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The Greatest Gift: Thank You for Referring Us

By Arnold Lezcano

In 2019, thanks to many referrals, CARITAS gained many new sponsors for children in desperate need. We appreciate that you help us spread God's love, affirm our ministry, and even share it with your friends.

In gratitude, we created a [Thank You Video](#) by combining clips from some of our newly sponsored children. (Note: Open all Links In a New Tab)

It warms our hearts knowing that these kids are experiencing God's love, mercy, and compassion through a sacred relationship with a Caritas family. (*cont'd pg. 2*)

With joy in our hearts, we finish 2019 and look forward to continue our 22 year old ministry throughout this third decade, and beyond.

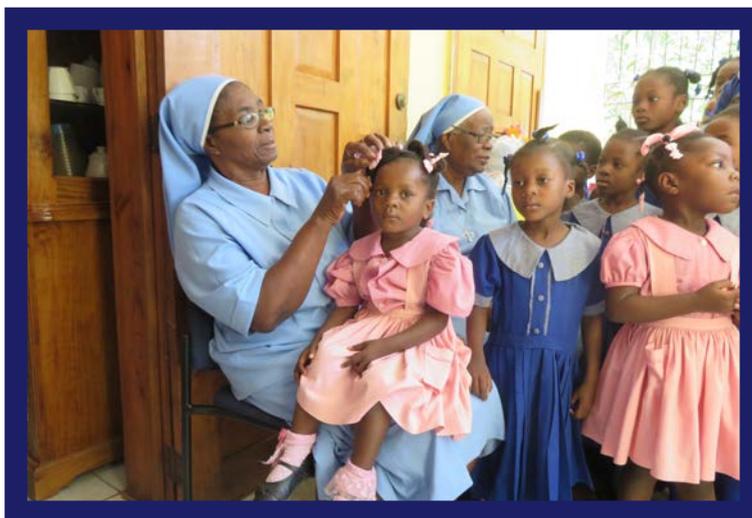
In gratitude, we remember all the children that are now given a real chance in life! And as we move into 2020, please continue to be as caring as you are, and keep us in your prayers.



(above) *The state in which we normally find Children*

To remember the impact your sponsorship is making, we put together [Another Video](#) that you can watch now or anytime.

Thank you for the love and generosity you allow to flow from your heart. The girls in Uganda sing so beautifully about Caritas (God's love). **Without you, this ministry of Caritas could not be possible. Thank you.**



(above) *A new opportunity of life, love, and dignity through a Caritas Sponsorship.*

Want to see what our kids are up to?

CLICK TO FOLLOW US!



How to Celebrate Christmas in Uganda

by Arnold Lezcano

STEP 1: GO TO CHURCH

- Each class comes together for a school Mass.

STEP 2: WEAR BRIGHT COLORS

- The more colorful the clothes, the better!

STEP 3: BE READY TO MOVE YOUR BODY

- Many of our children perform synchronized dancing for the whole school.

STEP 4: MUSICAL PLAYS

- Families come to watch our children during reenactments of the Christmas story.

STEP 5: CAKE

- Sharing cake with friends is a must!



Short Clips of Christmas in Uganda

Primary School Song and Dance

- We wish you a Merry Christmas

School Musical

- Joy to the World

Children's Play

3 Kings and Holy Family

Boys Christmas Dance

- The First Noel

Girls Christmas Dance

- Never Let Go of you Jesus

A Long-Standing Connection to Our Polish Roots

Since 1998, CARITAS has deeply valued its connection with the Religious Sisters at the **Dom Dziecka (Home for Children), 14 miles north of Warsaw**. The purpose of this orphanage is to provide care and education for children and young people deprived of their own family's permanent or temporary care.



(above) Orphans at Dom Dziecka

The mission of the orphanage aligns perfectly with CARITAS' desire to provide love and support to those who need it most. The attending Sisters live and labor at the facility to accompany the children in their personal growth, as well as their psycho-physical, emotional, and spiritual development. Ideally, **the care of the Sisters and the family-style environment compensates for each child's lack**



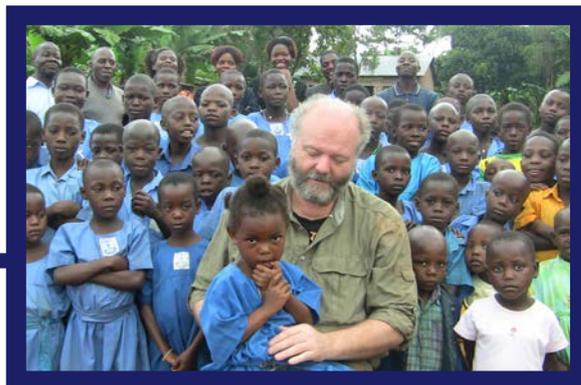
(above) Dom Dziecka's main building

of a family home. However, the orphanage's main building is in desperate need of particular renovations. Their water piping, heating and ventilation systems have not been upgraded since 1926. This multi-year renovation is assessed to cost about \$100,000 in total. **Over the last year, CARITAS for Children has funded over half of the costs that were required to begin Phase 1 of the project.**

Please pray for the swift and painless completion of the renovations, so that the children of the venerable Dom Dziecka may feel safe, inspired, and well cared for. **It is here that many children grow to know that they are not forgotten and are truly loved.**

To learn more about how you, or others you know, can help this nearly century-old home to continue making a difference, please contact our central office at (414) 323-5000 x 300 or [donate here](#).

A Communion of CARITAS: Visiting Uganda in 2020



CARITAS is pleased to announce an exciting **opportunity for sponsors and supporters** of our Mission. Our organization is coordinating a visit to Uganda in 2020! Join us anytime **between March 15th and April 10th of this year**, as we travel to the Ugandan towns & villages where CARITAS operates.

This visit will provide you the chance to share a meal with your sponsored child(ren), go to Mass, explore the surrounding attractions, and observe the local Day Schools and/or Boarding Schools. Through your support, letters, and pictures, you have built a sacred relationship of love with your child. Visiting them and seeing their everyday life firsthand will only **further develop your cross-continental bond**.

To **personally witness the impact of your sponsorship** is a powerful & moving experience. Past sponsors say that the encounter influenced a comforting realization: “We are blessed and loved despite our personal fears, circumstances, and challenges.”

It just takes one visit to reinforce and increase a child’s faith. **One visit will magnify the message, “You matter, you are loved, and you are worth it!”** This profound and essential reminder can inspire your child(ren) to overcome difficulties when times get tough, to work harder in school, and to have a vision of hope for a brighter future.

If you are interested in accompanying us on this visit, or any future Communion of CARITAS trip, please click on the link below. We will keep you informed of the logistics, future dates, and activities in the country you choose to travel to.



The Spotlight

Shedding light on the stories of children who need a sponsor.

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

Sandra, 17

Sandra is a 17-year-old student from Nkokonjeru, Uganda. Her father abandoned the family when Sandra was young, and her mother lacked the monetary income to support her, leaving her in the care of a local Sister & educator. In 2010, Sandra was sponsored through a CARITAS Sponsor, allowing her to attend a local Catholic Boarding School. Between the unfettered compassion shown

by the Sister who took Sandra in and the support received from her previous CARITAS sponsor, Sandra--a child who was abandoned by her own family--has learned what it means to be truly cared for.

Sandra took this lesson to heart, and combined with her strength in Mathematics, she has decided that she would like to become a medical professional. Sandra has two years left of Secondary School (similar to American high school), but needs a new sponsor to continue her education and fulfill her dream of saving lives. In Sandra's own words, "CARITAS has taught me to have zeal and love for education," and her commitment shows in her class evaluations. You can be the next person to make an impact on her life, demonstrating the power of **caritas** (God's Love) shared between His children.

To become Sandra's sponsor, [Click Here](#).



For we are not truly alive when we are separated from those who need us.