

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

From Monday, July 27 to Thursday, August 6, I traveled with parishioners Tom and Karen Guszowski, Cindy Poling, Anne Pagel and Michelle Hufford to our twinning parish of St. Paul's in Mukono, Uganda. We went with a special focus upon the parish schools, but our overall goal was to build the bonds of friendship between St. Paul and St. Francis Borgia parishes. To that end the pilgrimage was a great success! From the moment we stepped off the plane, the people of St. Paul's welcomed us with open arms. They invited us into their homes for discussions, food and fellowship.

We toured the nursery school at St. Paul as well as the schools at the sub-parishes. We brought gifts of school supplies and playground equipment to each school. They were thrilled to receive these much needed supplies! A couple of schools appeared to be thriving while others need significant help. A couple of schools, for example, do not have clean water to drink. Our Uganda Twinning Committee will be exploring ways that we can assist the schools in the future.

We had the opportunity to tour the construction site for the new high school that St. Paul's parish is building with much assistance from our parish. We were amazed at the progress they have made! All that they still need to do is to add the roof. Completion of the classrooms is estimated to be in three months! The next goal is to build dormitories for the students and teachers. The new high school will be named St. Francis Borgia Secondary School in honor of all the assistance we have provided to make this needed project a reality.

More Uganda updates will be in next week's bulletin.

Father Dan