



# Mission Circle Advocate

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December 2011 - Please Support your Mission Circle  
Next Breakfast Buffet – Sunday, December 11, 2011, After 8 am Mass

## Upcoming Buffet Breakfasts Dec. 11, Jan. 8, Feb. 12

Thanks for reading this edition of "The Advocate"...the voice of St. Agnes Mission Circle. The first Circle of parishioners met in 1978 to aid missionary friends of the then pastor, Fr. Fox. When Fr. Mel Collier came to St. Agnes he recommended his missionary friends with whom he worked in Botswana and South America.

We hope you enjoy reading letters from the missionaries.

Thank you to the Thursday morning Bible Study group who have donated over \$200 to the Mission Circle. We invite you to support and fellowship at our monthly Buffet Breakfasts.

Donate any time! Contact the Church office or Conrad Olson at 619.708.5664

e-mail: olsons123@gmail.com All donations are 100% tax-deductible.

## Information on Sister Nalini's AIDS Mission in Botswana

Botswana is in Africa, just north of the country of South Africa. It is about the size of Texas.

Approximately 1.6 million people live in Botswana, which has a high rate of HIV/AIDS infection.

## SCN Family Ministries in Botswana include:

- Outreach for those infected with or affected by HIV/AIDS
- Day care services for children in need, including those orphaned because of HIV/AIDS
- Pastoral and HIV/AIDS ministry to youth
- Skills training for women so they can support themselves and their families
- Efforts to provide easier access to basic necessities like water

More Info at [www.scnfamily.org](http://www.scnfamily.org)



Seminarians at Fr. Segura's Mission Parish

## From Fr. Luis Alfonso Segura, Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish, Jamundi, Colombia

Thanks so much for your quick answer. I am glad that you want to know more about the works we are doing here in Colombia. As I wrote to you before we are building a chapel and also in the future we want to build a retreat house in our farm. This farm was bought some years ago when father Fath used to live here. The idea of buying that farm was to provide some fresh food for our seminarians. At this time we don't received much food from there, but we have some cows that provide us some milk.

That chapel that we are building has the objective of helping people to have a space to find God's love. Our idea is to term in the future that farm as a retreat space. I saw your magazine, those pictures are very old, we will send you more recent pictures and in a short future I will tell you what are we doing now if you want to change the focus of what you say there. (For me is not easy to write in English so you can change what I write into a good English).

I want you to thank again for all the support you have given us through this year. I also want to say that those \$ 500 that you are going to send are going to be used in that chapel. We will be praying for you and your mission.

Fr. Luis Alfonso Segura.

## From Fr. Paase in Liberia

My dear people of St. Agnes Mission circle, - Greetings of peace and love.

I hope all of you are doing well despite the problems of the Economy. I have not opened my mail box for a long time (I suppose because I am not too caught up in the world of the internet) and opened it just today and saw your message and right now I am installing the pdf program so that I can look at the newsletter. I will surely send back comments as soon as I look at it.

Thank you so much for making the work of God here in a backyard place the focus of your goodness and bringing this work as well to the wider audience who get to read your newsletter.

I am sorry that I didn't acknowledge the last transfer but indeed it got here. Things have been busy these last months. Ordinations of two Bishops and me involved in giving retreats and so it has been tight. I go again on Wednesday to a distant part of the country in the Diocese of Cape Palmas to give the annual retreat to a community of Nuns.

As soon as I open the news letter, I will send back to you some comments.

Thanks and God bless.  
Fr. Peter Paase MSP

## Mission Circle Members

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

# Saint Agnes Mission Circle

## African Missions

St. Christopher's Catholic Church - Kakata, Liberia  
 Rev. Father Peter Paase - Missionaries of St. Paul  
 Type of Mission: Parish & School - Year Support Began: 2010  
 Mary Ellen Seaver (Mission Circle) served in Liberia with the Peace Corps in 2009/10 and attended this church. Rev. Paase's mission serves parish of 500+.

Kriste Mambo Mission - Rusape, Zimbabwe  
 Fr. Wiseman Musemwa - Order of the Carmelites  
 Type of Mission: Parish & School - Year Support Began: 1979  
 Our first mission. Fr. Conall Collier, Fr. Mel Collier's brother served in Zimbabwe from 1958 to 2007. Mission boarding school for 500 students.

HIV/AIDS Mission and Hospice - Game City, and Gaborone, Botswana  
 Sister Nalini Meachariyil - Sisters of Charity  
 Type of Mission: HIV/AIDS Mission/Hospice - Year Support Began: 1979  
 In Botswana, Fr. Brendan Butler was adopted by St. Agnes until his death in 2005. Sr. Nalini visited St. Agnes in 2008. Fr. Butler referred us to her. See: [www.scnfamily.org](http://www.scnfamily.org).



## South American Missions



Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish - Jamundí, Colombia  
 Fr. Luis Alfonso Segura - Missionaries of the Sacred Heart  
 Type of Mission: Seminary, Parish work and school  
 Year Support Began: 1979  
 See: [www.colombiamsc.org](http://www.colombiamsc.org) (in Spanish)

Asuncion, Paraguay  
 Rev. James Feehan  
 Made a mission appeal here while Fr. Mel Collier was pastor (they served together in Paraguay from 1967-1971).  
 Type of Mission: Parish  
 Year Support Began: 1978

## Philippines Mission

Loaac, Pangasinan, Philippines,  
 Fr. Alvin Platon, O.P. Order of Dominicans  
 Type of Mission: Holy Cross Parish & School (120 students)  
 Year Support Began: 2009  
 Fr. Alvin assisted Fr. Mel Collier here at St. Agnes in 2007 and made an appeal for his new parish in rural Luzon Island. Fr. Alvin is a young priest who hosted the Archdiocese of Lingayen-Dagupan youth day 2009. See: [www.lingayen-dagupan.org](http://www.lingayen-dagupan.org) about the Catholic church on Luzon, Philippines.



## South Dakota, U. S. A. Mission



St. Agnes Mission Parish, Manderson, S. Dakota  
 Father Phil Cooke\* - Jesuit Fathers and Brothers  
 Type of Mission: Parish and School - Year Support Began 1978  
 Ruth Cummings and Roberta Spencer spoke at all masses here October 2009 grateful for our years of support for the poor on their Lakota Sioux Indian Reservation. Both women are helping the young people in their isolated lands find a spiritual base. Fr. Cooke says mass at 3 small mission churches on the reservation.  
 \*Fr. Cooke's term has ended and a replacement will soon be placed.