

Sherry Notes

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Dear Family and Friends,

Happy Easter! The risen Jesus Christ is now and forever the Good News!

Currently there are no covid cases in any of the hospitals in Uganda. The re-opened schools continue to struggle to catch up with the two-year closure, but they have not faced covid outbreaks so far. Because the threat of covid seems to be decreasing, we celebrated the Easter Triduum in our little parish—St. Martha in Katrini—without restrictions. I found it very prayerful. We are all grateful to be together again.

On Easter Sunday we had lunch with the Comboni Sisters nearby—they are good cooks! I provided Easter cookies and chocolate fudge. I also prepared



My house-helper Agnes and my friend Asa



colored Easter eggs with many helping hands: 330 eggs were dyed in record time, and we all had great fun with the missionary kids here in Arua. I used the dyed eggs for gifts to the Comboni Missionaries and Fr. Charles' missionary community but the bulk of them were given to the staff. The tradition of dyeing eggs is





Holy Thursday liturgy at St. Martha Parish, Katrini

catching on here; some of the mothers who work at the radio dyed eggs with their children.

At Radio Pacis the staff continue to do a great job managing four frequencies that broadcast 24 hours a day, 7 days a week....that's 96 hours of unique programming generated every day by Radio Pacis! Unfortunately, at our Arua facility (90.9 FM and 94.5 FM) a virus has infected one of our servers. The IT technicians have been working overtime since Holy Week to find the source of the infection and to repair it. They are not yet fully successful but have isolated some problems and cleaned the system. For our journalists who rely on software for their broadcasts it has been a major challenge. But the staff has pulled together and as a team they struggle to present professional shows and news bulletins.

At St. Martha Parish, the new facility—the Parish Learning Centre—is fully operational with courses and meetings for the parish, for the deanery and even the local government. We are particularly excited to offer a 5-week course in June to teach some catechetical programs that use an adult-learning methodology developed by the Catholic Bishops of South Africa. The materials we adapted from them for Arua Diocese were a major part of our work when we worked in the diocesan pastoral coordinator's office. This is the first time in many years that this LUMKO course will be offered in Arua

Diocese and the first time at a parish. The 40 expected participants will be from St. Martha Parish and several neighboring parishes. Also for the first time, the course will be taught in Lögbara, the vernacular language of our deanery. When Fr. Jim Farrell first came to visit us in Arua, he participated in this month-long course at the Christus Centre.

Speaking of Fr. Jim Farrell....Fr. Jim has graciously offered to revive an old Indianapolis tradition this summer. A great storyteller, Fr. Jim initiated some evenings at Fatima Retreat House and at some parishes throughout the years of my missionary life. As he has visited Uganda on three different occasions, he helped me describe my missionary experiences and raise some funds for the work. If you remember these evenings or if you think you might be interested, save these dates: Monday, June 27 at Fatima Retreat House and Thursday, June 30 at Nativity Parish Life Center.

Each evening will have the same program; we are offering it twice to make it more convenient for people in all parts of Indianapolis.

The Archdiocese of Indianapolis has granted me two mission appeals this summer. Fr. Tonino and I will be at all the Masses at St. Roch Parish the weekend of July 9/10. We will be at all the Masses at



Infant baptism on Easter Sunday morning at St. Martha Parish, Katrini



Married couples of Katrini Parish participants in a course on "Better Parenting" at the Parish Learning Centre

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish the following weekend July 16/17.

I hope to see many of you through these events and these mission appeals. I am grateful to those who are organizing these events and offering these facilities. I have been serving Arua Diocese since 1991. Many things have changed: not only in Uganda, but even more so in me! I look forward to sharing with you and hearing your stories as well.

Fr. Tonino will travel with me to the USA in mid-June for all these events before he goes to Italy for time with his family. I will remain in Indianapolis until mid-August.

We thank you for your continuing prayers and support. We are so grateful. May God bless us all.

Please join us in these prayer points.

Humbly ask:

- For an end to the destruction and violence in Ukraine and other parts of the world.
- For the healing of broken families.
- For safe travel this summer for Fr. Tonino and myself.

Give praise and thanks for:

- God's providence in all times and all seasons, especially our successors at Radio Pacis.
- For donors who support ministries such as Radio Pacis and St. Martha Parish, Katrini.
- For new vocations to lay ministry in St. Martha Parish, Katrini.

Our prayers unite us!

Sherry



1999: Fr. Jim Farrell at the home of Pyerina, one of our Arua friends, with her daughter Pamela and son Tonino Henry.

Fr. Jim Farrell in my home with one of our Arua friends, Diana



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30 Years in Uganda

An Evening of Stories and Blessings with

Sherry Meyer

Also featuring **Fr. Tonino Pasolini** and **Fr. Jim Farrell**

Music by **Charlie Gardner** and Friends



Two locations:

Monday, June 27 at Fatima Retreat House

5353 E. 56th St. Indianapolis, IN 46226

Thursday, June 30 at Nativity Parish Center

7225 Southeastern Ave. Indianapolis, IN 46239

6:00-7:00 Meet and Greet

7:00-8:00 Prayer, Song, and Stories

8:00-9:00 Questions and Conversations



Handmade crafts and gifts

from Uganda available for purchase

Please join us for this special evening!