

St. Mary and St Joseph Missionary Cooperative Projects

Due to the pandemic, missionaries have not been allowed to travel internationally to ask for our much-needed help. The Diocesan Mission Office instead asks that we select charitable projects to support through the Propagation of the Faith Website, *missio.org*. We have selected three projects, described below:

1. **The Sisters of Saint John the Baptist in Antananarivo, Madagascar** wish to build a **drinking well** for the community. In search for water, many young and old walk long distances to collect water. These challenges affect many aspects of family life, as sometimes, head of households are forced to leave children tending other children in order to gather water. The unreliability is alarming and causes despair. Please help! As little as \$25 would restore health and spirits!
 - a. Goal is \$5000. It is 66% raised so far!
 - b. Let's try to raise the final \$1,724 for this project to help the Sisters get drinking water for their community in Madagascar.
 - c. Go to *missio.org* under donate select category "water" to see pictures.

2. Within the **Catholic Diocese of Kigoma in Tanzania** there are two centers that have a total of **553 children who have been left without parents**. Either one or both parents died of HIV/AIDS. Having been left on their own by their impoverished extended families, these children end up looking at the Church as their existing mother and father. At the centers, we need to assure these children receive **three hot meals per day and address their academic and health issues** even as the country faces the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as many other tropical diseases. The diocese is confronting the lack of funds and the high level of poverty of the people.
 - a. Goal is \$10,000. It has only 2% raised so far.
 - b. Let's try to help them get closer to their goal for this project to help the HIV/AIDS Orphans in Tanzania.
 - c. Go to *missio.org* under donate tab select category "children" to see pictures.

3. **Sister Mary Chilengwe, of the Sisters of Child Jesus, in the Archdiocese of Kasama** in Zambia runs a farm to help care for their local community. The congregation has continued serve the people during this challenging moment. Now, they shell corn by hand, and it would save time and effort if they could secure a diesel-powered machine. This new equipment would be made by a local manufacturer in Kasama, Zambia who provides other farmers with similar industrial tools. Given electricity challenges in the farm, a diesel powered sheller is the most economical and practical. Sister Mary and her team know that this added help would enable them to offer more of their time for pastoral services and providing resources. A gift of \$25 can help buy diesel filter oil.
 - a. Goal is \$1,000. It has only 15% raised so far.
 - b. Let's try to help them raise the last \$850 to help Sister buy a corn sheller and fuel.
 - c. Go to *missio.org* under donate tab select category "agriculture" to see pictures.

SEE OTHER SIDE FOR HOW TO HELP! THANK YOU FOR HELPING THE POOR!

What your donation can do!

- **\$10** helps buy a bag of cement
 - **\$20** helps buy bricks
- **\$50** helps secure the transport of materials
- **\$100** helps buy durable, reusable containers for many
 - **\$150** helps secure the labor

3 Ways to help these very worthy projects or any other:

1. Put donation in Mission Coop envelope stating which project you want to support and put this in the collection basket at weekend Mass.
2. Go to missio.org and find one of the above projects using the instructions above. Click on the name of the project then on that page scroll to the very bottom where you will see a block with Fr Bill Holoubek listed as Project Fundraiser. Click on this box and you will go to a page that has all three projects listed. You can select to donate to either one. You can also go to this link that will take you directly to my “Fundraise With Your Friends” page for our parishes.

https://www.missio.org/fundraiserprofile.aspx?fundraiser_id=2208&localization=EN

3. You can use this QR code with your smart phone camera or QR reader app and go directly to these three projects for which I have set myself up as a fundraiser on behalf of our parishes.



THANK YOU FOR HELPING THE POOR WHO NEED OUR ASSISTANCE SO MUCH!!!