

Uganda Girls Project



St. Mary by the Sea Parish, Rockaway Beach, Oregon

**A message from St. Mary by the Sea . . .
Uganda Team . . . December 11, 2020**

During these times we are all struggling with the tough decisions on how we will be spending the next few weeks and how to keep our loved ones safe.

As you can tell after reading *From the Principal*, Sister Immaculate too is struggling with difficult decisions that she must make. **So far no girls or teachers have shown any sign of being sick with covid**, but with some girls going home for Christmas, Sister is worried. Please pray for her as she is so concerned with her girls getting sick and how she would safely quarantine many sick girls.

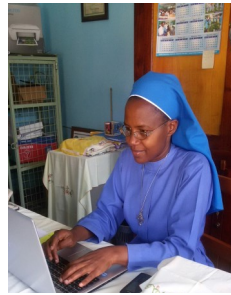
As Sr. Immaculate writes, the cost of Covid-19 testing in Uganda is expensive. We are hoping that she will not need to spend money to have girls tested, but it's hard to imagine that it won't be necessary at some point. **Sister has a way of isolating a few sick students, but she worries about the heavy responsibility of girls getting very sick.** St. Aloysius and Sr. Immaculate need our prayers now more than ever this Christmas season.

The Team wishes each of you a blessed and joyful Christmas.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE . . .

Dear Friends!

Greetings to all as you celebrate this holy season. I wish you a Christmas filled with the love of the Christ-child. I am forever



*I am forever grateful for all
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Our girls are scheduled to leave for their homes on December 18th. Many want to stay for the Christmas break, but I am not yet sure of keeping a big number of girls at the moment. I wish all the girls could stay here to be safe, but some want to go home for Christmas and many parents want their girls to come home for a visit too.

It seems that Covid is getting serious in our region, but it is very expensive to get a covid test in Uganda (\$50), so most don't know exactly why they are sick. For sure one school within our district now has Covid cases!

Another problem here is the political issues that have brought tension throughout our country. Please pray for us here as I am feeling a lot of responsibility to keep everyone safe and make these hard decisions.

Sister Immaculate, Principal



The cafeteria that you helped us build is now being used as our testing center. National Tests are to be done next year after elections when the girls return. In this picture the girls are doing practice tests.



We have just bought 500 new baby chicks. The old ones we sold off as they had stopped laying. We ate some of the old chickens, but mostly we had to sell them to get capital to buy the new chicks.



Sorting and cleaning tomatoes for dinner.



Thank you for your very generous donations! Sister appreciates all you have done for her girls. Future donation checks should be made out to St. Mary by the Sea Church and mailed to:

St. Mary by the Sea
ATTN: Catherine Imbrie
P.O Box 390
Rockaway Beach, OR 97136

On the 15th of each month, checks will be deposited into the account for Sr Immaculate, then wired to Uganda. She will use the money to buy food for the girls, pay teachers and continue building projects. Forty dollars sent each month can keep a girl in school! It costs \$450 a year for tuition, room, board and uniform.