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## Five Seminarians Ordained as Priests



*Newly ordained Fr. Robert Bwambale on the right*

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This summer, we celebrate a tremendous blessing: five of our sponsored seminarians in Uganda have been ordained as priests! All five are Capuchin-Franciscan friars whose priestly formation was **made possible thanks to the generosity of CARITAS sponsors.** Coming from families and communities unable to support the cost of seminary education, these men could only answer God's call because of this support.

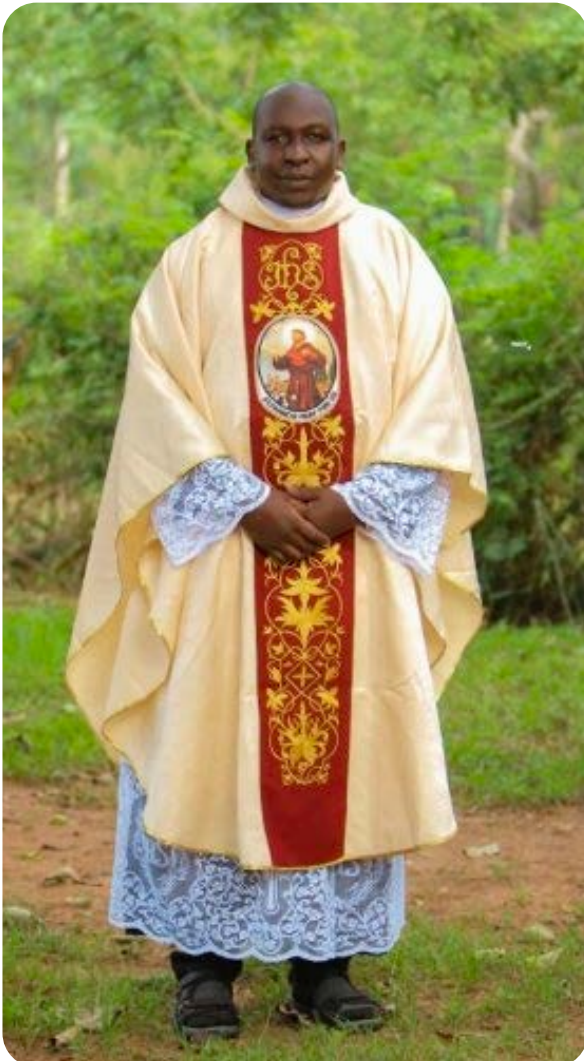
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The names of the seminarians are:

- **Justo Madira**
- **Robert Bwambale**
- **John Martin Opio**
- **Simon Muyunga**
- **Emmanuel Odongo**

These new priests will spend their lives serving the Church—celebrating the sacraments, caring for the poor, and bringing Christ's love to those in need. They will forever remember their sponsors in prayer and especially at the altar of the Lord.



*A beautiful portrait of Fr. John Martin Opio  
in his priestly vestments*



*Fr. Robert being greeted by the Bishop*

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all who made this journey possible, and we ask you to continue praying for them, as well as for the many seminarians still in formation. May they, too, one day become the holy priests our world so greatly needs.

**Follow the link below to watch a video of newly ordained Fr. Emmanuel Odongo being welcomed back to his village with joyful cheers and traditional chants by his neighbors and family:**

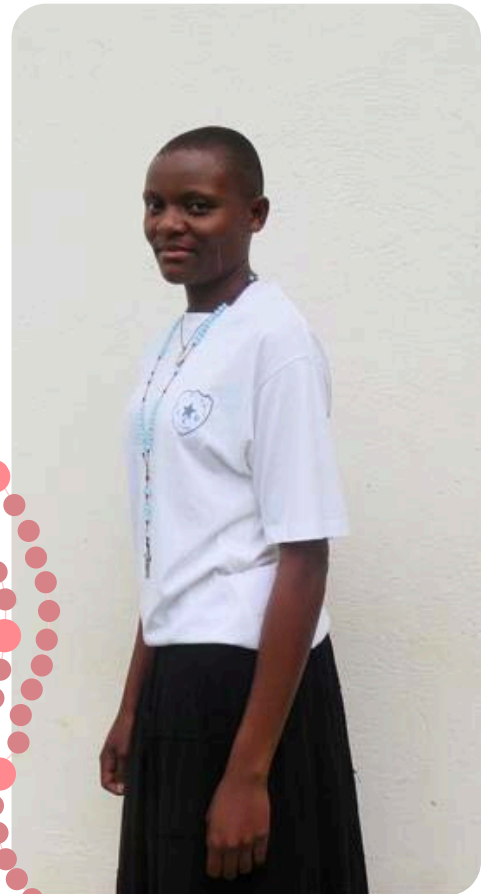
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## From Sponsored Student to Sister

CARITAS for Children is overjoyed to share the wonderful news that a **former sponsored child, Mary Sarah Namayengo, has been professed as a full member of the Little Sisters of St. Francis (LSoSf)**. Now known as Sr. Mary Sarah, she begins her new life as a consecrated religious sister.



*Sr. Mary Sarah in Secondary school*



Mary Sarah's journey is a beautiful testament to the power of sponsorship. Coming from a humble family in Uganda, with both parents working as peasant farmers, she faced many challenges in continuing her education.

With the loving support of her sponsor, Dr. Hannah, Mary Sarah was able to pursue her schooling through primary and secondary education, and eventually earned a certificate in Kindergarten Education before entering religious formation. Alongside her studies, Mary Sarah nurtured her love for singing and remained deeply rooted in her faith.

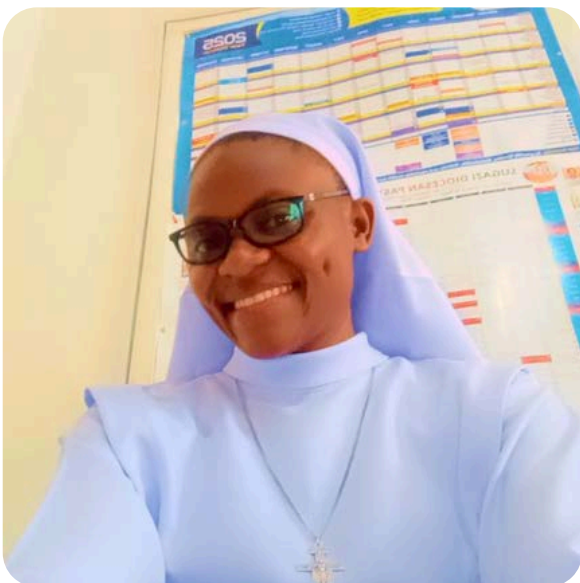


Though her path was not without obstacles, she persevered with grace and determination. Today, as a professed member of the Little Sisters of St. Francis, her life of service will touch countless others.

**Her story reminds us of the far-reaching impact of sponsorship, not only changing a child's future, but shaping a life of faith, service, and hope for entire communities.**



*Sr. Mary Sarah celebrating after taking her vows*



We invite you to join us in celebrating Sr. Mary Sarah's vocation, and in giving thanks for the generosity of sponsors like Dr. Hannah, whose faithfulness makes stories like this possible.

**Please keep Sr. Mary Sarah, and all young men and women called to religious life, in your prayers.**

## An Exciting Opportunity in Uganda

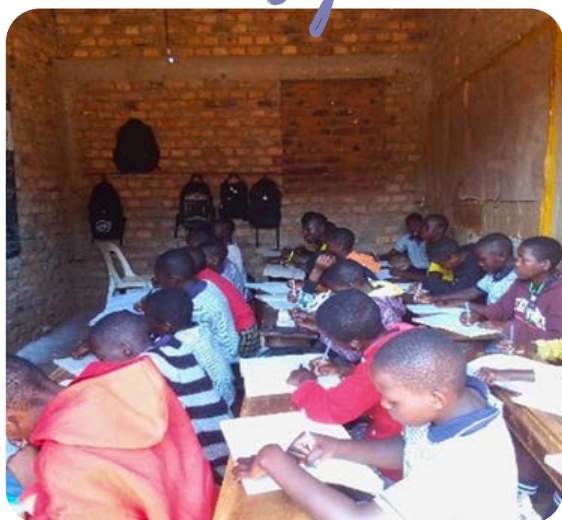
In two remote Ugandan villages, CARITAS supporters helped fund deep-water wells last year—changing daily life for families and students. With clean water available, school enrollment is now rising, bringing new hope and energy to these communities.



*The community enjoying fresh, clean water from the new well*

But the classrooms themselves are in rough shape: overcrowded, dimly lit, and in need of repair. That's why **CARITAS is launching a two-phase campaign—renovating and building new classrooms, while also creating a small-scale dairy farm to make the schools self-sustaining.** Best of all, a generous donor has pledged to match 50% of the total campaign, doubling the impact of every gift. This is more than classrooms—it's a movement for dignity, education, faith, and sustainability. Follow the link to learn more!

[Learn More Here!](#)



*Two examples of the dark, cramped classrooms*



## A Long Awaited Meeting

This past August, something truly special happened in Uganda: **Berna finally met her sponsor, Mr. Noah, after seven years of exchanging letters and pictures.**

Berna has been part of the CARITAS for Children family since 2014.



*Noah meeting Berna's family*

Orphaned at a young age when both her parents passed away from HIV/AIDS, she was raised by her grandmother, who herself is elderly and frail. Despite these challenges, Berna has always loved school. For many years she walked long distances each day—six kilometers each way—to attend classes. With the support of sponsorship, she has been able to continue her education and now attends Stella Maris College, where she is in Senior Five.



*Noah visiting Stella Maris*



*Noah and Berna out to lunch*



Over the years, Berna has been blessed with three sponsors, and since 2018 she has been sponsored by Noah and his wife, Claire. **Through their letters, encouragement, and generosity, they have built a deep bond with Berna.** Meeting in person this summer was a moment of joy and gratitude for them both, and **a testament to the life-changing connections that are made possible through sponsorship.**



*Noah and Berna on their boat tour*

Today, Berna continues to thrive in school, with a love for reading and spending time with friends. Her story is a beautiful reminder that while sponsorship provides the gift of education, it also creates lasting relationships that inspire hope across continents.



*Noah and Berna go to Jinja*





## Veronica's House Completed



*The outside of the new house*

We're overjoyed to share that Veronica and her six children have officially moved into their new home! On August 15th, they stepped into a place of safety, dignity, and stability—a home they now own, thanks to your incredible generosity.

**During Lent, CARITAS donors came together to make this dream a reality.** The house is complete with beds for each child, a kitchen, running water, and electricity. A chicken coop is also underway to help the family support themselves long-term.



*The family celebrating in their new living room*



*Veronica receiving the title to her new home*





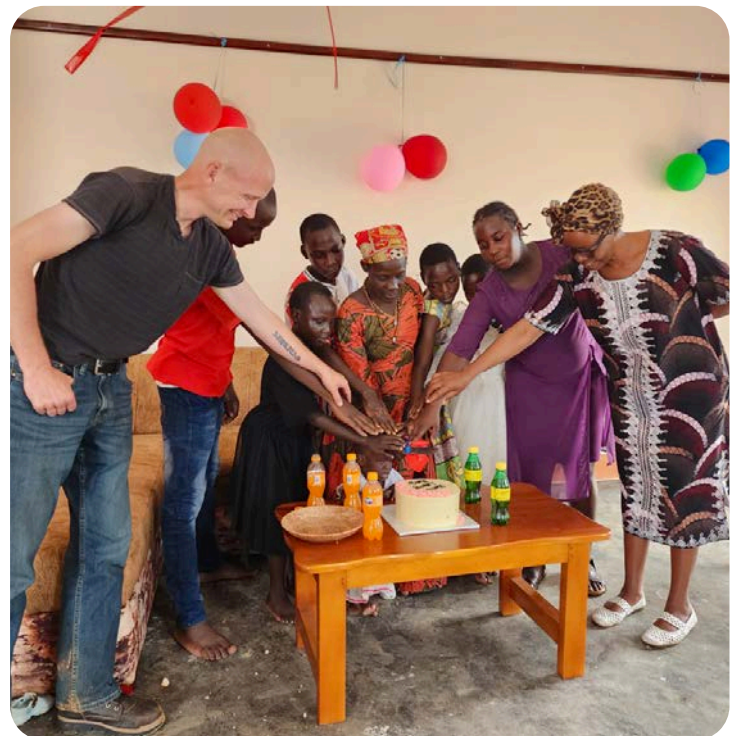
*The girls settling into their new room*

Just months ago, Veronica (a widowed mother of six in Uganda) was facing eviction and uncertainty. Today, her family has a future filled with hope. At the dedication, Veronica and her children were overwhelmed with gratitude. With tears in their eyes and joy in their hearts, they gave thanks to God, and to you.

**From all of us at CARITAS, thank you. You've changed their story forever.**

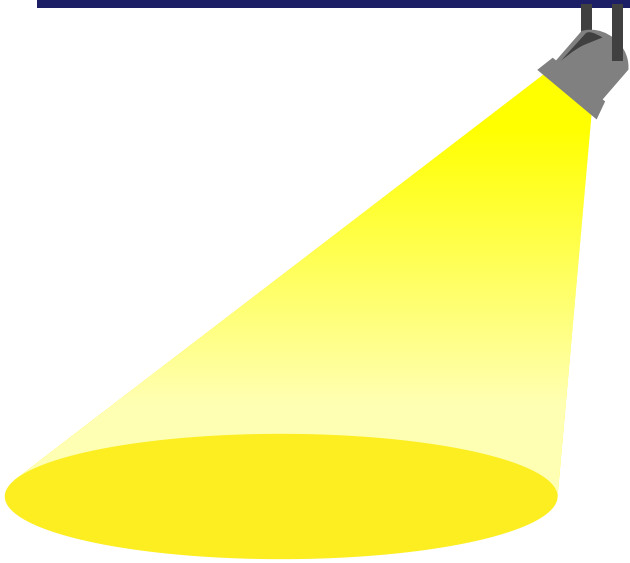


*Mr. Alon talking to the children in their new house*



*Even Mr. Noah got to be present for the cake cutting!*

## Spotlight on Children in Need



### GONZAGA WETALA

Gonzaga is a bright and hardworking boy who believes that education is the key to changing his family's situation. With nine children to care for, his father struggles to meet all their needs.

For several years, Gonzaga was blessed to have a CARITAS sponsor, which allowed him to receive a better education and make great progress in school. Sadly, he has now lost that sponsorship.

Gonzaga is determined to keep working toward his dreams, but he urgently needs a new sponsor to continue his education and secure a brighter future for himself and his family.



[Gonzaga Wetala, 18](#)



To help Gonzaga attend day school, he will need:

- \$48 per month from one sponsor



## ANITAH CHLOE NALULE

Anitah lost her father when she was just four years old, leaving her mother to take on the responsibility of raising Anitah and her sister, Mary Nakiryowa, by herself. Despite her best efforts, Anitah's mother struggles to make ends meet by doing odd jobs, but the income she earns is not enough to cover all their needs, including the cost of sending her daughters to school.

Anitah was fortunate to receive sponsorship in the past, which allowed her to attend a boarding school for several years. However, she recently lost her longtime sponsor, and now her mother is deeply concerned that without new sponsorship, Anitah will be forced to drop out of school.

Completing her education is crucial for Anitah, as it would open up opportunities for a better future. Anitah's mother is hopeful that a new sponsor will help Anitah continue her studies and reach her full potential.

To help Anitah attend boarding school, she will need:

- \$150 per month from one sponsor



**Anitah Chloe Nalule, 20**