



SOROTI CATHOLIC DIOCESE

Bishop's Office

P.O. Box 650, SOROTI - UGANDA



Our Ref: SCD/ B/ 448/ 21.

Date: Monday November 15, 2021.

Your Ref:

The Parish Community,
Katholische Seelsorgeeinheit
Oberkirch,
Germany.

Dear People of God,

RE: REQUEST FOR FINANACIAL SUPPORT TOWARDS THE CONSTRUCTION OF ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, OBOSAI UGANDA

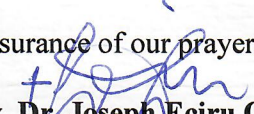
I, the undersigned Bishop of Soroti Catholic diocese, hereby recommend the above application to your office for your kind consideration. This humble request is presented to you by Mr. Joseph Aonu Okiror, who together with Rev. Fr. Ernest Sievers, M.Afr., a German missionary priest co-founded Emmaus Centre Katikamu in Uganda. At the moment, that priest returned to Germany to serve in, St. Maria's House for the Elders, Cologne Germany.

St. Mary's Catholic Christian Community was established in May 2018, in order to advance evangelization mission of Jesus Christ in a village which has very few Catholic Christians mainly for lack of a nearby Church. The local community felt that something needed to be done about it so with permission from the Parish Priest, the few Christians started praying under mangoe trees in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Aonu Joseph. When I heard of their noble initiative, I personally took interest to visit them and to encourage them. That first impromptu visit indeed yielded amazing fruits which necessitated my second pastoral visit which took place on the 1st January 2021. During the Mass, I blessed 8 couples who were joined in Holy Matrimony. In a village which is predominantly covered by Christians from other Christian denominations, that was really an abundant harvest. Since then, the Catholic presence has continued to register growth both in numbers and in those who receive Sacraments!

For the last three years, they embarked on building their Church. However, due to harsh economic situations aggravated by Covid-19, they are in great need of financial support to finish the Church structure. The total cost to finish the Church is **EUR 9,938**. St. Mary's Christian Community is humbly asking for a matching grant of **EUR 5,400** from your Parish Community while trying to lobby for additional **EUR 4, 500** from Christians from Muenster Diocese in Germany, in order to help them complete their Church. Your kind contribution for St. Mary's Catholic Chapel, Obosai will be highly appreciated by the Christian community. I, therefore endorse this project without reservations. Kindly accord it the necessary assistance.

With joy, I invoke upon you all God's abundant blessings of sound health and wellbeing.

With assurance of our prayers,


Rt. Rev. Dr. Joseph Eciru Oliach,
Bishop of Soroti Catholic Diocese.
Cc. File.

