

## Shanahan flips for the missions

DOWNINGTOWN — Bishop Shanahan High School in Downingtown held its opening school liturgy Sept. 18. The main celebrant was Father Joseph Serugo, a member of the Apostles of Jesus, who is stationed in the mission village of Ibanda in Southwest Uganda. Students, teachers and administration were invited to bring a small donation to school that day for the mission and to wear flip-flops or sandals to school as a sign of unity with the missionary efforts in Uganda.

Father Matthew Guckin, Shanahan's campus minister, met Father Serugo on a mission

trip to Africa in July with a group called Building a Bridge to Uganda.

The group of eight included Chuck Ormsby, a Bucks county attorney and founder of Building a Bridge to Uganda, which has been responsible for digging a well, supporting an orphanage, funding a hospital and sponsoring countless students in six elementary schools in the African nation.

The other members of the group that traveled to Uganda included a university professor, a medical school student, a former Navy Seal officer and three Shanahan alumni. Two

of the alumni, Marie Anthony and Elise Vietri, spoke after the opening Mass.

During the 2009 trip, the group provided medical supplies and hundreds of pairs of Crocs shoes (donated by the shoe maker) to the students in Uganda. They also brought suitcases full of toys for an orphanage and the school children, sharing the good news of Jesus with them. The group is planning to go back to Uganda in the summer of 2011.



From left, Father Joseph Serugo, Shanahan alumni Elise Vietri and Marie Anthony, Chuck Ormsby, founder of Building a Bridge to Uganda, and Father Matthew Guckin.