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FROM THE PRESIDENT...

We are happy to report that students are back to school in Tanzania after schools were closed for three months due to the COVID-19 virus. We are most grateful for the support for Angel Home Orphanage during the pandemic including the proceeds from GivingNow. With school closures, our sponsored students returned to the orphanage and it was difficult for the Franciscan Sisters to provide enough food, especially with the secondary school students back!

Fr. Johndamaseni Zilimu, our cofounder, celebrated his 25th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood on August 13. We continue to share in Fr. John's joy. COHF is blessed to have Fr. John as our liaison with the Dioceses in Tanzania and the children are blessed to have his support and guidance for their education.

In this newsletter we highlight what has been accomplished for St. Francis Rwambaizi Health Center. We are having a significant impact on the quality of medical care for the poorest of this region. The medical staff and patients greatly appreciate the generosity of our health care donors.

Unfortunately, we are mourning the death of one of our sponsored students, Pendo Blasio, who died of Tetanus in May. It makes it especially hard since a vaccine would have prevented her death. We highlight the initiative of Pendo's Fund to provide immunizations for our sponsored students.

We are most thankful for the faithful support of our sponsors and donors during these particularly challenging and difficult times. Your support literally means the world to the children and communities we serve in Tanzania. May Our Lord Jesus richly bless you and your families for your continued generosity.

St. Josephine Bakhita, pray for us! ■

Sincerely in Christ,
Jane Walsh

ARTS & CRAFTS BAZAAR

The Arts and Crafts Bazaar for Fall 2020 has been cancelled due to the uncertainty with guidelines for the COVID-19 virus.

Sharon Kristovich plans to sell craft items to benefit COHF beginning late October through her website:
www.secondwindcreations.net

For questions contact Sharon at secondwindcreations@comcast.net



Pendo at Karagwe Secondary School

IN MEMORIAM

We are greatly saddened by the death of Belina Blasio, one of our sponsored students, who was an orphan and lived with her elderly grandmother. Her nickname was Pendo which means "love" in Swahili. The High School of St. Thomas More began to sponsor Pendo when she was in second grade at St. Peter Claver School. Pendo would have graduated from Form VI (upper level high school) from Karagwe Secondary School and planned to apply to a teachers' college. Pendo died in May from Tetanus.

Pendo felt special being sponsored and it brought her joy and hope for a better future. Without the generosity of the students at The High School of St. Thomas More, Pendo would not have been given an excellent Catholic education. The first school Mass was offered for the Repose of the Soul for Pendo. She will be greatly missed.



Students at The High School of St. Thomas More supporting The Pendo Fund

THE PENDO FUND

Tragically, Pendo may have lived if she had received the vaccine. The Pendo Fund has been established in her memory to raise money for the immunizations of our other sponsored children. The students at The High School of St. Thomas More paid tribute to Pendo with a dress down day to kick-off The Pendo Fund. We will start with the vaccine most needed, Hepatitis B, which costs \$70 for each child. ■



Fr. John with orphans from Angel Home

FR. JOHN'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION

Congratulations to Fr. John as he celebrated his Silver Jubilee as a priest on Aug. 13. He said that helping people most in need has given him the greatest joy in his priesthood. One way he has done that is through COHF which he cofounded in 2003.

Fr. John was born January 31, 1965, in Nyakatuntu village in Northwestern Tanzania. His father's name is Anaclet Kumbaleba and his mother's name is Christina Nyamichu. He comes from a very Catholic family of 12 children and he is fourth oldest. When Fr. John was 13 years old, he felt called to the priesthood, attended high school seminary, and continued with college seminary until ordination. He received a Bachelor of Arts in Sacred Theology from the Pontifical Urbanian University in Rome in 1995 and was ordained in the same year for the Rulenge Diocese. Fr. John's first assignment was parochial vicar at Isingiro Parish, and he was a high school mathematics teacher and Academic dean at Katoke Junior Seminary. His Bishop sent Fr. John to the Diocese of Peoria in 2000, and he attended school at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics (2004), Master of Science in Mathematics (2006) and a doctorate in Mathematics Education in 2014. He also did campus ministry through St. John's Catholic Newman Center while at the University of Illinois. Fr. John was parochial vicar at St. Matthew Church in Champaign, IL from 2010-2013. Currently, Fr. John is pastor at St. John Paul II Church in Kewanee, IL. We are truly blessed to have Fr. John as our cofounder. Donations in honor of Fr. John's Silver Jubilee will be used for the education of orphans and children from poor families. ■

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.

PROJECTS AND UPDATES

HEALTH CARE UPDATE

Thank you so much to our extremely generous health care donors who are making a huge difference in the lives of pregnant mothers and children! The ultrasound machine for St. Francis Health Center has arrived! Sr. Dorosella greatly appreciates the ability to provide mothers better prenatal care and assistance with labor and delivery.



The Outreach Program has been a huge success! Nurses from St. Francis Health Center travel monthly to four remote villages to provide medical services for pregnant women and children. The services for pregnant women include testing and treatment for tuberculosis, malaria, HIV infections, and hemoglobin count. Mothers and children are given vaccines and mosquito nets. Children are weighed and evaluated for malnutrition. Education is provided to mothers for a healthy pregnancy and the risks of home births. As a result, in the first seven months, 260 mothers came to the health center for delivery. This is extremely important for the health of mothers and their babies. The nurses are provided more medicine and supplies to treat the women and children. The cost of the Outreach Program for one year starting in January 2021 is \$4,700.

The buildings of St. Francis Health Center have needed repair and renovation for a long time. The health center was started in 1960 by the Missionary Sisters and provides medical care for over 85,000 people in the surrounding area. COHF was able to address this tremendous problem by providing \$4,000 to repair the buildings. The foundations were strengthened, leaking roofs fixed, broken glass in windows and iron sheets for the roof were replaced. Walls were re-plastered and painted. This has been a huge improvement to preserve the health center buildings.

Two buildings remain to be repaired and the outside painted. All the health center buildings need to be painted inside and ceiling tiles replaced. The cost of finishing the renovation project is \$3,000. ■

ST. JOSEPH SECONDARY SCHOOL DORMITORY FOR GIRLS

The foundation has been laid and bricks purchased but construction of the girls' dormitory has stopped due to the lack of funding. The dormitory is greatly needed to enable more girls to be admitted to St. Joseph Secondary School and continue their education from Primary school. There is no place for students to live in the surrounding area. All students must live at the school, which is in a very rural area. Building projects are necessary and the most difficult to realize. The cost to finish the project is \$8,840. Thank you in advance for your consideration of assisting girls to obtain an excellent Catholic secondary school education. ■

SPONSORSHIPS

Congratulations to Our First Sponsored Student

Congratulations to Adeltha Zilimu who graduated from Sengerema School of Medicine with a Clinical Officer diploma. Adeltha is one of our first three children who started in first grade at St. Peter Claver School. She graduated from Form IV from Boni Consilii Mabamba Girls Secondary School and from Makambako Secondary School for Form VI. Adeltha will provide excellent medical care for her patients. We are happy for her and proud of her accomplishment. ■



Adeltha Zilimu and her mother Adela

Congratulations to Our Students Who Graduated From Primary School

We are very proud of our students who graduated from Primary School: Sylvia Straton from St. Augustine School; Lameck Laurent and Thecla Kemilembe from St. Peter Claver School; Antipas Zilimu, Elivius Evodius and Lucas Yona from St. Severine School. They will start secondary school in January. ■



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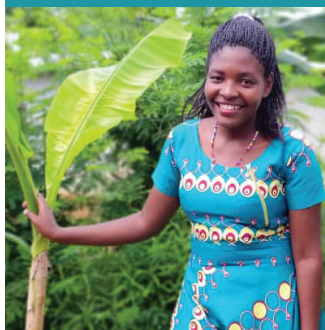
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Agripina Zilimu needs one year of tuition to graduate with a teaching degree from St. Augustine University - \$800



Mektrida Sostenes is in Form V at St. Alfred Secondary School. Tuition is \$750/yr.



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