



March 20, 2011
2nd Sunday of Lent
Jesus is transfigured in glory.



St. Vincent de Paul Parish Newsletter

News from St. Charles Lwanga Bubaare Parish, Uganda

14th March 2011

Dear Father Joseph and the Christian community of St. Vincent De Paul Parish,

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I am sorry that it has been so long since I have written to you. Since we began the holy season of Lent I have been especially busy. And I was already busy before that following the two construction projects, namely our parish Church, and the Pope John Paul II Academy — we hope to open our new high school in January, 2012.

We are now awaiting delivery of the windows for our Church; and this week we will finish the roofing for the Pope John Paul II Academy. The windows are being fabricated. We hope to start the plastering in two weeks.

I thank God who has enabled us to accomplish so much, and I thank the Christian community of St. Vincent de Paul Parish for your constant support to my mission. Thank you the \$5,000 in support which we received recently, as well as the Mass intentions. May the Lord reward you always.

In December, I meet the Catholic students from our parish who are studying in different universities around Kampala. During our discussion, they asked me to meet them once each semester. On 4th March we had the first of these meetings. We began with the Sacrifice of Mass, and then spent time together. Fifteen in number were able to come; others were unable because they had some papers to do. We agreed that our next meeting will be held on a Sunday evening so that more may be able to attend.

It was so nice meeting and sharing with them. Their parents were extremely very happy to hear that I meet their children and that we celebrated Mass together.

Allow me to use this opportunity to wish you a happy and wonderful feast day of your patron St. Joseph. I wish you all the best and I will offer mass for your intentions. I also wish your mom a happy birthday. *[Editor's note: Today, March 20th, Loretta McLaughlin, our pastor's mother, is 96 years old.]*

I started the process of applying for a USA visa. This year I wanted to start early enough to get the visa in time for the summer — not like last year.

God bless you all.

Your Brother

Fr. Joseph Sserugo
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Father Joseph (far right), Father Paul (beside Father Joseph) and two other Apostles of Jesus pose before the high school under construction near Kampala. Construction of the high school is being supported by the *Building a Bridge to Uganda* group.



Father Joseph poses with students from his parish who are studying in universities in the Kampala area.

In June, 1998, Father Joseph Sserugo a native of Uganda and then a missionary in Sudan, spoke at all our Masses. Since then we have kept in touch and he has become a friend of our parish. He is now the founding Pastor of St. Charles Lwanga Parish, Bubaare, Ibanda, Uganda, in the Archdiocese of Mbarara.

Father Joseph tries to visit us each summer, and parishioners have visited his parish in Uganda. In recent years, our parish has sent \$25,000 per year to the parish to help build their new Church and to assist in their evangelization efforts. We have developed an ongoing relationship,

which has extended far beyond our parish, through *Building a Bridge to Uganda*:

www.bridgeouganda.com/

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