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March 2013 - Please Support your Mission Circle

Next Breakfast Buffet – Sunday, March 10, 2013, After 8 am Mass



Fr. Joseph Mwangela sends us his motor bike picture and latest projects in Kitui, Kenya. (Right Column)

WE WELCOME FR. JOSEPH TO MISSION CIRCLE!

Upcoming Buffet Breakfasts Mar 10, Apr. 14, May 26

The Advocate today announces Fr. James Feehan C. P. is retiring from his parish work in Asuncion, Paraguay and has been asked to assist temporarily at the Metropolitan Cathedral there.

Thank you for your support at our monthly buffet breakfasts. You may host one too – just pick the date!

Contact the Church office or Conrad Olson at 619.708.5664. e-mail: olson123@gmail.com All donations are 100% tax-deductible.

Mission Circle Members

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Father Feehan Retires



Fr. James Feehan C.P. has spent over 40 years ministering in Paraguay, and the first resident priest in the Parish of St. Sebastian. A Formation Community of Discalced Carmelite priests are present in the parish with about 13 students.

The population of the parish is around 8,000 people. The economy is poor. Jobs are scarce and unemployment is a huge problem. Many emigrate to Europe and to Spain in particular. Emigrant remittances is about the third largest source of income for the country. Often those who emigrate are women who find jobs as domestics, cleaners and minders of children.

Husbands and family remain at home. This often results in family breakdown as they meet other partners.

“I’ll be 50 years ordained in Dec. and my folks and community are expecting me home for the occasion.” (in Ireland) “I can only express once again my thanks for all you have done for me up to this moment with your donation of \$1,000. I’ll use some of the donation for personal needs at the moment, including clothing and footwear: and also I need to have my PC completely revamped and even this laptop is on its last legs. It’s at least seven years old and the battery no longer holds the charge, so it’s only on AC as I can’t get a new battery here.

More photos and information at http://www.passionists.info/newsletter/newsletter_6_3.pdf

God Bless to one and all.” Fr. Jim

Excerpts from 11/07/12 email: Fr. Joseph to the Veskernas.

I am happy that the Mission Circle may include me in their circle of the missions they support. There are several parish projects I am involved in and I always appreciate the support we get from friends.

During this time of planting, I would appreciate to be able to supply seeds to the needy people so that they get quality seeds and get a good harvest if rains are enough. We need to harvest as much water as we can during the rainy season for use during the dry periods. I am grateful to you for the help you have given us so far to address the water issue.

During the Year of Faith, I would like to have programmes of formation in the parish especially targeting the youth so that they may be well grounded in faith. I would like to organise several youth camps during school vacations but also to be with the youth who are out of school waiting to join colleges and universities.

I am also involved in the management of our hospital. We need several machines for the different tests. We recently sank a borehole for the hospital and are now looking for funds to bus a storage water tank as well as purchase pipes to connect the water from the borehole to the hospital. We address the needs slowly by slowly and thank God for the progress we make.

Greetings to friends out there. Bishop sends regards to you. (Meet Bishop Anthony Muheria on Facebook... Search “Diocese of Kitui” for pictures of life in Kitui, his scripture commentary and events.

Father Joseph Mwangela

NOTE: We know many parishioners support Father Joseph – now Father Joseph can be supported directly via Mission Circle’s tax deductible status.

Saint Agnes Mission Circle

Africa	
HIV/AIDS Mission and Hospice - Gaborone, Botswana Sister Nalini Meachariyil - Sisters of Charity Type of Mission: HIV/AIDS Mission/Hospice – Year Support Began: 1979	Referred to Mission Circle by a missionary friend of Fr. Mel Collier See: ncronline.org/news/women-religious/sisters-charity-nazareth-find-sisterhood-across-globe
Kriste Mambo Mission - Rusape, Zimbabwe Fr. Wiseman Musemwa - Order of the Carmelites Type of Mission: Parish & School - Year Support Began: 1979	Formation Seminary Mission. Original support began for Conall Collier, brother of Fr. Mel Collier.
St. Christopher's Catholic Church - Kakata, Liberia Rev. Fr. Peter Paase - Missionaries of St. Paul Type of Mission: Parish & School - Year Support Began: 2010	Contact with Fr. Paase began when a Mission Circle member volunteer served in Kakata Rural Teacher Training Institute.
Diocese of Kitui, Kenya Fr. Joseph Mwongela - Type of Mission: School, Hospital and Pastoral work Year Support Began: 2013	Fr. Joseph assisted at St. Agnes in years past. He has long-term ties with several parishioners. See: www.dioceseofkitui.org
South America	
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 (in Spanish, but your browser may be able to translate to English)
Philippines	
Loaac, Pangasinan, Philippines, Fr. Alvin Platon, O.P. Order of Dominicans Type of Mission: Holy Cross Parish & School (120 students) Year Support Began: 2009	See: www.lingayan-dagupan.org about the Catholic church on Luzon, Philippines. Fr. Platon has previously served as a resident priest at St. Agnes during parts of the year and hosted the Archdiocese of Lingayan-Dagupan youth day 2009.
South Dakota, U. S. A.	
St. Agnes Mission Parish, Manderson, S. Dakota Fr. Peter Klink, SJ - Jesuit Fathers and Brothers Type of Mission: 3 Mission Churches, Parish and School - Year Support Began 1978	Fr. Klink also serves the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation (Lakota Sioux tribe), including 3 small mission churches on the reservation and the Red Cloud Indian School. See: www.jesuit.org/blog/index.php/tag/jesuit-father-peter-klink/ - www.redcloudschool.org/