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Eastertide Mass and Skype Session Connects Uganda and America

by Kyle Forbush

On May 4th, two worlds collided. Sponsors, friends and supporters of CARITAS gathered at St. Camillus Life Plan Community for an Eastertide Mass, led by our very own Rev. Father Frank Kyazze, of Uganda. Father Frank's sermon was deeply moving, and afterwards we migrated to the conference room for a live Skype session with CARITAS children, students, and members of the Nkokonjeru, Uganda community. (*cont'd pg. 2*)



MASS ATTENDEES SKYPING WITH UGANDA AT ST. CAMILLUS.

(from p. 1) Sponsors had the opportunity to approach the screen and speak to their sponsored children, who smiled back at them from the church in Nkokonjeru where almost 300 people had gathered. The event was brimming with excitement from both ends--Ugandans and Americans simultaneously experiencing the meaningful connection that is built on and flows through God's Love.

Introducing: Rev. Father Frank Kyazze

A Q&A with our newest advising theologian.

Hailing from Uganda, he is the first Seminarian of CARITAS For Children to be ordained. He is currently assigned to St. Joseph Minor Seminary in Nyenga, Uganda, as Dean of Studies, and a member of the Diocese of Lugazi, Uganda. He also sits on the CARITAS Board of Advisors.

Fr. Frank has an ongoing blog series called "Reflections of CARITAS" that comes out via the website, e-mail & social media every Wednesday.

- **Sign up to receive "Reflections of CARITAS" once a week in your e-mail by [Clicking Here](#).**
- **Visit the live blog by [Clicking Here](#).**

Now, for the interview...

Q: What is your full name & related titles?

A: My name is Rev. Father Frank Kyazze Lwanga. I am the Dean of Studies at St. Joseph Minor Seminary in Nyenga, Uganda, as well as a member of the Diocese of Lugazi, Uganda. Recently, I joined the CARITAS Board of Advisors as an advising theologian.

Q: Where are you from?

A: I was born in Masaka, Uganda and raised in Nkokonjeru, Uganda.



Q: What does it mean to "Love One Another" in the Christian/Catholic sense?

A: I always think of the parable of The Good Samaritan and Jesus' command to "Go and do likewise." Jesus was commanding his disciples to be like a friendly, helpful neighbor to everyone they encounter-- putting their love for Christ in action. "Love in action"--that's what it means to truly "Love One Another"...not simply to feel love for God's creation, but to act on it and help its proliferation.



Q: Does CARITAS uphold God's calling to "Love One Another"?

A: By sponsoring a child, you're being like the one who was acting "as neighbor" from the parable of The Good Samaritan. You are acting on your love for God & His Creation.

Q: How does the act of educating one child contribute to the welfare of an entire nation?

A: Education transforms peoples' lives. Someone you are educating now may later become a parent and/or community leader and will give back to the community by transforming their lives too.

Q: What could our readers do to help heal our broken world?

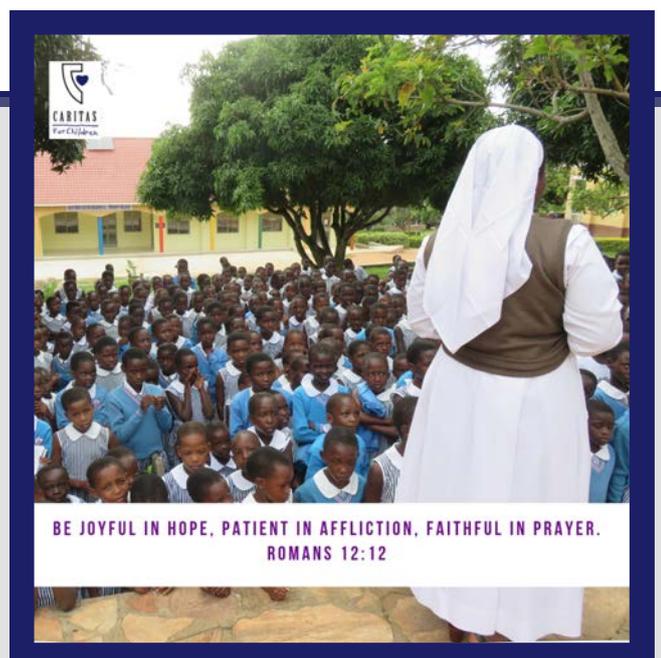
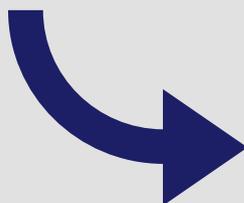
A: Become a sponsor! And then, make sure to ask your sponsored child what their dream is in life. It is important as a sponsor that you are aware of their goals and educational focus.

Q: Do you have a favorite Bible verse?

A: **Isaiah 43:1** encapsulates my calling to be a Brother of Christ. It says, "But now, this is what the Lord says—he who created you, Jacob, he who formed you, Israel, 'Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine.'"

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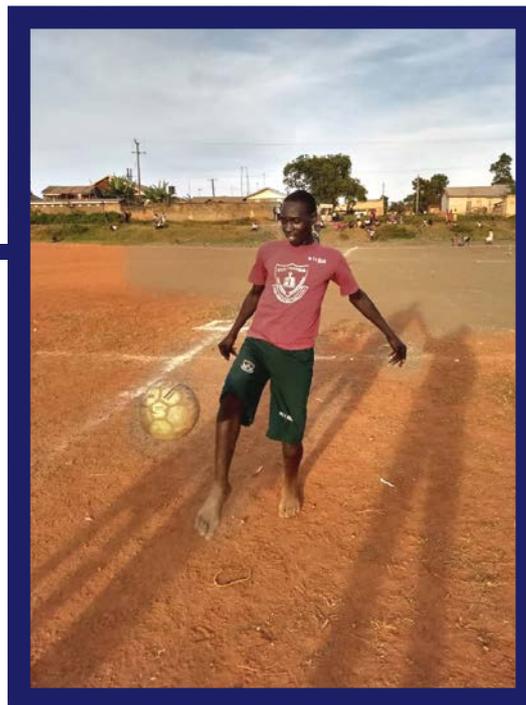
Encouraging health, community & leadership.

by Kyle Forbush & Alon Wangi

On a warm morning in late March, children of the village of Nkokonjeru, Uganda gather together at a local sports field to compete with friends in a recreational day organized by their school. They arrive in droves, anxiously awaiting their opportunity to have some fun, and maybe even show off a little.

The Demonstration school in Nkokonjeu is a beneficiary of the services of CARITAS and has the greatest number of enrolled CARITAS children out of any school in Africa. Instructors at Demonstration School encourage physical activity and health by including games & sports in their daily activities. Then, once a year, the children are able to exhibit their athletic prowess for the school and community while competing against their peers. They call it Sports Day, and it is a celebratory occasion for all members of the Nkokonjeru community. Parents and teachers come out to witness the talents of their children and cheer on their loved ones, striking up friendly rivalries and watching with pride as their children dash around the field, wide smiles on their faces.

There are 17 games in total, including races and soccer. Students split into small groups and compete in teams called "Houses." The team structure fosters interpersonal communication skills, highlights the individual talents of each child, and usually signals out a strong leader or two in the



bunch. Every winning team receives a shiny trophy and a chorus of applause from the community audience. But the applause is not stifled for the other participants. Even if a team does not come in first, the competitors receive a Certificate of Participation. Many of the students hang their Certificates on their wall as a memory token of Sports Day--one day out of the year that all members of the community come together to celebrate the talents of their beloved children.

The Meaning Behind CARITAS

by Staff Writer

The word "Caritas" is ripe with meaning, and represents far more than our non-profit organization. *Caritas* is a Latin word meaning "love." As used in the Latin scriptures it simply means "love", as in, **Deus caritas est**, "God is love" (1 John 4:8).

Because of its derivation, the word *caritas* was often associated with notions of dearness and preciousness. In some versions of scripture, the word is translated into English as "charity" or sometimes simply as "God's love."

St. Thomas Aquinas understood it to mean "the friendship of man for God," which he considered to be the most excellent of virtues, in accord with 1 Corinthians 13:13 ("..but the greatest of these is love").

As for the logo, that shape embracing the purple heart is not only intended to evoke a stylized letter "C," but also the image of a chalice, the sort intended to hold the blood of Christ. Catholic liturgical use of the chalice symbol is, of course, meant to commemorate Christ's use of a chalice at the Last Supper. The word **CARITAS** forms the foundation of the chalice over the words For Children. With regard to the purple heart, purple has long symbolized royalty and other high privilege. The most famous dye in the ancient world was the exceedingly rare Tyrian purple, harvested by the Phoenecians from a shellfish found in the Mediterranean Sea. The color of the robe in which the soldiers dressed Jesus in their mockery and abuse of him in Matthew 15:16 was therefore in no way coincidental.



The purple heart encompassed by the chalice therefore designates Christ Jesus, the fulfillment of God's eternal love, Davidic King, Messiah and Savior of the World.

"...et si habuero omnem fidem ita ut montes transferam, caritatem autem non habuero, nihil sum."

"...and if I should have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing" (1 Corinthians 13:2).

The Spotlight

Stories of children who were featured in our "Feature Friday" series but still need a sponsor. Could it be you?

Sign up to receive the weekly "Feature Friday" e-mails, which contain more stories of children in need of sponsorship, by [Clicking Here](#). Also find them on social media!

Kevin, 19

Kevin's otherwise happy upbringing was interrupted by the sudden death of her father in 2009, when she was 10 years old. Her mother and older brother, valiant and strong, family-oriented individuals, took over the responsibility of paying for her education and supporting her general health & welfare from that point on. Kevin was able to complete Primary & Secondary-level school with exemplary remarks, and blossomed from a helpless child into an upstanding, kind and optimistic individual.

Kevin now has the commendable goal of earning a Nursing degree. Her mother and brother, however, cannot continue to support her education throughout the collegiate level. This is where CARITAS (and YOU!) will find an opportunity.

The opportunity we refer to is not simply to put a child through school. By agreeing to become Kevin's sponsor, you will also contribute to her health-care, general welfare, and spiritual development. She will be at a Catholic University, surrounded by intellectual, devout faculty members who have made it their life mission to create paths to success for those who were never given the road map.

Kevin is in need. Her entire country is in need, and she has a mind and heart to help. Now it's your turn. Click on the "Internet" button by Kevin's picture to visit her live page. To become her sponsor, fill out the form on the live page and a CARITAS representative will reach out to you promptly. For we are not truly alive when we are separated from those that need us.

