



THE LITTLE FLOWER SPIRITUAL CENTRE

**BUKOKA CATHOLIC DIOCESE,
TANZANIA - EAST AFRICA.**

CONSTRUCTION - PHASE ONE

Construction of the Little Flower Spiritual Center is underway. The Center, which overlooks Lake Victoria and the city of Bukoba in Tanzania, is run by the Sisters of St. Therese of the Little Flower and will offer education and spiritual support for the surrounding communities. Additional plans for the Center include building a chapel, classrooms and a dormitory. Through your generous donations, STLF World Mission provided grant funds of \$12,783 for a well at the Spiritual Center.

Sr. Pudentiana Kirungo Tibabyekomya Elected Superior General

On November 29, 2009, Sr. Pudentiana Kirungo Tibabyekomya (Sr. Pude) was elected by the General Assembly to be Superior General of the Sisters of St. Therese of Bukoba and for a new congregation of sisters in Kayango. Sr. Pude founded the St. Therese of the Little Flower Orphanage in Burundi and has directed the construction of the Spiritual Center in Bukoba this past year. Sister Pude asks for your prayers as she takes on her new leadership role.

Divine Mercy Girls Hostel Purchased

Purchase of the Divine Mercy Girls Hostel was made possible this past year by a very generous donation of \$40,000. The Divine Mercy Hostel provides safe housing for girls from remote villages that attend school in the city. At the hostel the sisters are able to provide a safe environment that promotes spiritual formation.



The Chaplain and St. Therese Sisters at the blessing of the site.

Our Mission Statement:

St. Therese of the Little Flower World Mission, Inc. (STLFWM) is an independent mission board dedicated to serving the poorest of the poor in Africa by supporting missionary projects that focus on education, healthcare and orphans. Missionary projects are carried out by the Sisters of St. Therese of the Child Jesus of the Bukoba Catholic Diocese in Tanzania.

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St. Therese of the Little Flower World Mission Child Sponsorship Program for the 2008-2009 School Year Celebrates Its Success

As many of you know, the sponsorship program was organized in Tampa in 2006, and has continued to flourish because of your generosity! The sponsorship program provides support for 50 children who receive care from St. Therese of the Little Flower Orphanage in Gasworwe, Burundi. Sponsorship funds help provide food, education and medicine. The orphanage, founded by Sr. Pudentiana Kirungo to provide a refuge for children affected by genocide, is run by the Sisters of St. Therese of the Child Jesus of the Bukoba Catholic Diocese in Tanzania.

Enclosed you will find a sponsorship form. Would you please consider a sponsorship this year? Your generosity makes a tremendous difference in the lives of these children. On behalf of all the wonderful recipients we serve, thank you.

With sincere gratitude,
 Marie B. Martin
 President Director



Did you know?

In addition to individual/family sponsors, the following organizations also support our sponsorship program:

Daystar Hope Center Volunteers:
 Dade City, Florida

St. Lawrence Catholic School:
 Tampa, Florida

Tampa Catholic High School:
 Tampa, Florida

St. Philip Neri School:
 Metairie, Louisiana

Elizabeth Ann Seton Church:
 Citrus Springs, Florida

St. Therese of the Little Flower World Mission received a \$10,000 donation to purchase a much needed car for the orphanage. Sr. Delphina Kokuzanisa, who is in charge of the orphanage, expressed tremendous gratitude for this special gift.

Three of our sponsored children passed the Burundi National Exam and were admitted into secondary school (high school).

One of our children was admitted into Technical School to study accounting and computers.

Eight of our children placed in the top 20% of their class.

Five of our children were baptized this past year.

When asked the question, "What do you want to be when you grow up?" the children answered:

5 priests, 5 teachers, 4 journalists, 4 farmers, 4 mechanics, 4 handcrafts, 3 doctors, 2 lawyers, 2 nuns, 2 engineers, 2 masons, 2 social workers, 2 medical professionals, 1 vet, 1 secretary, 1 soldier, 1 nurse, 1 architect and 4 undecided.



St. Lawrence School Sponsors Children

St. Lawrence Catholic School in Tampa sponsors 10 children at the St. Therese of the Little Flower Orphanage in Burundi Africa through the STLTF World Mission Sponsorship program each year. We are grateful for the enthusiasm shown by the children of St. Lawrence School for this special missionary work.

Mrs. Kelly Kearney, Director of Campus Ministries for St. Lawrence School, is shown giving a \$3,055 check for sponsorships to Father Hugh Chikawe.