



Getting to Know Catechist John Robert Enyoru

I am catechist John Robert Enyoru, a born of Feb 16th 1957 to the late Ewange Cuthbert and Akello Everlyn, who had wedded in 1953. My father was a teacher too. I am the eldest of the 10 children of my parents.

Apart from catechizing, I am a teacher by profession and has a forty year wealth of experience before retiring in 2019 Feb. I got married to Joyce Mary Aoja in 1982 and only wedded 27years later when one of the prerequisites for my son joining the seminary was Holy Matrimonial fulfillment. I have six children; one boy, five girls and seven grand children.

During the school holiday of 1974 when I was still at the tertiary institution on a Sunday, I voluntarily led a service in a classroom in our former primary school as there was no one to lead (sheep without a shepherd). The congregation consisted of mainly my former school mates, the pupils and some members of the community. It was such joy during and after the service when my comrades and the community thanked me for being there for the catechist.

My next service was in 1978 in my first school of teaching. This also took place when the catechist didn't turn up. I comfortably led the service, and to my encouragement I was praised by the congregation.

Since 1982 till I became a catechist, I have been an announcer in the church, mobilizer, member of the pastoral council and some of the church committees.

Another big inspiration was 1993 during the visit of St. John Paul the second (Pope) to Uganda and in particular to Soroti Catholic Diocese, when I was given to take 2nd reading. We were seated somehow close to His Holiness. Once more I was one of the lucky ones selected to represent Soroti Catholic Diocese during Pope Francis visit and celebration of the Holy mass at the Uganda martyrs shrine Namugongo on the 28th/ November/2015.

2016 is a special year in my life and for my family.

After filling the forms and doing his pastoral work, my son was admitted to St. Mary's Major seminary Alokolum -Gulu for philosophy , my daughter , third born joined a postulate for sisterhood of the congregation of .

The daughters of Mary and Joseph and is currently doing her missionary work in Morrocco in Central Africa.

As if that was not enough, on 18th /Nov/2016 still, during prayers with our group of Rosary warriors, beginning with Devine Mercy, at 3:00pm the Holy spirit descended upon one of the intercessors of the group by the name Damali and revealed that the Lord wanted to use my Voice to reach his people; I



was humbled and didn't want to react like Jonah. Some of the books given that day for consumption included Luke 8:1-15, Revelation 10:1-10 and Songs of songs 2: 1-10.

Bishop Eciru Oliach Joseph, when still a priest had this to say! "The Lord has invaded your home".

After the revelation, I straight way went to Fr. Wankya Simon Peter to share the good news. Fr. asked twice, "are you sure you want to join catechical centre for training?" I twice said "Yes Father"!

In March 2017 while still Headteacher Madera Boys primary school I was given the golden chance which many haven't got yet to go for the training and as we talk now I am the Zonal Coordinator Kichinjaji Zone in the Suburbs of Soroti City . Many Thanks to Fr. Henry Agit for giving me this huge opportunity to serve God's people and also the chance of communicating and sharing my background and inspiration with you
God Bless!



Thank you St. Gabriel Consolidated School and Royalmont Academy

Partnering with us at St. Max to support the science lab project, St. Gabriel raised nearly \$7000 in a "penny war" project and Royalmont raised \$400. These funds will support books, supplies, and furnishings for the science lab. Thank you so much for your loving and kind support!!!

St. Patrick's Holy Angels School

This private school, developed by Father Simon Peter, has more affordable tuition and has flourished! Holy Angels College students are returning incrementally over the next three months. 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 and eliminate walking many, and oftentimes dangerous, miles daily.

Our priority to build the science lab occurred because of the potential closing of the school by the Ugandan government due to inadequate science space. We have been able to complete all four science lab room slabs and exterior plastering. Thank you for your generous donations to complete this important project! Solar lighting was installed last week and completion will come with the funding of the ceiling.



Donate by check to St. Max for Holy Angels Science Lab or online www.saint-max.org/twinning and click on the red DONATE button.



Soroti Diocese News (St. Patrick's location)

Diocese Bishop Joseph Eciru commissioned catechists at 45 outstations/chapels as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Four of them are from St. Patrick's.

Schools Reopen

Father Henry Agit, pastor of St. Patrick's, reports school will be in full session by August.

Twining Holy Hour

Join us June 24th 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 St. Patrick's than your prayers!



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

Thank you to the St. Max parishioners that recently joined Family Connections as a pen pal. We are still in need of a few more pen pals. Encourage a fellow member to join in.

When Father Jim suggested the Family Connections pen pal program, it swiftly became a reality beginning in 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. With the addition of 25 more catechists, we increased the number of pen pal families to 186. Three letters have since been shared between catechists at St. Patrick's and St. Max families.

This is vital to our mission and sustaining and strengthening our relationship with St. Patrick's.

Catechism Books

Questions have been asked if the catechists have *Catechism of the Catholic Church* books. We are investigating the possibility of translation. We continue to receive positive feedback from St. Max parishioners supporting the purchase of translated Bibles in two languages to all catechists.

Busy Catechists

We learned our brother catechists are busy planting and receiving plenty of rain for harvest.

Vaccine Availability

Father Henry reports a shortage.

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 Twining Ministry via Faith Direct . Just visit www.saint-max.org/Twining 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 Twining Ministry are 100% for St. Patrick's Church Madera Soroti, Uganda.

Twining 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 Twining Ministry. Your extreme generosity and support have blessed the lives of the people of St. Patrick's in more ways than can be expressed in words. We look forward to more opportunities to grow in love and charity and follow the path God is leading us to help and unite with the people of St. Patrick's. Please pray that our relationship continues to grow with our brothers and sisters in Christ!

May God bless each of you mightily,
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