



# Mission Circle Advocate

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October 2009 - Please Support your Mission Circle  
*Next Continental Breakfast – Sunday Oct. 18, 2009, After 8 am Mass*

## Welcome to Ruth Cummings & Roberta Spencer of St. Agnes Church, Manderson, South Dakota!

### Dear St. Agnes Parishioners

Please join us October 18<sup>th</sup> after mass for a continental breakfast and meet Ruth Cummings and Roberta Spencer of our mission church in South Dakota, which happens to be named St. Agnes. Both St. Agnes of SD churches had their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2008!

### Letters from St. Agnes of Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, SD

Summer 2008  
Dear Charles,

Greetings from your friends at St. Agnes Church in Manderson, South Dakota. My name is Fr. Phil Cooke. I am the new pastor here at St. Agnes. I taught on the reservation at Red Cloud High School from 2002-2005. I was just ordained in June, and now I am the pastor here. I am so excited and happy to be back on the reservation. The people have been so good to me.

Thank you so much for the generous donation that you sent to us to help support us in our missionary work and to continue to grow as a

### Saint Agnes Mission Circle Missionaries

- Fr. Phil Cooke, SJ Indian Mission in South Dakota
- Sister Nalini's HIV/AIDS Mission in Botswana
- Fr. Alvin Platon, Philippines
- Rev Luis Alfonso Segura, MSC prenovitiate dir. Seminary in Columbia
- Fr. Owen Kudumba's Seminary Mission in Zimbabwe
- Fr. James Feehan, Paraguay

community of faith in Jesus Christ. Since we are a small mission church, all donations really help us to operate daily.

Ruth Cummings is sending along some parish photos. I know you will enjoy them. Let us continue to build our relationship with each other. We all need each other within the body of Christ. You and your parishioners will be remembered in our liturgies and prayers.

Yours in Christ,  
Phil Cooke, sj  
Jesuit Community  
100 Mission Dr. Pine Ridge, SD 57770  
Pastor of St. Agnes Parish  
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Manderson, SD 57756

### Excerpts of Summer 2009 letter

Dear Charles,

I hope this finds you well, enjoying life. Greetings from the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation and St. Agnes Church.

I just want to thank you and the St. Agnes Mission Circle for your generous donations. Because of your help we are able to not only pay our bills, but we will also be able to reach out to youth this summer. We are going to begin a 3-week program where we are going to employ some youth to rehab houses with the town of Manderson.

### Mission Center Members

Charles & Alnora Bishop  
Chuck & Joyce Ellison  
Paul & Kathy Grimes  
Mary Ellen Seaver & David Wade  
Virginia Paul, Anita Simmons  
Mary Toomey, Ginny Biewer  
Mary Aldous, Lee Collins  
Dottie Dring, Izzie Skidmore  
Conrad/Cheryl/Hanna/David Olson



St. Agnes Church, Manderson, SD

We are also able to use your donations to send some of our church members off to the annual Tekawitha Conference.

Because you, your circle and church are so generous, we are more able to live and experience the Spirit of Jesus. You are helping us be a better church and community. For this, we at St. Agnes are deeply grateful.

**We are so grateful for your donations, prayers and support we would like to extend an offer to all of you. Our parish council and I would like to send at least a couple of our parish members to San Diego, hopefully, sometime this fall or winter, to come visit. We would like to continue our mutual support in person, face-to-face. All of you are really important to us, and without your support we would not be able to do the outreach and prayer that we deeply desire**

God Bless, Fr. Phil Cooke, sj