

WHEN A GIRL IS TAUGHT, EVERYONE LEARNS!

A Mission Team St. Louis Benefit Event

Sunday, September 18, 2022

ST. ANTHONY ORTHODOX GIRLS SECONDARY SCHOOL UPDATES

We appreciate your interest and participation in this special fundraiser. The money raised will go to Saint Anthony Orthodox Girls Secondary School, the only all girls school located at the Diocese Center in Nyeri, Kenya. Recently, Saint Anthony finished construction on the ground level and level one of its dormitory. Now it is in dire need of funds to build the dorm's second level and roof and to fabricate beds for the second level. Our goal for the "Raise the Roof" project is to raise \$10,000.

Traditionally, girls in rural Kenya don't finish high school but instead work on the family farm and care for family members. Many of them have never seen running water in their villages. They are from diverse cultures and tribes and speak different languages. When they attend Saint Anthony Orthodox Girls Secondary School, they study English and learn about Orthodoxy for the first time. They are dedicated students and deeply grateful to receive a quality education. Word of how good the school is has spread, and each year more students apply. His Grace Bishop Neofitos has said, "Every time a girl asks to enroll, I can't turn them away... they're like young saints!"

The school has overcome many setbacks and has grown from 30 to 135 students. Just when it began to flourish, the pandemic hit the school hard. It shut down in 2020, and the girls had to return home. The plans to expand classrooms and build a laboratory were stalled and changed many times because the Kenyan government added new regulations and Covid restrictions. The school's reopening was delayed until additional dorm rooms were added to accommodate social distancing. This diverted money from other building projects. However, Bishop Neofitos along with the staff and students are determined to meet every challenge and reach every goal.

Providing a quality education to the girls not only benefits their well-being and long term safety, but it improves their ability to care for their families and contribute to the community. Your support will make a tremendous difference in the students' lives at Saint Anthony Orthodox Girls Secondary School.

<http://secure.ocmc.org/PrayGiveGo-STL>

Registration deadline for this event is September 8!

To get more information, contact us at
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We are deeply grateful for your prayers and support. Please help us spread the word about Saint Anthony Orthodox Girls Secondary School.