

Let's help them break the cycle of poverty



Holy Cross Africa Ministry (HCAM) Scholarship Fund

Nearly 75% of the population of Dandora lives below a budget of \$1 per day...

To cope with extreme poverty, parents must often choose between feeding their family and sending a child to school. Living in such proximity to the toxic dump site in Dandora, the students that we sponsor have few opportunities – an education is their only hope.

Jesus teaches us to place the needs of the poor before our own. Please help us.

Your donation will make a huge difference in providing a safe environment and a high quality, Catholic education for these children. Education is their only path out of poverty.



HCAM's Scholarship Program currently sponsors over 30 students:

- The St. James School continues to be a Top 10 School in Nairobi, providing a safe environment to learn, pray and share for over 200 nursery school students and 450 primary school students
- Our scholarships have provided an education for 44 girls and 37 boys over the past ten years; we commit to supporting each student through high school



We have an opportunity to make an even greater impact in 2018:

- Great news! As a result of a strong dollar and increased subsidies from the Kenyan government, the tuition costs for 2018 will be lower than in past years (see other side for more detail)
- With your support, we intend to add sponsorships for at least six more students at St. James School and provide funding for field trips for the entire school in 2018

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We are called to do more. We can do more... with your help.

“The mission of the Catholic school is the integral formation of students, so that they may be true to their condition as Christ’s disciples and as such work effectively for the evangelization of culture and for the common good of society.”

– Pope John Paul II, May 1988

**A Note from
Fr. Benedict Mugisa
St. James School**



Dear St. Monica Parish,

It has been my pleasure to participate in the noble work and mission you are doing and serving God through the sponsorship of these children.

St. James School is located just a few meters from our main church. This location offers a very unique environment for our pupils – there are always spiritual activities that continuously nurture them alongside academic activities. We are educators in faith – we educate the mind and the heart. Our children form part of our family as a community of prayer and edification of society based on faith values.

I recently had the opportunity to visit each of the high school students sponsored by St. Monica at boarding schools across Kenya for the first time. Though tiring, I was always energized when finding our sponsored child doing well in school. Thanks for the support in paying their school fees on time, enabling the children to concentrate on their studies.

I once more thank you for your good concern and great efforts to sustain these children in school. God bless you and the work of your hands.

How You Can Help

Please consider supporting the education of children in Dandora. Your donation will go a long way in changing their lives. May God bless you and your loved ones this Christmas season!

\$1,300 Full scholarship for two St. James students for one year

\$850 Full scholarship and boarding for one high school student for one year

\$650 Full scholarship for one St. James student for one year

\$350 Full scholarship for one tailoring school student for one year

\$100 Tuition assistance to families experiencing unexpected hardships

\$50 Educational field trips for 10 St. James students

Donations can be made online at:

<http://stmonica.net/hcam>
Click on ‘Education Fund’

Or, complete and mail / drop off this form with your contribution to:
[St. Monica, 725 California Ave., Santa Monica, CA 90403](#)

Please make check payable to St. Monica Church, and write “HCAM Education” in the memo section. A confirmation letter will be mailed to you.

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Email Address _____

Donation Amount _____

A Unique & Meaningful Christmas Gift! If you’d like to make a donation as a gift or in someone’s honor, please visit us in the Duval Center after mass on December 2-3 or December 9-10. We will provide a special card for your recipient to recognize your donation.