

Mission Appeal St John the Baptist Catholic Church, Kenya

July 26-27, 2014

My dear brothers and sisters of St. John Catholic Parish Chico, as we celebrate the Year of the Family, I bring with me special greetings and love from the parishioners of St John Catholic Parish, Kenya, your sister parish. I would like to thank you most sincerely for the generosity and hospitality that you have extended to my home parish in Kenya in the spirit of economy of sharing based on Christian charity.

For the last 12 years you have assisted my parishioners to build churches and counseling centers which have brought a lot of positive effects and impacts in our liturgical celebrations. You have also supported the most needy and desperate students with school fees for high school and college; this has transformed their lives because education is the engine for personal development “and when we open school doors we close prisons doors”

This year, 2014, I request your financial support for our prisons, Pastoral Ministries under Rehabilitation and Reintegration of ex-prisoners preparing for release, and post release support which have five categories.

1. Service related to transition from prison to community with **love and care**.
2. Health care for ex-prisoners with mental health, terminal illnesses. HIV/AIDS and others.
3. Support women prisoners who have given birth in prison, and they are **desperate with their children**.
4. Economical empowerment for those who have acquired skills in prisons – vocational training eg. mechanical, masonry, carpenter, welding, knitting and dressmaking so that they can start their lives better if they are provided with necessary tools required to start **micro businesses**.
5. Support for the school fees for poor prisoners’ children who have nobody to take care of them **(school fees are \$700/year)**.

Finally I ask for support to buy a standby Honda power generator to assist in the church when we have a power blackout. This is estimated to **cost \$1,500**.

Dear friends, I promise to be very responsible, accountable and transparent in accounting for your donations guided by integrity and honesty as I have been doing.

Once again I have appreciated your company here at St. John’s, especially that of Fr. Jason Clark in the rectory. You have been a special gift in my priesthood. May God bless you with more than you need in your families.

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Checks can be made out to St John’s Church. The money will be wire transferred at the conclusion of my visit.