Catholic Sisters
Champions of Sustainable Development in Africa

Sarova Panafric
Nairobi, Kenya
October 16–19, 2016
CONVENING GOALS

• to understand the objectives and core ideas anchoring the work of the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation and the Catholic Sisters Strategic Initiative.

• to understand the extent to which we are achieving our objectives in Africa and identify where we might revise our approach to achieve even higher degrees of impact.

• to appreciate the potential of Catholic Sisters as full members of the global partnership for sustainable development as well as the obstacles they face in connecting to the networks of communion and expertise required to be effective partners.

• to commit to working together to mitigate these obstacles and realize this potential.
Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation and the African Sisters Education Collaborative, we extend our wholehearted welcome to this historic convening in Nairobi, Kenya. We are honored and excited that you are present with us as the key players in assuring that African nations are in the forefront of achieving sustainable development for all citizens by 2030. The title of our convening is:

CATHOLIC SISTERS
Champions of Sustainable Development in Africa

Among us are individuals from 15 countries serving as Church and government officials, faith based and community organizations, international, regional and local foundations as well as representatives of the leadership of Congregations of women religious. What makes this event truly historic is that we are here to listen and learn from each other rather than to hear formal presentations as well as to respond to a Call to Action that is inspired in all of us as partners together.

Our goals are both simple and profound: to appreciate the actual and potential impact of Catholic Sisters as members of the global partnership for sustainable development in Africa; to capture, share and institutionalize our individual and collective learnings across our organizational objectives in ways that inform new approaches for greater impact; and to build partnerships among us to achieve more together than as independent actors and actresses.

The success of our gathering largely depends on our trust and openness to share honestly and transparently both our successes and obstacles. Our priority intention is the advancement of our missions on behalf of those most disadvantaged. No one of us, nor even one sector, can achieve sustainable development for Africa alone. This is an opportunity for us, in the words of Conrad Hilton, to Think Big, Dream Big and Act Big together.

Gratefully,

Rosemarie Nassif, SSND  
Director  
Catholic Sisters Strategic Initiative

Jane Wakahiu, LSOSF  
Executive Director  
African Sisters Education Collaborative
THEMES

NETWORKS
building a community of shared practice among African sisters, the Catholic Church, philanthropy, governments, the NGO community and other actors committed to sustainable development in Africa

KNOWLEDGE
understanding how we might better capture and communicate the impact of our work together

SOLIDARITY
articulating a shared vision and commitment to advance the United Nation’s sustainable development agenda
SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16
Arrival Day and Reception

6:00 pm
Welcome, Opening Remarks & Cocktails
Pool Garden

SR. ADELINA MUGUNA, NSA
Chairperson, Association of Sisterhood of Kenya (AOSK)

SR. ROSEMARIE NASSIF, SSND
Director, Catholic Sisters Initiative, Conrad N. Hilton Foundation

MONDAY, OCTOBER 17
Building a Global Sisterhood to Advance Human Development

9:00 am
Opening Prayers
Simba/Duma

9:15 am
Introductions
Simba/Duma

BRIE LOSKOTA
Executive Director, Center for Religion and Civic Culture (CRCC) at the University of Southern California (USC)

SR. AGNES WAMUYU, FES
Secretary General, Association of Sisterhood of Kenya (AOSK)

9:45 am
From Dreams To Reality: “Tomorrow Belongs to the People Who Prepare for It Today”
SR. JANE WAKAHIU, LSOSF
Executive Director, African Sisters Education Collaborative (ASEC)

10:00 am
Interactive Session

10:30 am
Break
Barraza Terrace

10:45 am
Catholic Sisters and the Sustainable Development Goals

EDMUND J. CAIN
Vice President Grant Programs, Conrad N. Hilton Foundation

SR. PATRICIA MURRAY, IBVM
Executive Secretary, International Union of Superiors General (UISG)

SR. AGATHA OSARENKHOE, EHJ
President, Nigeria Conference of Women Religious (NCWR)

12:15 pm
The Catholic Sisters Strategic Initiative: An Overview
BRAD MYERS
Senior Program Officer, Conrad N. Hilton Foundation

1:00 pm
Lunch
Pool Garden

2:00 pm
How Are We Doing and What Have We Learned?
DONALD E. MILLER
Leonard K. Firestone Professor of Religion, University of Southern California (USC) and co-founder of the Center for Religion and Civic Culture at USC

2:45 pm
Design Challenge: Data Platform for Africa — Interactive Session
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18
Connecting to the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development

7:45 am
Breakfast
Flame Tree Restaurant

9:00 am
Opening Prayers
Simba Hall

9:15 am
Keynote: The Role of Catholic Sisters in Sustainable Development in Africa
EDMUND J. CAIN
Vice President Grant Programs, Conrad N. Hilton Foundation

9:45 am
Philanthropy, Government and Civil Society: A Conversation Across Sectors
CHRISTINE BODEWES
Africa Regional Director, Porticus
DARIUS MOGAKA OGUTU
Director of Policy Planning and East African Affairs, Ministry of Education, Kenya
JACK ONYISI ABEBE
Regional Knowledge Management and Research Specialist, UN Women—Eastern and Southern Africa
ARIF NEKY
Advisor, UN Strategic Partnerships
REV. FR. FERDINAND LUGONZO MAKAKA
Secretary General, Association of Member Episcopal Conferences in Eastern Africa

10:45 am
Break
Barraza Terrace
11:15 am
“Think Like a Sister”

SR. PRISCA MATENGA, DOR
Superior General, Daughters of Redeemer

SR. ELIZABETH NAMPHUNTHA, SVBM
Superior General, Sisters of Blessed Virgin Mary

SR. ROBERTA FEH, TSSF
Regional Superior, Tertiary Franciscan Sisters

SR. FAUSTINA HASFORD, SIJ
Superior General, Society of Infant Jesus

SR. CECILIA NJERI, LSOSF
Superior General, Little Sisters of St. Francis

SR. SCHOLASTICA MWEMBEZI, SOLQA
Superior General, Sisters of Our Lady Queen of Africa

12:15 am
Interactive Session

1:00 pm
Lunch & Poster Session
Pool Garden & Barraza Terrace

2:00 pm
“Think Like a Donor”

SR. JOYCE MEYER, PBVM
Board Member, Conrad N. Hilton Foundation

KARA LEMMA
Program Officer, Conrad N. Hilton Foundation

SR. ROSEMARIE NASSIF, SSND
Program Director, Catholic Sisters Initiative,
Conrad N. Hilton Foundation

SR. MARCIA SICHOL, SHCJ
Executive Director, Conrad N. Hilton Fund for Sisters

3:00 pm
Collaborative Exercise:
“Think Big, Act Big, Dream Big”

3:30 pm
Tea
Barraza Terrace

4:00 pm
What Remains Unsaid? / A Call to Action
SR. ROSEMARIE NASSIF, SSND
Director, Catholic Sisters Initiative,
Conrad N. Hilton Foundation

5:00 pm
Evaluation Session

5:15 pm
Mass
Simba/Duma

6:00 pm
Reception
Pool Garden

7:00 pm
Dinner
Simba/Duma

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19

6:45 am
Mass
Simba/Duma

7:15 am
Breakfast for all attendees
Flame Tree Restaurant

8:00 am
Breakfast session for Hilton grantees (invitation-only)
Umati Room
A PLACE TO GATHER

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1. End poverty in all its forms everywhere
2. End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture
3. Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages
4. Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all
5. Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls
6. Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all
7. Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all
8. Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all
9. Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation
10. Reduce inequality within and among countries
11. Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable
12. Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns
13. Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts
14. Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development
15. Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss
16. Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels
17. Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development
POSTER DISPLAY: SISTERS’ PROJECTS

On the following pages, ASEC highlights some of the projects initiated and/or led by sisters who have participated in our programs as their work connects to specific Sustainable Development Goals.

Cameroon

SR. ROBERTA FEH
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The Saint Francis Home for Skills’ Training (SAFRAHOST) is a home and training center which houses young people and helps empower them through self-sustaining skill development. Funds and a parcel of land were received for construction of the home and a water project was initiated as well.

SR. CLARISSE REMJIKAI AND SR. LEONARDA TUBUO
Sisters of St. Therese of the Child Jesus
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The Associated Rehabilitation Center For The Handicap (ARCH) offers rehabilitative services to individuals with physical and mental disabilities including physiotherapy, sports and academic activities, a canteen, and repair shop for wheelchairs, crutches, prostheses, etc.

Ghana

SR. ANNA AMO
Daughters of the Most Holy Trinity (FST) Apostolates
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The Daughters of the Most Holy Trinity Highlight four of their ministries: Jubilee Nursery, the Blessed Trinity Leadership Academy school, Host Factory, and Rural Health Education apostolate.

SR. MATILDA SORKPOR
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The Kressner Handmaids Orphanage & Divine Providence School Annex provides shelter and education for orphaned children in Otaten, Ghana.

SR. FAUSTINA HASFORD
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The Society of Infant Jesus sisters are involved in various ministries, including education, health care, and caring for senior citizens in the Archdiocese of Cape Coast Ghana.

Kenya

SR. JACINTA MWANGANGI
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The Hospital and Medical Theatre project of the Eldoret Diocese has worked to upgrade health services and access to services in the region. The hospital was upgraded from a health center and has procured a medical theatre, an x-ray machine, and an ambulance.

SR. BERNADETTA NZIOKA
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The Machakos Empowerment Project seeks to provide children with disabilities and their families with microfinance opportunities, skill development, and income generating activities.

poster display: sisters’ projects

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**SR. LUCY KANJIRA**  
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The Friends of the Good Shepherd sisters feature three projects: Friends of the Good Shepherd Orphan Support, Makena (Joy Elderly Group) & Microfinance Projects. These projects provide education to orphans, assistance to older adults in coping with aging, and economic empowerment activities including income generation and running small businesses.

**SR. PATRICIA KYAMBUU**  
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The HIV Positive and Orphaned/Vulnerable Children project offers HIV/AIDS services, community health trainings, psychosocial support, nutrition services, alcohol abuse rehabilitation as well as other services related to microfinance and income generating activities.

**SR. ANNUNCIATA MWIKALI KIIO**  
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The Matuu Mission Health Centre provides care to mostly women and children and offers ante- and neo-natal care, immunizations and a maternity wing. The Centre also provides outreach services, a laboratory, and HIV/AIDS counseling and testing.

**SR. ENELESS T. CHIMBALI**  
Association of Consecrated Women in Eastern and Central Africa (ACWECA)  
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The Association of Consecrated Women in Eastern and Central Africa (ACWECA) is a regional body composed of National Associations of sisters (Conference of Women Superior Generals) from nine countries in Eastern and Central Africa. ACWECA shares its background, purpose, achievements, partners, and future plans.

**SR. MARY MWANGI**  
Sisters of Mary Immaculate  
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The Bishop Perlo High School serves girls from the Samburu culture, in which girls do not receive an education and are married at early ages. The school educates and supports girls rescued from early marriage.

**SR. LUDOVENA ANYANGO**  
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The Nyabondo Center for the Disabled serves the whole Western Kenya Region. The Franciscan Sisters of Saint Anna work to serve the marginalized in the community and have served over 600 people. They are currently working to build St. Martin Deporres Special School for cerebral palsy children.

**SR. AGNES WAMUYU NGURE**  
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AOSK facilitates opportunities for sisters of different congregations to receive Strengthening Capacity of Religious Women in Early Childhood Development (SCORE ECD) trainings. Through this training, sisters have more access to further develop their technical and organizational capacities.
SR. VICTORIA MUTYSO
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AOSK seeks to increase the vitality of religious life through various grants and endeavors, including education and formation initiatives for sisters.

SR. MERCY KARIUKI
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AOSK operates the Tumaini Centre, where a variety of offices are housed and activities take place. A computer lab, the Justice & Peace Commission, SLDI trainings, the SCORE ECD office, and more are provided through the center.

SR. AGNES WAMUYU NGURE
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AOSK presents its mission, vision and income sources.

SR. MARY MAGDALENE KANINI
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The Association of Sisterhoods in Kenya- Justice and Peace Commission (AOSK-JPC) provides an overview of its Human Rights program, Sisters Initiative program, Gender & Development Department, and Environment Department. Important outcomes are also shared.

Malawi

SR. MARIA MERCEDES ARBESÚ SUAREZ
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The Widows Assistance program empowers widows through a feeding program and microfinance. Among the widows are grandparents with orphaned children under their care yet without any stable source of income.

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The Improved Nutrition for Children and Pregnant & Lactating Women and Positive Parenting project aims to improve nutrition for expectant and nursing mothers and children below 5. The project also provides workshops on positive parenting, engages in advocacy and has income generating activities.

SR. ELIZABETH NAMPHUNTHA
Special Needs Secondary School
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Bushop Auena Secondary School,
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The Sisters of the Blessed Virgin Mary feature three projects: a Special Needs Secondary School, the Bishop Auena Secondary School and Nyungwe Maternity Wing Construction. Through these projects the sisters support and educate students with special needs (specifically those with hearing impairments) and offer holistic education to girls. The maternity wing construction project was initiated as a resource to reduce maternal mortality rates.
SR. MARY KAUNDA
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At the Nkhamenya Secondary School the sisters work to empower girls with holistic education, training them toward self-sustainability. The girls engage in agricultural activities which include fish farming, poultry keeping and growing food crops. Additionally the school has an exchange program with a high school in Scotland.

SR. CLEMENTINA MKANDIRA
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The Self-Sustaining Services for Women and Young Children: Improving Physical and Intellectual Development project seeks to reduce maternal and neonatal death, and to improve nutrition for mothers and children. There is provision of early childhood education for children between the ages 2 to 5 and Early Childhood Development (ECD) centers have been established.

SR. RITA MBALULE
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The Alinafe Community Hospital provides health services as well as a community kitchen serving vulnerable families in the area. The hospital trains mothers and other community members on the preparation of nutritious food and works to curb malnutrition in children under five.

Nigeria

SR. AGATHA OSARENKHOE
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The sisters of the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus feature three projects: erecting a postulate house for formation and other community work; establishing a liturgical wear sewing center; and establishing a library at the congregation’s nursery and primary school.

SR. REGINA OKE
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At the Mary Queen of Angels Catholic Girls Secondary School, the sisters operate a girls rescue mission and encourage empowerment through education in Akure, Ondo State – Nigeria.

SR. ANGELA ABHULIMEN
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The Department of Health Service Provider (DHSP) is a faith-based organization in Benin City that utilizes collaboration to deliver health services focused on HIV/AIDS care and prevention, vulnerable children, malaria, and tuberculosis.

SR. FRANCISCA MADUBUKO
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Fullness of Life Counselling and Development Initiative (FULIFE) aims to assist people living in poverty and empower them with skills, education, microfinance, and other opportunities. The initiative serves a variety of populations, including trafficked persons, widows, children, young people and women.
SR. JOSEMARIA NONYE
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The Holy Family Hospital focuses on serving economically
disadvantaged and vulnerable individuals in the area. The hospital
has established a nurses’ training school and has received funding
for needed medical equipment, such as x-ray and ultrasound
machines.

SR. BIBIANA EMENEHA
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The Nigerian Conference of Women Religious’ Committee for the
Support and Dignity of Women supports and rehabilitates victims
of human trafficking, providing them with skill training, housing
and other resources to heal and create a new life.

SR. JUSTINA IJEOMA ELOM
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St. Helen’s Sewing Centre, Living Bread Bakery and Good Shepherd
Vocational School are three projects that manifested as a result of
the SLDI program. Through the projects, individuals who are living
in poverty are equipped with skills to earn an income.

SR. MARGARITA A. SHIRIMA
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The Grail Sisters operate a vulnerable girl’s hostel for young girls
who are rescued from early marriage. In addition, the sisters
operate the Endevesi pre-school and a water project to assist
pastoralist children in the local area.

SR. SCHOLASTICA MWEMBEZI
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SOLQA sisters operate 7 projects, which focus on range of ministries
including agriculture, clean water, health services, caring for
vulnerable children, nutrition, spiritual education and formation.

Uganda

SR. MARGARET KUBANZE
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The Twin Hostels project through the Association of Religious in
Uganda (ARU) involved the construction of the Bernardine Hostel,
which expands accommodation for courses for Religious and
generates funds for ARU activities.

Tanzania

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The Chapel Construction at Holistic Education Center is erecting
a new chapel for the sisters and the community where trainings,
workshops and sabbatical programs will take place.

SR. ANNA CHRISTINE KIZZA
Immaculate Heart of Mary Reparatrix
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The Cabana memorial center is an initiative created by the sisters
to consolidate funds for congregational self-reliance and to have a
venue for services to the local community. Among the enterprises
housed at this center are the Centenary Bank, a pharmacy, and
stationery shop.
SR. GERMINA KENEEMA
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ASEC facilitates leadership training through the Sisters Leadership Development Initiative (SLDI) and provides access to higher education through the Higher Education for Sisters in Africa (HESA) programs. The number of sisters served in Uganda and the program activities taking place in the country are shared.

SR. LILIAN BAITWAKAYE
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The HIV/AIDS Orphans and Vulnerable Children project empowers orphans and vulnerable children (including those who are HIV/AIDS affected) and their caretakers in the Mbarara Archdiocese. The project engages in capacity building; economic empowerment; psychosocial, spiritual, and health education; and increasing access to formal education. The project also implements HIV/AIDS prevention, care, counseling, and psychosocial support. Advocacy for children’s rights, the rights of those infected and affected by HIV/AIDS, and for legislation that protects these individuals is another facet of the project.

SR. LYDIA NAKAWUNDE
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The Mother Kevin Organic farm grows many crops and is home to a variety of livestock, providing increased food security and reduction in nutrition-related diseases. The farm also acts as an income generating project and skill development program through candle and soap-making initiatives. Environmental conservation is also practiced on the farm.

Zambia

SR. ANNA PHIRI
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The Zambia Association of Sisterhoods (ZAS) features 3 projects. The first project focuses on strengthening the institutional capacity and organization of ZAS. The second project seeks to popularize the Sustainable Development Goals through Justice and Peace and Integrity of Creation Committee. The third project is Strengthening Capacity of Women Religious in Early Childhood Development (SCORE-ECD).

SR. PRISCA MATENGA
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The Redeemer Primary School was constructed after the sister’s recognized a need for vulnerable children in the area to attend a school closer to their homes. Additionally, the sisters implemented a clean water project at the school.

SR. THERESE NYONI
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Home of Loreto Project for Vulnerable and Marginalized Women—Alcoholics, Divorced and Sex Workers works to rehabilitate, reintegrate and empower the marginalized/vulnerable women, to improve quality of life of the target group, to conduct economic and social formation training programs, and to promote behavioral change.
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OPENING LITURGY

October 17, 2016 – 5:00 pm

Celebrant
Rt. Rev. Maurice Muhatia
Bishop, Catholic Diocese of Nakuru and Chair, Catholic Education

ENTRANCE

Sing a new song unto the Lord;
Let your song be sung from mountains high.
Sing a new song unto the Lord,
Singing alleluia.

Yahweh’s people dance for joy.
O come before the Lord.
And play for him on glad tambourines,
And let your trumpet sound.

Rise, O children, from your sleep;
Your Savior now has come.
He has turned your sorrow to joy,
And filled your soul with song.

Glad my soul for I have seen
The glory of the Lord.
The trumpet sounds; the dead shall be raised.
I know my Savior lives.

KYRIE

O Lord have mercy x4
Jesus Christ have mercy x4
O Lord have mercy x4

FIRST READING

Reading 1: Ephesians 2:1-10

Brothers and sisters: You were dead in your transgressions and sins in which you once lived following the age of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the desires of our flesh, following the wishes of the flesh and the impulses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like the rest.

But God, who is rich in mercy, because of the great love he had for us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, brought us to life with Christ (by grace you have been saved), raised us up with him, and seated us with him in the heavens in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God; it is not from works, so no one may boast. For we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for good works that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them.

RESPONSORIAL

Psalm 100

All the earth proclaim the Lord,
all the earth sing your praise to God

Serve you the Lord, heart filled with glad-ness,
Come into His Presence singing for joy

Know that the Lord is our creator,
Yes, he is our Father; we are His own

We are the sheep of His green pasture,
For we are His people; He is our God

Enter His gates bringing thanksgiving,
O enter His courts while singing His praise

Our Lord is good, His love enduring,
His word is abiding now with us all
**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Good news today oh yes,
(good news today x2),
good news of Salvation

**OFFERTORY**

Take Our Bread
Take our bread, we ask you,
Take our hearts, we love you,
Take our lives, oh Father,
We are yours, we are yours.

Yours as we stand at the table you set,
Yours as we eat the bread our hearts can’t forget.
We are the signs of your life with us yet;
We are yours, we are yours.

Your holy people stand washed in your blood,
Spirit-filled, yet hungry, we await your food.
Poor though we are, we have brought ourselves to you;
We are yours, we are yours.

**SANCTUS**

Gaba mass

Holy Holy Holy Lord God of hosts
Heaven and earth
Heaven and earth are filled with your glory

Hosanna, Hosanna x2 in the highest x2

Blessed is he –
Blessed is he who comes in the Lords name
Hosanna…

**INTERCESSION**

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, tell my brother to share the inheritance with me.”

He replied to him, “Friend, who appointed me as your judge and arbitrator?” Then he said to the crowd, “Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one’s life does not consist of possessions.” Then he told them a parable. “There was a rich man whose land produced a bountiful harvest. He asked himself, ‘What shall I do, for I do not have space to store my harvest?’

And he said, ‘This is what I shall do: I shall tear down my barns and build larger ones. There I shall store all my grain and other goods and I shall say to myself, ‘Now as for you, you have so many good things stored up for many years, rest, eat, drink, be merry!’” But God said to him, ‘You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom they will belong?’ Thus will it be for the one who stores up treasure for himself but is not rich in what matters to God.”

**PROCLAMATION OF FAITH**

Lord – Lord by your Cross
And – and Resurrection
You have – you have set us free
You are the Savior of the world
**SIGN OF PEACE**

Tunaomba Amani  x2  
Tunaomba amani  x2  

Kwa Jina la Yesu tunaomba  
Kwa Jina la Yesu tunaomba  

Tunaomba furaha…  
Tunaomba upendo…  
Tunaomba Baraka…  
Tunaomba fadhili…  

**LAMB OF GOD**

O Lamb of God, you who take away  
The sins of the world, have mercy  
Have mercy on us x2  

O Lamb of God, you who take away  
The sins of the world,  
O grant us, O grant us peace.  

**COMMUNION**

Sweet Sacrament  

Jesus my Lord, my God, my all  
How can I love thee as I ought?  
And how revere this wondrous gift  
So far surpassing hope or thought?  

Sweet Sacrament, we Thee adore  
Oh make us love Thee more and more  
Oh make us love Thee more and more.  

Had I but Mary’s sinless heart,  
To love Thee with, my dearest King  
Oh, with what bursts of fervent praise  
Thy goodness Jesus, would I sing!  

Ah, see within a creature’s hand  
The vast Creator deigns to be.  
Reposing, infant-like, as though,  
On Joseph’s arms, on Mary’s knee.  

Thy body, soul, and God head, all  
O mystery of love divine  
I cannot compass all I have  
For all thou hast and art are mine  

Sound, sound His praises higher still  
And come, ye angels, to our aid  
‘Tis God, ‘tis God, the very God  
Whose power both man and angels made.
Soul of My Savior

Soul of my savior, sanctify my breast.
Body of Christ, be thou my saving guest.
Blood of my Saviour, bathe me in thy tide.
Wash me with waters, flowing from his side.

Strength and protection, may thy passion be.
Oh blessed Jesus, hear and answer me.
Deep in thy wounds Lord, hide and shelter me
So shall I never, never part from thee.

Guard and defend me, from the foe malign.
In death's dread moments, make me only thine.
Call me and bid me, come to thee on high.
Where I may praise thee, with thy saints for aye.

THANKSGIVING

Moyo Wangu Wamtukuza Bwana

Bass (Moyo)-Moyo wangu wamtukuza Bwana
Bass (Roho)- Roho yangu inafurahi

Hushusha wote wenye vyeo,
Kutoka vitini vya enzi,
Nao wote wanyenyekevu
Wote hao huwainua
Huwa shibisha wenyewe njaa,
Na matajiri huwaacha,
Waende mikono mitupu

Hulilinda taifa lake
Teule na mtumishi wake,
‘Kikumbuka huruma yake.

Kama alivyowahidia,
Babu zetu kawahidia,
Ibrahim na uzao wake.

Atukuzwe Baba na Mwana,
Naye Roho mtakatifu,
Leo kesho hata milele,
Kwa shangwe milele amina.

EXIT

Holy Virgin by God's decree, you were called eternally;
That He could give, His Son to our race, Mary we praise
you hail full of grace

REFRAIN: ave, ave, ave Maria

By our faith and loving accord,
as the handmaid of the Lord;
You undertook God's plan to embrace,
Mary we thank you hail full of grace

Refuge for your children so weak so weak,
sure protection all can seek;
Problems of life you help us to face,
Mary we trust you hail full of grace

To our needy world of today,
love and beauty you portray;
Showing the path to Christ we must trace, Mary our
mother hail full of grace
CLOSING LITURGY

October 18, 2016

Celebrant
Bishop Rodrigo Mejía Saldarriaga, S.J.
Vicar Apostolic Emeritus of Soddo
Titular Bishop of Vulturia

ENTRANCE
Enter, rejoice, and come in x2
Today will be a joyful day; enter, rejoice and come in.
Lift up your hearts to the Lord…
Open your hearts to all men…
Sing alleluia…

KYRIE
Bwana Bwana utuhurumie ee Bwana –
   Bwana (Bwana) Bwana, Bwana utuhurumie
Kristu Krsitu utuhurumie eeKrsitu –
   Kristu (Kristu) Krsitu utuhurumie
Bwana Bwana utuhurumie ee Bwana –
   Bwana (Bwana) Bwana, Bwana utuhurumie

GLORIA
Utukufu juu kwa Mungu, Utukufu juu Mbinguni
Na amani kote duniani, Kwa wenyè mapenzi mema
Tunakusifu tunakuheshimu,
   tunakuabudu tunakutukuza
Twakushukuru kwa ajili, ya utukufu wako mkuu
Ewe Mungu ndiye mfalme, wa mbinguni Baba mwenyezi
Ewe Bwana Yesu Kristu, wapekee mwana wa baba
Ewe Yesu mwana kondoo, wa Mungu mwana wa Baba
Ewe mwenye kuziondoa, dhambi zetu tuhurumie
Ewe mwenye kuziondoa, za dunia dhambi za watu
Ewe mwenye rehema nyingi, upokee maombi yetu
Uketiye kuume kwake, Mungu Baba tuhurumie
Kwa kuwa ndiye uliye, peke yako Mtakatifu
Peke yako ni wewe Bwana, peke yako Bwana mkuu
Peke yako ni mkombozi, peke yako Yesu Kristu
Naye Roho Mtakatifu, katika utukufu wake
Mungu mmoja anayeishi, na kutawala milele yote.
**FIRST READING**

2 Timothy 4:10-17b

Beloved: Demas, enamored of the present world, deserted me and went to Thessalonica, Crescens to Galatia, and Titus to Dalmatia. Luke is the only one with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is helpful to me in the ministry. I have sent Tychicus to Ephesus. When you come, bring the cloak I left with Carpus in Troas, the papyrus rolls, and especially the parchments. Alexander the coppersmith did me a great deal of harm; the Lord will repay him according to his deeds. You too be on guard against him, for he has strongly resisted our preaching. At my first defense no one appeared on my behalf, but everyone deserted me.

May it not be held against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the proclamation might be completed and all the Gentiles might hear it.

**RESPONSORIAL**

Psalm 145

RESPONSE: Your friends make known, O Lord, the glorious splendor of your Kingdom.

Let all your works give you thanks, O Lord, and let your faithful ones bless you. Let them discourse of the glory of your Kingdom and speak of your might.

R: Your friends make known, O Lord, the glorious splendor of your Kingdom.

Making known to men your might and the glorious splendor of your Kingdom. Your Kingdom is a Kingdom for all ages, and your dominion endures through all generations.

R: Your friends make known, O Lord, the glorious splendor of your Kingdom.

The Lord is just in all his ways and holy in all his works. The Lord is near to all who call upon him, to all who call upon him in truth.

R: Your friends make known, O Lord, the glorious splendor of your Kingdom.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Praise God alleluia, praise God amen x2 alleluia, alleluia, alleluia amen x2

**GOSPEL**


The Lord Jesus appointed seventy-two disciples whom he sent ahead of him in pairs to every town and place he intended to visit.

He said to them, “The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest.

Go on your way; behold, I am sending you like lambs among wolves. Carry no money bag, no sack, no sandals; and greet no one along the way. Into whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace to this household.’

If a peaceful person lives there, your peace will rest on him; but if not, it will return to you. Stay in the same house and eat and drink what is offered to you, for the laborer deserves payment. Do not move about from one house to another. Whatever town you enter and they welcome you, eat what is set before you, cure the sick in it and say to them, ‘The Kingdom of God is at hand for you.’

R: Your friends make known, O Lord, the glorious splendor of your Kingdom.
GENERAL INTERCESSION

RESPONSE: God our Father hear our prayer, 
hear us God the Son, 
Holy Spirit hear our prayer, mercy on your people Lord

OFFERTORY SONG

Utukuzwe ewe Baba Mungu utukuzwe – alleluia
Kwani Yesu mfufuka ametualika – alleluia

Utukuzwe – utukuzwe
Baba Muumba ulimwengu – aleyuya

God our father accept this gift of bread – alleluia
Which we offer as a sign of our love – alleluia

Accept oh Lord – accept oh Lord
This gift of bread and wine – alleluia.

Sanctus

Holy holy holy, Lord God Almighty
The Angels are singing hosanna in the highest x2

Heaven and earth – are filled with your glory
We sing with the Angels hosanna in the highest x2

Hosanna in the highest x2
We sing with the Angels hosanna in the highest x2

Blessed is He – who comes in the Lord’s Name
We sing with the Angels hosanna in the highest x2

PROCLAMATION OF FAITH

He is Lord x2 He is risen from the dead he is Lord
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess
That Jesus Christ is the Lord

SIGN OF PEACE

Peace is flowing like a river, flowing out to you and me –
Spreading out into the desert,
Setting all the captives free.
Love is flowing...
Grace is flowing...

Amani ya mungu kweli ni ya – ni ya ajabu x2

Yaweza kwenda mbele, yaweza kwenda nyuma
Yaweza kwenda juu, yaweza kwenda chini
Upande upande kwa mataifa yote

Upendo wa Mungu kweli niwa – niwa ajabu
Furaha ya Mungu kweli niya – niya ajabu
Baraka ya Mungu kweli niya – niya ajabu
**LAMB OF GOD**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world.  
Have mercy on us, merciful Lord x2  
have mercy on us x2

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world.  
O grant us peace, merciful Lord x2  
O grant us your peace

**COMMUNION SONGS**

My God loves me.  
His love will never end.  
He rests within my heart  
For my God loves me.

His gentle hand  
He stretches over me.  
Though storm-clouds threaten the day  
He will set me free.

He comes to me  
In sharing bread and wine.  
He brings me life that will reach  
Past the end of time.

My God loves me,  
His faithful love endures.  
And I will live like a child  
Held in love secure.

The joys of love  
As offerings now we bring.  
The pains of love will be lost  
In the praise we sing.

**Let Your Living Waters**

Let your living water flow over my soul,  
Let your Holy Spirit come and take control,  
of every situation that has troubled my mind,  
All my cares and burdens on to you I roll.

Jesus – Jesus, Jesus, Jesus  
Abba Father – Father, Father, Father  
Holy Spirit – Spirit, Spirit, Spirit

Give your life to Jesus, let Him fill your soul,  
Let Him take you in His arms and make you whole,  
As you give your life to Him, He'll set you free,  
You will live and reign with Him eternally.

Come now Holy Spirit and take control,  
Hold me in your loving arms and make me whole,  
Wipe away all doubt and fear and take my pride,  
Draw me to your love and keep me by your side.
Christ Be Beside Me

Christ be beside me, Christ be before me,
Christ be behind me, King of my heart.
Christ be within me, Christ be below me,
Christ be above me, never to part.

Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand,
Christ all around me, shield in the strife.
Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting,
Christ in my rising, light of my heart.

Christ be in all hearts thinking about me,
Christ be on all tongues telling of me.
Christ be the vision in eyes that see me,
In ears that hear me Christ ever be.

What A Friend We Have in Jesus

What a friend we have in Jesus
All our sins and griefs to bear
And what a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer

Oh, what peace we often forfeit
Oh, what needless pain we bear
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged
Take it to the Lord in prayer

Can we find a friend so faithful?
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness
Take it to the Lord in prayer

Are we weak and heavy laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Do your friends despise, forsake you?
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he’ll take and shield you;
You will find a solace there.

THANKSGIVING

Bwana nakushukuru asante x2
Pendo lako kwangu kubwa sana x2

Umenilisha mwili wako na damu yako
(Bwana) ili ni nipate uzima wa milele
(Ewe) Bwana nakushukuru asante
Nitakulipa nini mimi Mwakozi wangu,
kwa mema yote ambayo wanjalia
Bwana nakushukuru asante

Bwana nakushukuru asante x2
Kwani umenilisha mwilio x2

Bwana nakushukuru asante x2
Kwani umeninywesha na damuyo x2

EXIT

Papal Anthem (DO NOT BE AFRAID)
Simama imara katika Imani x2
Usiogope, usiogope, usiogope tulia katika maombi
(do not be afraid x2 do not be afraid
Stand strong in faith)
Watesi wako wanapokuzunguka,
moyo wako usiwe na hofu
Umtumaini Mwokozi Yesu, ewe mteule

Hata shetani abishe kwako mpenzi,
moyo wako usiwe na hofu
Umtumaini Mwokozi Yesu, ewe mteule

Uwapo kwenye giza totoro, moyo wako usiwe na hofu
Umtumaini Mwokozi Yesu, ewe mteule
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Secretary General AMECEA

ENTRANCE

What a joyful day
What a joyful day –
Joyful day what a joyful day,
We dance to the Lord x2

Before the Father – sing alleluia
Creator of all –
Before the Father –
Praising the Father –

Jesus is with us –
Mary is with us –
Francis is with us –
Clare is with us –

Angels are with us –
Praising the Father –
The saints are with us –
Praising the Father –

All creatures of God –
Sisters and brothers –
We people of God –
Praising the Father –

FIRST READING

1 Ephesians 3:2-12

Brothers and sisters: You have heard of the stewardship of God’s grace that was given to me for your benefit, namely, that the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly earlier. When you read this you can understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, which was not made known to human beings in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy Apostles and prophets by the Spirit, that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same Body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the Gospel. Of this I became a minister by the gift of God’s grace that was granted me in accord with the exercise of his power. To me, the very least of all the holy ones, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the inscrutable riches of Christ, and to bring to light for all what is the plan of the mystery hidden from ages past in God who created all things, so that the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known through the Church to the principalities and authorities in the heavens. This was according to the eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have boldness of speech and confidence of access through faith in him.

RESPONSORIAL

Psalm Isaiah 12: 2-3

RESPONSE: You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

God indeed is my savior;
I am confident and unafraid. My strength and my courage is the Lord, and he has been my savior. With joy you will draw water at the fountain of salvation.

R: You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.
Give thanks to the LORD, acclaim his name; among the nations make known his deeds, proclaim how exalted is his name.
R: You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

Sing praise to the LORD for his glorious achievement; let this be known throughout all the earth.
Shout with exultation, O city of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel!
R: You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia.
Stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come.
Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL


Jesus said to his disciples: “Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour when the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.” Then Peter said, “Lord, is this parable meant for us or for everyone?” And the Lord replied, “Who, then, is the faithful and prudent steward whom the master will put in charge of his servants to distribute the food allowance at the proper time? Blessed is that servant whom his master on arrival finds doing so. Truly, I say to you, he will put him in charge of all his property. But if that servant says to himself, ‘My master is delayed in coming,’ and begins to beat the menservants and the maidservants, to eat and drink and get drunk, then that servant’s master will come on an unexpected day and at an unknown hour and will punish the servant severely and assign him a place with the unfaithful. That servant who knew his master’s will but did not make preparations nor act in accord with his will shall be beaten severely; and the servant who was ignorant of his master’s will but acted in a way deserving of a severe beating shall be beaten only lightly. Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more.”

OFFERTORY

All our joys Lord take and bless,
All our sorrows Lord take and bless,
All our lives Lord take and bless,
O Lord come and bless

Bless the poor Lord, bless the poor,
Heal the sick Lord heal the sick,
Free the suffering Lord free them all,
O Lord free them all

Feed the hungry Lord feed them all,
Help the lonely Lord help them all,
Feed the hungry Lord feed them all,
O Lord feed them all

Give us peace Lord give us peace
Teach us love Lord teach us love,
In your love Lord make us one,
O Lord make us one

SANCTUS

Gaba mass

Holy Holy – Holy Lord God of hosts
Heaven and earth –
Heaven and earth are filled with your glory

Ho-sa-na – Hosa-na x2 in the highest x2

Blessed is he –
Blessed is he who comes in the Lords name
**PROCLAMATION OF FAITH**

Keep in mind that Jesus Christ has died for us, and is risen from the dead; He is our saving Lord, He is Lord for all ages.

**COMMUNION**

Roho yangu Yesu inakutamani njoo kwangu
Yesu unipe heri x2

Nakupenda kwani wewe mwema, uniimarishe siku zote
Uje kwangu Yesu nakungoja, kwani wewe u rafiki mkuu
Maumbo ya mkate na divai, umo ndani kweli nasadiki
Na uzidi Yesu kuwa nami, unipe uzima wa milele

My God loves me

My God loves me.
His love will never end.
He rests within my heart
For my God loves me.

Sweet Sacrament divine

Sweet Sacrament divine,
Hid in thine earthly home;
Lo! round thy lowly shrine,
With suppliant hearts we come;
Jesus, to thee our voice we raise
In songs of love and heartfelt praise
Sweet Sacrament divine.

Sweet Sacrament of peace,
Dear home of every heart,
Where restless yearnings cease,
And sorrows all depart.
There in thine ear, all trustfully,
We tell our tale of misery,
Sweet Sacrament of peace.

Sweet Sacrament of rest,
Ark from the ocean’s roar,
Within thy shelter blest
Soon may we reach the shore;
Save us, for still the tempest raves,
Save, lest we sink beneath the waves:
Sweet Sacrament of rest.

Sweet Sacrament divine,
Earth’s light and jubilee,
In thy far depths doth shine
The Godhead’s majesty;
Sweet light, so shine on us, we pray
That earthly joys may fade away:
Sweet Sacrament divine.
COMMISSIONING

Lighting of candles

Wake up my people, wake up give a shout
Wake up my people know what life’s about and,
Wake up to the needs of all the ones who suffer sorrow,
wake up!
Promise now to do your best to change tomorrow,
Wake up my people, and open every door, wake up!
Its time now; Love my people ever more

All across the nation people are waiting
Hungry people starving, waiting hopefully
Wake up to my people; share your table with them;
As often as you do these things, you do the same for me.

Living in our cities, people are waiting
People are lonely waiting hopefully
Wake up to my people; listen to their story;
As often as you do these things, you do the same for me.

Even in our families people are waiting
Someone might be crying waiting hopefully
Wake up to my people! dry their tears of sorrow;
As often as you do these things, you do the same for me.

While holding the candles — before commissioning:

Salve, Regina, mater misericordiae:
Vita, dulcedo, et spes nostra, salve.
Ad te clamamus, exsules, filii Hevae.
Ad te suspiramus, gementes et flentes
in hac lacrimarum valle.
Eia ergo, Advocata nostra,
illos tuos misericordes oculos
ad nos converte.
Et iesum, benedictum fructum ventris tui,
nobis, post hoc exsilium ostende.
O clemens: O pia: O dulcis
Virgo Maria.

After commissioning:

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard My people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin,
My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord, Is it I Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my peoples pain.
I have wept for love of them, they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak My word to them,
Whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them,
My hand will save
Finest bread I will provide,
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give My life to them,
Whom shall I send?
Stand Together

Stand together for what you believe
Work for what must be done
Love each other in all that you do
Till all my people are one
Spread the peace my people,
Spread it everywhere,
Make the world know right from wrong,
Help the world to care

Cry out the sound of freedom,
Make every sound be heard,
People crying painfully,
Hear their every work.

Open your hearts my people,
Lend a willing hand,
Show the lonely and the poor,
That God is in our land.

Sing out the joy of living,
Sing your song on high,
The truth of man is that he,
Was born to live not die

How Many Times

How many times must my people exist.
Before they know they are one
How many times their blood must be shed
Before they know that it’s mine
How many times must you break my bread.
Before you give me to eat

The answer my friend, is living in us all
The answer is living in us all

How many times must the sick look up.
And find there’s no one to care
How many times must I stumble and fall
Before you offer your hand
How many times must I reach through these bars.
Before you give me the keys

How many times a curtain must be drawn
Before you know I’m behind
How many times must I wander alone.
Before you call me a friend
Where you are gathered there in my name
I am there in your midst
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