

ADMINISTRATIVE OF THE ASSUMPTION
THE ASSUMPTIONISTS

"Charity is a beautiful tree whose seed is at the disposal of the Holy Spirit. His creative breath makes it grow, as he intends, in soil that we call the human heart. She falls there and depending on whether the soil is ready, it grows."

Emanuel d'Alzon (Founder of the Assumptionists)

Monday, October 05, 2009

Very Rev. Robert Kus
Saint Mary Church
412 Ann St
Wilmington, NC 28401

Dear Very Rev. Kus,

On behalf of the Augustinians of the Assumption (the Assumptionists) I would like to apply for inclusion in your 2010 Missionary Cooperative Program.

Currently, the Assumptionists carry on missionary work in Mexico, East Africa (Kenya and Tanzania) and in the Philippines. Those Assumptionist apostolates have greatly benefited from our participation in the Missionary Cooperative Plan in past years. We are grateful to the many dioceses that have recognized our work and have included the Assumptionists in their programs.

Enclosed please find a brief description of our missionary ministry.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone at 617-783-0400, by email at tkierul@assumptio.org, or by FAX at 617-783-8030.

Please accept, in advance, my heartfelt thanks for your kind consideration in favor of this Assumptionist apostolate.

Yours in Christ,


Tomasz Kierul
Director of Development/Missions

... by reason of being, as Assumptionists, is to be found in our motto: Thy Kingdom Come



Dear Very Rev. Robert J. Kus, Raleigh, NC Diocese,

August 15, 2009

Greetings from the Bangalore Province, Salesian Sisters of Don Bosco.

As provincial superior, I write to you asking to be included in your 2010 missionary appeal so that we might build a home for these girls you see in this picture and the girls that are brought to us each day. We have many needs, but among our thirty two locations, I bring you the most critical.

You see, in the high tech city of Hyderabad, police are "sweeping" beggar children off the streets. These are the homeless, neglected, abandoned and orphaned who are considered society's castoffs. As there is no place for them, they are brought to our sisters, who have rented a small shelter to temporarily house them.



If you have seen the movie, "Slumdog Millionaire," you have a picture of exactly the kind of children we care for. Some do not even know their own names. Some have lost both parents to AIDS. All are severely malnourished and in need of medical attention. And they need the love that we, through the inspiration of our patron saint, can provide.

We need to build a new orphanage for these, for they are children of God, precious gifts, and in our care they will go to school, receive a good education and go on to live productive lives.

Our US representative is Paul Wilkes, 1413 Hawthorne Road, Wilmington NC 28403, 910-815-0695, and he coordinates parish mission visits. We have lay mission team members in various parts of America, so one of them is a short distance away, and will travel at his/her own expense to your diocese. One of our lay missionaries can also offer the mission appeal in Spanish, if that is needed. All have recently returned from India, so they will offer a first hand report.

One of our Salesian sisters makes an annual visit to the United States and we can easily schedule a visit in your diocese. Here is our Sister Sophy, representing all 200 of us, from this year's visit.

I ask for your kind consideration of our request so that we might build an orphanage for the almost 100 orphaned, neglected and abandoned girls currently in our care in Hyderabad.

With all good wishes and prayers for your work,

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September 15, 2009

*Missionaries for
Africa and the World*

Very Rev. Robert J. Kus
Director, Propagation of the Faith
Diocese of Raleigh
412 Ann St.
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Dear Very Rev. Kus,

RE: APPLYING FOR PARTICIPATION IN MISSION COOPERATION PLAN- 2010

On behalf of the Religious Missionary Order of the Apostles of Jesus, I am delighted to present this application, kindly requesting to be included in the Mission Cooperative Plan for the year 2010.

As our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI has proclaimed this, the Year for the Priests we have made it a priority in all our activities. In this special year for Priests, the Pope reminds us of the **necessary continuity between the priest's initial and continuing formation**. Furthermore, as a brother priest said recently; **"Like the example of St. John Marie Vianney, when a priest is fully alive in his priesthood, great things happen in the life of the Church."** This year we are focusing on the formation and education of the Seminarians; and offer continuing formation including Sabbaticals for our priests who have been ministering for a long while in the missions. Aiming at growing in holiness and zeal for the new evangelization of Africa and the World, according to our Charism.

In the same spirit, we are doubling our efforts in promoting vocations to the priesthood and religious life. In the light of this and in order to provide proper learning facility for our Seminarians, we plan this year to complete the Seminary building which will provide larger classrooms, dining, kitchen, study rooms, Conference hall, and most importantly a chapel, which we shall dedicate to St. John Vianney, the Cure of Ars; Patron Saint of Priests.

Given the large number of Seminarians in our Seminary at Nairobi - Kenya, we need to drill a new borehole for water for the Seminary. We have had great shortages of water supply which is a big challenge in running a Seminary. Hence, we are in dire need of funds to realize these and other goals, in order to make this year of **priests; fruitful Spiritually, Pastorally, intellectually and materially**. Today our Missionaries are ministering in Africa, Europe, Australia and in 25 Dioceses here in the USA. Doing pastoral ministry is our way of giving back in gratitude. In this Year's Mission Appeals, we shall encourage the faithful to pray for priests, and inspire in them a deeper appreciation of the missionary dimension of the Church.

Mission Appeals is indeed a great support of our Pastoral - Missionary Apostolic Activities in Africa and around the World. Hence, I anticipate my sincere thanks for assigning to the Apostles of Jesus Parishes / Churches; enabling our Priestly and Missionary Ministries in Africa and the World. We deeply appreciate it.

With gratitude, prayerful best wishes, and appreciation for your work for the missions, I am,

Sincerely in Christ, Our High Priest,



Rev. Paul O. Gaggawala, A.J.

Superior & Director of Mission Promotion.