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- To cover the expenses of educating and training the lay ministers in the Diocese of Meru.
- To provide clean water through construction of boreholes/water fountains.
- To train more counselors.
- To organize and facilitate justice and peace conferences .
- To promote the evangelization through small Christian communities office.

Do You think God is calling you to share?

To become a blessing to others?

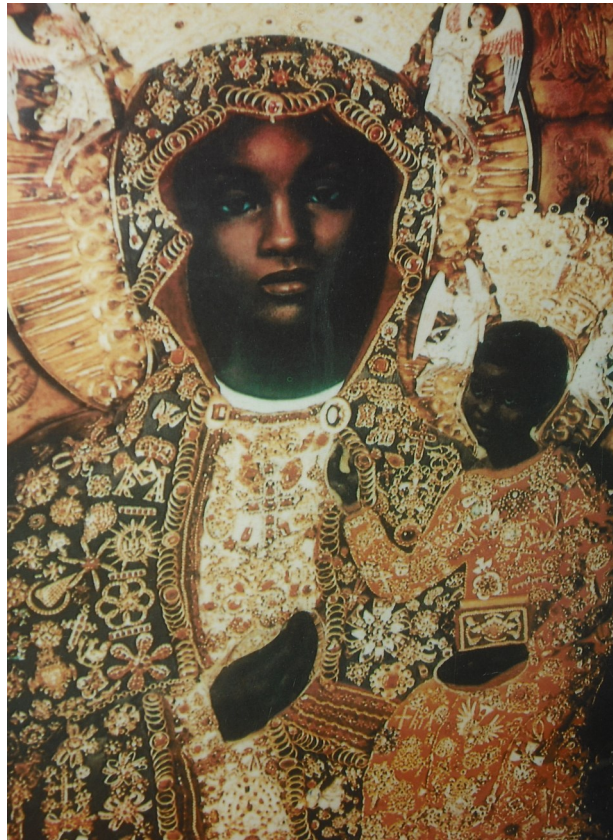
A gift?

A volunteer in the ministry of small Christian communities?



Search for water.

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CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF MERU-KENYA
Small Christian communities (SCCs)

Parish Based Groups in Meru



Small Christian communities

What are small Christian communities?

They are parish based groups of 5-8 families from the neighbourhood who meet on weekly basis to pray, listen to the word of God and respond to their Christian calling to become a gift and a blessing to the other through spiritual, social, economic and psychological support.

Is a pastoral strategy in the catholic Diocese of Meru to respond to the pastoral concerns of the faithful and for the Christian bonding. Small Christian communities are modeled on the church as a communion or as the family of God. They are instruments and outlets of evangelization in Meru Diocese and Eastern Africa.

Every scc is connected with the juridical parish under the pastor.

The parish leaders in the Catholic Diocese of Meru are elected from the small Christian communities and this enables the lay to be part of decision making hence promoting participatory leadership in the parishes.

In their weekly meetings they pray ,listen to the Word of God and share life experiences in the spirit of the Gospel.

Why are sccs important in Meru Diocese?

Meru diocese is a vast diocese and it has a hot climatic conditions which do not favor adequate rainfall in large areas. Other areas are miraa khat growing and many children and young adults have no access to water, education and medicine.. To promote evangelization through social activities the Diocese uses the strategy of sccs to reach a wide population, of single mothers, sick children, homeless and provision of clean water.

Notion of Sharing.

This notion is close to African Christianity and a basic one to an authentic African Christian. Sharing is very important for the spiritual life of the African faithful and expresses itself in sharing Word of God. Joys and sorrows, but also refers to material aspect.



Sccs are the true expression of this sharing and an attempt to get down to the very place where people live and know one another, love, suffer work and die. They are places where God truly is God-with us (Immanuel) and they make the church of Meru become effectively present to the faithful in their daily life experiences.

Organization of sccs:

Every parish has several groups effectively organized by the pastor.

At the Diocesan level fr. Lawrence Murori is the Coordinator appointed by the bishop to oversee the activities of sccs which are:

-organize the training of lay ministers for pastoral priority and leadership.

-Facilitate the construction of boreholes/water fountains.

-Construction of sccs ministry center in the Diocese.

-Organise workshops and seminars.

-Planning and promotion of counseling to affected families and individuals.

-Outsource donor funding partnerships.

-Organise justice and peace conferences for the laity.

The ministry of sccs depends on 30% annual Christians contributions, donors and volunteers.

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