

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



## SHARING CHRIST'S LOVE

## EDUCATION FOR ORPHANS. HOPE FOR COMMUNITIES.



### FROM THE PRESIDENT...

Thank you so much to our faithful sponsors and donors who make our mission possible to educate children and provide hope for communities in Tanzania. Fr. John's (our co-founder) trip to Tanzania last fall coincided with several school graduations so it was wonderful that he could share in the accomplishment and joy of some of our sponsored students who graduated from primary or secondary (Form IV) schools. We are proud of them and very happy for their achievements!

Pictured above are our students attending St. Charles Lwanga Katoke Junior Seminary. The school provides both a very rigorous secondary school education and the opportunity to discern a possible call to the priesthood. Fr. John attended this junior seminary and returned to the school after Ordination to teach Mathematics. It is possible that at least one of these young men will one day serve as a priest in the U.S. like Fr. John.

In this issue we also highlight the solar energy projects made possible for St. Bonaventure Primary School and St. Clare Girls' Secondary School because of the immense generosity of our supporters. Electricity is one of the greatest benefits we can provide the students, teachers, and administration for both primary and secondary schools. Please consider support for our current project to implement the second phase of the solar energy project for St. Clare Girls' Secondary School.

May the Risen Lord abundantly bless you and your families for your generosity!

St. Josephine Bakhita, pray for us! ■

Sincerely in Christ,  
Jane Walsh



*Fr. John with Devis and Benson at Graduation for St. Augustine Secondary School*



# SOLAR ENERGY PROJECTS

The people in Tanzania are among those in the world with the least amount of electricity and the Kagera region, where St. Bonaventure Primary School and St. Clare Girls' Secondary School are located, are experiencing a very acute shortage of electricity. With the advances in technology, it is now more affordable to provide solar energy than to extend the electrical grid. It also eliminates the danger and high cost of kerosene lanterns. Solar panels and batteries are now smaller with the panel put on the roof of the building and the batteries housed within the building. The gift of solar energy to the schools provides a great benefit to the students, teachers, and administration. Students are able to study after dark, teachers can prepare their lessons in the evening and the administration can operate the school with computers and printers. ■

## ST. BONAVENTURE SCHOOL SOLAR ENERGY PROJECT

To celebrate the first graduation at St. Bonaventure School, we were able to fund a solar energy project requested by Sr. Justina, the Assistant principal. As the school has grown, so has the need to provide electricity for the dormitories of the youngest students who are crying at night when it is pitch black, for classrooms and administration building. The sisters, children and staff greatly appreciate our assistance. ■



Solar Panel for a girls' dormitory



Students at St. Bonaventure excited about the lighting provided by solar energy for their dormitories and classrooms.



Students looking at the solar batteries in a classroom.

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## ST. CLARE GIRLS' SECONDARY SCHOOL SOLAR ENERGY PROJECT

With heartfelt gratitude to all who donated toward last year's Lenten project for St. Clare's solar energy project. The school has grown and now has an enrollment of 339 girls in Form I to Form IV. Fr. Kabendera, the principal, requested the first phase of a solar energy project for the administration building, dining hall, four classrooms and the headmaster's house.



Solar panels on a classroom building



Solar panels on administrative building

Fr. Kabendera reported that the girls academic performance improved for both school exams and national exams (Form II and Form IV). As we have mentioned before, it is extremely important for students to do well on the national exams as their score partly determines their future academic opportunities. The school is able to have daily Mass in the mornings in the dining hall since they are assured of light. The students also benefit from the light to enjoy their dinner instead of sometimes having to eat in the dark. There is now the opportunity for enrichment programs at night including social events and programs to help develop their talents in music, dance etc. Fr. Kabendera, the students, teachers and staff are most appreciative for the positive impact of additional electricity on their school community. ■

### Some of our sponsored students who recently graduated from Form IV and benefitted from the solar energy project:



Adella and Anastella: Graduation from St. Clare Secondary School



Mourine receiving her graduation diploma from St. Clare Secondary School



Dorica: Graduation from St. Clare Secondary School

## CURRENT PROJECT

Our next project is to finish the second phase of the solar energy project for St. Clare Girls' Secondary School. Electricity to provide lighting for classrooms is still needed. The cost to provide solar panels, batteries and an inverter for two buildings with classrooms is \$3,000. Thank you in advance for your generosity! ■



## FIRST GRADUATION FOR ST. BONAVENTURE PRIMARY SCHOOL

St. Bonaventure School was built by the Franciscan Sisters of St. Bernadette and opened with 25 students in 2018. Five years later it has an enrollment of 348 students and celebrated its first graduation in October 2022. Thirteen students graduated which included four students from Angel Home Orphanage sponsored through COHF. Fr. John was the guest of honor at the graduation. ■



Fr. John with Melensiana, Christian, Ester and Aneth at Graduation for St. Bonaventure School

### Congratulations to our other students who graduated from Primary School:

- St. Achileus Primary School: Rita
- St. Peter Claver Primary School : Alex, Angel
- St. Severine School: Felician, Florence

### Congratulations to our students who graduated from Form IV:

- KwaUso Secondary School: Delson, Ivanus
- St. Achileus Secondary School: Monica
- St. Augustine Secondary School: Benson, Devis, Elogius, Happyness
- St. Charles Lwanga Junior Seminary: Aidanus, Devis
- St. Clare Girls' Secondary School: Adella, Anastella, Dorica, Mourine
- St. Joseph Secondary School: Benezeth, Thea

## CHILDREN IN NEED OF SPONSORSHIP

Full Sponsorship - \$800/yr.  
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Caren Donarth  
St. Augustine  
Primary School



Amelia Gotifrid  
St. Augustine  
Secondary School



Macklina Laurent  
Damian  
St. Joseph  
Secondary School

## CHRISTMAS COOKIE AND CRAFT SALE AT HOLY CROSS CHURCH

We are grateful to Catholic Daughters for inviting us to participate in the craft sale at Holy Cross Church in Champaign. Thank you very much to two crafters from Holy Cross Parish, Dianna Oliveira and Sharon Kristovich, for their time and talent to benefit COHF. Thank you also to Cathy Fallon for the beautifully hand-crafted gingerbread houses. Cathy designed a replica of Angel Home Orphanage which provided a good opportunity to share the mission of COHF with those who attended the event. ■



Cathy Fallon with Angel Home Orphanage replica

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