

St. Francis Borgia Catholic Church Volunteer Opportunities

Uganda Twinning Committee

Our Mission:

The focus of the Uganda Twinning committee is to build and maintain social, cultural, and spiritual ties with St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church and the surrounding community in Mukono, Uganda. These ties include prayer, e-mail communications, photo exchanges, support of agricultural projects, and other ongoing activities requiring financial support. Past and current activities include building classrooms for the St. Paul's nursery school, improving sub-parish schools, building and continuing improvements at the newly constructed St. Francis Borgia High School, supporting the St. Paul's Catholic Women's Guild projects (including the development and expansion of the piggery program and support of their training school), and supporting the newly formed St. Paul's Catholic Men's Guild and their eucalyptus tree project.

All of these activities contribute to this steadily growing relationship between St. Francis Borgia and St. Paul Mukono. Personal visits have been made between the two parishes by St. Francis Borgia parishioners in 2001, 2006 and 2009, and by St. Paul Mukono parishioners in 2003 and 2007. These personal visits have developed bonds of friendship and Christian fellowship.

Events and Activities:

The committee promotes SFB's relationship with St. Paul by participating in the SFB parish festival, informational fairs, fundraisers, ongoing collections, and participating in Archdiocese of Milwaukee world mission events. The committee keeps various SFB groups informed of its twinning activities. The committee also maintains regular communications with St. Paul and plays a special role in hosting visitors to SFB from Uganda. Some members may on occasion be invited to represent SFB on group trips to St. Paul Parish.

Skills Needed:

An interest in building parish-to-parish relationships and a willingness to work on committee projects is all you need to become an active, valued, member. Any additional skills will be welcome and made use of as appropriate.

Time Commitment:

Meetings: The committee meets approximately once a month in the evening.

Other: Members participate in a variety of activities as their schedules permit:

- Acting as liaisons between the committee and other interested parish groups, e.g., SFB School, Women's Guild, Parish Council.
- As a group, keeping in touch with our twinning contacts at St. Paul to learn about parish developments and other news of interest from Uganda.
- Participating in craft fairs by selling Ugandan handicrafts.
- Participating in Archdiocese of Milwaukee world mission events to network with other area parishes that have ties to Catholic communities in developing countries.

Questions? Contact Anne Pagel (375-1961 or ampagel@aol.com)

There are different gifts but the same Spirit... (1 Corinthians 12:3).
Please share your gifts of time and talent!