

WHY TANZANIA?

It is a place for us to be missionaries in the wider world.

Our faith calls us to solidarity, reaching beyond local and national needs. We are one human family.

We also have strong local connections.

Benedictine Father Damian Milliken, was born in Elmira, NY and has worked in Tanzania for more than 50 years. He is directly involved in the Sisters' work and formation. Country-wide standardized tests prove the success of their work—the mission schools' scores are in the top 5% of the nation.

Knowing the Sisters and Fr. Damian and having direct connections to where they live and work can guarantee that any financial assistance will go directly to the causes we choose to support without question of misuse of funds. The return on our investment will be outstanding.

Several St. Joseph's parishioners traveled to Tanzania at their own expense to see the schools and meet the students. They are eager to share their experiences with parishioners and invite others to experience Tanzania.



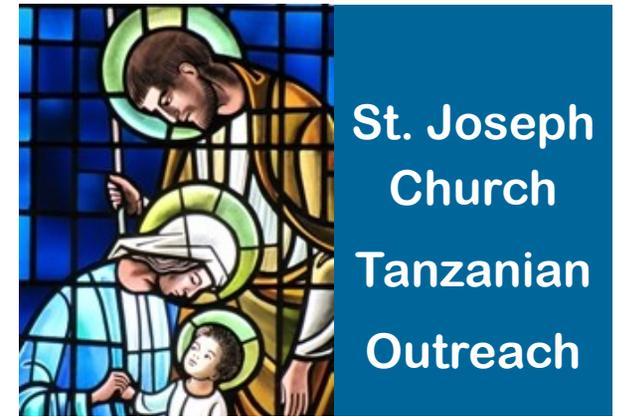
The Sisters of Our Lady of Usambara are a congregation of African nuns whose work is caring for the needs of the poorest and most deprived people in the eastern regions of Tanzania. They direct schools for girls, operate clinics, hospitals and pre-school programs. Many were educated at Nazareth College, returning to become leaders in their community.



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You can help!

- Pray for Father Damian, the Sisters, and the students.
- Donate to the annual Mission Collection each summer or at any time. Make checks payable to St. Joseph's with a memo "Tanzania".
- Sponsor a student. The cost is \$1,000 per year.
- Join the Tanzania Action Team.

OUR PARTNERSHIP

- ◆ We can COMMUNICATE with the Sisters in Africa, with Fr. Damian Milliken and with the students from the schools.
- ◆ We can have a tremendous impact in a very poor country by offering FINANCIAL SUPPORT towards scholarships for girls' education, building expansion and repair. The education of women has been found to have a significant impact on the well-being of children and the financial success of a nation.
- ◆ *While poverty is a way of life in Tanzania, the people there are richer than many of us in spirit, faith, community, good humor, generosity and openness to all.*
- ◆ All funds raised go towards scholarships, school programs, building and maintenance.



SCHOLARSHIPS FOR GIRLS

- ◆ By law, men and women in Tanzania are equal. However, by tradition, women have little status. They give birth, raise the children, cook, clean, carry, build the home, and tend harvest crops.
- ◆ Fewer than 5% of girls have the opportunity to complete high school; in rural areas, it is considered unnecessary to educate females.
- ◆ For \$1,000 a year, the high schools operated by the Sisters of Usambara offer girls a Catholic education, room, board, uniforms, school supplies and basic health care. Without assistance, some girls cannot afford to come to the Sisters' schools. Education is the best predictor of self-determination for these girls.
- ◆ Through the generosity of St. Joseph's parishioners and friends, many girls from rural villages are being sponsored who would otherwise not have the chance to be educated.



BUILDING EXPANSION

- ◆ In order to meet the needs of the current student body and allow room for more girls, new dormitories, classrooms, bathing and toilet facilities are necessary as well as ongoing maintenance of a clean water supply.



- ◆ Because the schools are located in a rural area, there is little housing available for faculty and their families. Fr. Damian builds modest campus homes for faculty.
- ◆ The school has been able to install solar panels on the newest building, which is a combined dormitory and library. It saves thousands of dollars a year in electric costs and provides a more reliable source of electricity
- ◆ Since many building materials are created from local resources (mud for bricks, quarried stone, milled trees) many jobs are created for a very poor community.