

Welcome to St. Max Twinning FAMILY CONNECTIONS!!! It is time for us to begin our life-long relationship with the catechist families of St. Patrick Church in Soroti, Uganda! The family you have chosen was told 'you are getting new friends!!' and they are so excited. Please make sure to prepare an envelope for each of the upcoming mailings (see below). A simple one-page handwritten note is perfect. So is a greeting card or a photo or drawing.

If for any reason you are not able to fulfill this commitment, please let us know ASAP. We will find another match for this family.

St. Max will mail letters to St. Patrick's beginning Christmas 2019.

We plan to send a box of our envelopes every three months. The upcoming mailings and letter submit dates are:

<u>Christmas 2019</u>	deadline is December 25th.
<u>St. Patrick's Day 2020</u>	deadline is March 17th.
<u>Corpus Christi 2020</u>	deadline is June 14th.
<u>Exaltation of the Holy Cross</u>	deadline is Sep 14th.
<u>Christmas 2020</u>	deadline is December 25th.

- ❖ Please write simple sentences. Most of our letters will need to be translated by the catechists who read and speak English for those who don't know English.
- ❖ Handwritten letters are preferred.
- ❖ One page is suggested because of the translation issues.
- ❖ Please introduce your family by sending names, birthdays, anniversary date, etc.
- ❖ Ask a question! Some examples...
 - How do you get your water?
 - Who is your favorite saint?
 - What is your climate like?
- ❖ Children are encouraged to participate. They may send letters, drawings, photos.
- ❖ Please include only sheets of paper with your letters, cards, photos or drawings.
- ❖ Put all the items for your family in one UNSEALED envelope with the catechist & spouse names on the outside. Envelopes up to 8.75x11.5 are acceptable. The envelopes we send need to be UNSEALED as most likely, they will be inspected, and we want them to arrive in the best condition possible.
- ❖ DO NOT SEND MONEY!!
- ❖ Bring your envelope to the St. Max office before each deadline.

Remember – All the families are anxiously waiting to hear from their 'new friends'. If for any reason you are not able to fulfill this commitment, please let us know ASAP so we can find another match for this family.

Questions! Please let us know at TwinningFamilyConnections@Saint-Max.org

God Bless your family and enjoy your new friends!!