



### Getting to Know Father Henry Agit, Pastor, St. Patrick's Madera, Soroti, Uganda

I am Father Henry Agit from Soroti Catholic Diocese. My Home parish: Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Parish, Kidetok. I was born June 6, 1984. My parents: Edotun Peter and Asekenye are alive and wedded in Church. I am a fifth born out of 8 children born of my mother and from a humble family of parents who are peasants. The 8 children 6 are alive and 2 passed on to the Lord. We are 2 boys out of the 6 children who are still alive and the other 4 are girls.

Schools attended:

- 1990-1994: Kidetok Primary School
- 1995-1997: Ogangai Primary school
- 1998: St. Peter's minor Seminary Madera
- 1999-2001: Serere Township College
- 2002: Light College
- 2003-2004: St. Elizabeth Girls Secondary School
- 2007: Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Parish, Kidetok (Orientation)
- 2008-2011: Uganda Martyrs National Major Seminary, Alokolum
- 2011-2012: Pastoral/ Spiritual year at St. Francis Catholic Church Acumet
- 2012-2016: St. Paul's National Major Seminary, Kinyamasika- Fortportal



Attraction to Priesthood:

As a little kid, my mother used to take me to the church on Sundays to attend Mass. Fr. Wabwire John Chris gave inspiring homilies which I started enjoying when I was in primary two. Little did I know that priests are human beings, for me I thought priests were "angels" and I said within my heart that I should become a priest and preach like that "angel". At home I could gather my young brother and sister as my congregation and then imitate the way father preached.

However, I have now transcended the preaching, what I know about priesthood is being available for the people of God, being their spiritual guide and to whom they always run to and confide in, and whom they can journey with.

Challenges:

My call was challenged by voices from outside advising me otherwise, but I said no I should become a priest to serve God and His people. Financial inadequacy is yet another challenge which left me in wonderment as to whether this journey which seemed to be too long will come to completion. Amidst all these challenges, however, I have learned a lot and seen the hand of God at work in me my family.

I am happy being a priest and it is my desire to serve as a priest for the rest of my life. St. Patrick's is a first parish of my appointment and I am willing to carry out my priestly ministry anywhere the Lord takes me. I love pastoral work and at St. Patrick's I go out to celebrate Mass for the Christian people in the out stations (small chapels), visiting the prisoners and the sick at the surrounding hospitals, burying the dead, baptizing, and listening for confessions.

Vision and Goals:

By the time I was appointed as a parochial pastor of St. Patrick's Parish Madera after Father Simon Peter had gone for his sabbatical leave to Ohio, USA my vision or aim was to continue and complete the projects Father Simon Peter had left behind which included: completion and furnishing of the center church at the parish which is still going on and what is left is fitting of the remaining window glasses, good public address system, electrical and wiring, and furnishing of the Church though painting is done. Holy Angels College was yet another project Father Simon started and left me to care for this infant school. Through him he was able to get in touch with the Christian community of St. Maximilian Kolbe Ohio who whole heartedly supported the building of the girls' and boys' dormitories and the science block which are in use now. Finally, the ox-plough project which came into completion the last two months with the last additional 25 catechists. We thank so dearly the following:

The parochial pastor of St. Max Father Simon Peter, Deacon John, Dan, Mary Jo, Bruce, Paul, Carol, Connie, Mike, Lana, Maureen, Kyle, Dennis, Chris and Lakme, the Christian community of St. Max, to mention but a few. We thank and appreciate you. Your generosity is what contributes to what we have today. God bless and reward you hundred-fold.

Father Henry Agit

## St. Patrick's Conference Room



Our St. Max large conference room was dedicated to St. Patrick on his feast day, March 17. Father Simon Peter celebrated morning Mass and Father Jim dedicated and blesses the room with prayer and holy water. Parishioners enjoyed cookies, Irish soda bread, African music, and videos of the celebrations in Africa in 2020. Lastly, the new room sign - St. Patrick's Conference Room - was unveiled.



## St. Patrick's Holy Angels School

This private school, developed by Father Simon Peter, has more affordable tuition and has flourished! Currently, only seniors have been permitted to return to school by the Ugandan government. Our support of this school has helped to make it a "model school" for the Soroti Diocese. Boys' and girls' dorms have created a safe, secure environment for the children to focus on education.



Our priority to build the science lab occurred due to the potential closing of the school by the Ugandan government for inadequate science space. We have been able to complete all four science lab room slabs and exterior plastering. This huge project is nearing completion and is already being used without lighting. We are now ready to pay for solar lighting, but are still in need of \$5,000 for completion. Donate by check to the St. Max office C/O St. Max for Holy Angels Science Lab or online [saint-max.org/twinning](http://saint-max.org/twinning) and click on the red DONATE button. Thank you for your generous donations to complete this important project!

## Twinning Holy Hour

Join us March 25th at 6 PM in church for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 7 PM. We will pray for the needs of our sister parish with a rosary, private prayer, vespers and benediction. Please come and join us. There is nothing greater that you can give our brothers and sisters at Saint Patrick's than your prayers!



## Sustaining and Adding St. Max Families as Pen Pals for New Catechists

When Father Jim suggested the “Family Connections” pen pal program it swiftly became a reality for Advent 2019. Our ministry accepted the challenge to invite 161 St. Max families to become pen pals with a catechist’s family by providing their photos on display boards and online. Three letters have since been shared between families. Additionally, we have learned there are 25 new catechists, and we need your help passing the word to your friends that they too need a St. Max pen pal family. Members of our Twinning committee will be available, as well as a photo display of the additional catechists and their families, that desire a pen pal. Sign

up after any Mass the weekend of March 27th.

### Bibles

We learned in March while visiting Soroti that the catechists did not have bibles and have since funded the purchase of new bibles translated into Ateso. Production has been delayed. More to come...

### Future Projects

We expect to help complete important projects in the church in 2021 such as: a PA system, electrical needs, and stained-glass windows. Watch for more information...

### St. Max Immersion Trip

Coming soon, hear our panel of St. Max travelers share their experience of their life-changing immersion trip.

### Donate

Our ministry operates without any funding from the St. Max budget and solely relies on donations. Several parishioners have committed to a reoccurring weekly or monthly donation to Twinning Ministry via Faith Direct . Just visit [www.saint-max.org/Twinning](http://www.saint-max.org/Twinning) and click the red donate now button to get started. It’s simple and only takes minutes. You can also make a one time donation there! All donations and checks made to St. Max Twinning Ministry are 100% for St. Patrick’s Church Madera Soroti, Uganda.

### Twinning Ministry Leadership

Dan Suer, Chair  
Bruce Murphy, Vice Chair  
Kyle Schafer, Financial Secretary  
Mary Jo Suer, Secretary.

### Thank You!

We would like to thank all of you who are reaching out and trying to find ways to support our Twinning Ministry. We look forward to the many opportunities to grow in love and charity, as well as the many paths God is leading us to help the people of St. Patrick’s. Pray often that our relationship continues to develop solidarity and grow into brothers and sisters in Christ! If you are interested in getting involved contact [twinning@saint-max.org](mailto:twinning@saint-max.org).

May God bless each of you abundantly,  
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