. ■

STUDENTS GRADUATED FROM 7TH GRADE IN SEPTEMBER

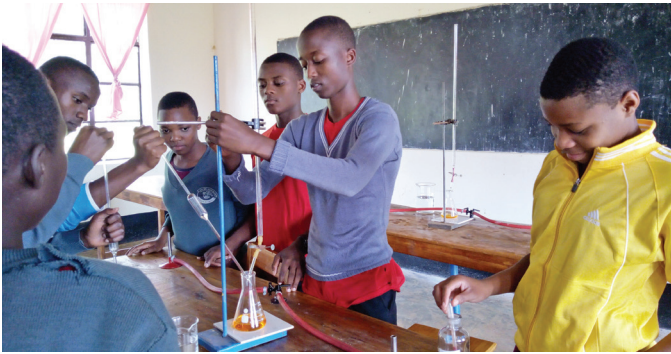
We had six students graduate from Primary school and they will start Secondary School in January. The students take National Exams to apply for admittance to Secondary schools. Because most of our students attend Catholic schools that teach in English, they are well prepared for the next level of high school education. ■

We are very inspired and happy for the success of our sponsored students. They are most appreciative for the wonderful opportunity provided by their sponsors. We currently have students at every level of education in need of sponsorship including seven children at Angel Home Orphanage. ■



Avitha Salvatory (top) graduated from St. Peter Claver School and Godwine Magesa (bottom) graduated from St. Severine School.

PROJECTS AND UPDATES



Students conducting a science experiment in the Senior Science Laboratory.

ST. JOSEPH VOCATIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOL

SCIENCE LABORATORY

St. Joseph Vocational Secondary School is the main co-ed Catholic secondary school where we have sponsored students in the Rulenge-Ngara Diocese. It offers an excellent academic curriculum and also provides students with opportunities for vocational training including carpentry and masonry. One of the school's objectives is to promote the study of science subjects. Both boys and girls are enthusiastic and eager to learn more about their world and discover new things. However, the school lacked a science laboratory for their senior Form IV students to conduct experiments. It is important for Form IV students to perform well in science on the National Exams for them to continue studies in the science fields including the health care professions. Due to your support, we were able to provide lab benches and chairs, a gas system and Bunsen Burners for the senior laboratory. Fr. Jeremiah Kiiza, the principal since 2012, is most grateful for our assistance. ■

DORMITORY FOR GIRLS

St. Joseph Secondary School aims to help girls by encouraging them to continue their education in secondary school (high school). A quality education enables girls to participate effectively in all spheres of decision-making in society. It is estimated that there will be 200 girls admitted to St. Joseph's School in 2020 and there will not be enough dormitory space to accommodate them. Currently, there is one dormitory with a capacity for 120 girls. Fr. Jeremiah has requested funding for a girls' dormitory to house 80 girls. Two of our girls who graduated from St. Joseph's are now at Sengerema School of Medicine and St. Augustine University. Hopefully, a lack of housing will not be the determining factor preventing admittance of qualified girls to St. Joseph Secondary School. The cost is \$17,900. ■

END OF YEAR GIVING AND EMPLOYER MATCHING GIFT PROGRAM

Please consider Children of Hope and Faith for your end of the year giving! Please inquire whether your employer has a matching gift program for charities.

ANGEL HOME ORPHANAGE

Children at Angel Home Orphanage received Christmas gifts this past year due to the generosity of sponsors and a donor. Sr. Clevina, the Franciscan Sister of St. Bernadette in charge of the orphanage, was delighted to give all the children new clothes for Christmas (*see below*). She said, "The children do not feel like orphans but like regular children." The children also received a few small toys. We are bringing the children hope for a brighter future. ■



DORMITORIES AT ST. PETER CLAVER SCHOOL

We are extremely happy to report that children are now using the new dormitories for the Kindergarten Project at St. Peter Claver School! Bishop Almachius Rweyongeza sent his heartfelt gratitude to COHF for the sacrifice and generosity of our donors who made the Kindergarten program possible. In our Facebook post we commented, "Alone we can do very little but together we can accomplish great things". The added benefit to the communities is that St. Peter Claver and the other Catholic schools where we have supported projects have not needed to raise tuition in the past few years. ■



Three views of the new dormitories.



Two of our supporters donated a swing set for St. Peter Claver School. The children have been asking for playground equipment since the school began in 2003. It's so wonderful to see them enjoying it!

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**10TH YEAR FOR ANNUAL
FESTIVAL OF ART, SERVICE AND TALENT
(F.A.S.T.) EVENT AT ST. MATTHEW SCHOOL**

We greatly appreciate the dedication and generosity of Sr. Mary George, a Franciscan Sister of the Martyr St. George and music teacher, Mr. Bill Geerdes, the art teacher, students and teachers who have participated in the program throughout the years. The theme this year was "One Heart, One Mind, One Community". The 8th grade students wrote and performed skits while the 5th-8th grade students sang inspirational songs. Students had the opportunity to create different types of artwork. This is definitely an event of mercy as the proceeds have benefitted the daily care of orphans at Angel Home. Thank you for using your time and talent to help children without parents to also receive a Catholic education. ■



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