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Holy Cross Parish
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Savior of the World

family

With Love and Prayer

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Annual Dinner & Auction

Saturday, November 8

6-10 PM

St. Mary's Hildebrand Hall

Griffith, IN 46319

Tickets: \$30 per person

\$50 couple

International dinner by world famous sous-chef, Greg Kouris

Come and have a great time and a great dinner

We need your help!

We need donations of items for the auction.

Dearest Family,

I greets you in the name of our Lord Jesus. It's also my delight to ask Mary our mother to intercede for my country as a whole.

The Ebola saga has been threatening our security as a country and has also lost the confidence one should have. This is because the word Ebola, is the sound of sickness, abandonment, rejection and possible death and for this reason all mortals should fear this word and try as hard as possible to stay afar from victims. Though I have never seen a victim of Ebola none of my family, workers, friends or children has ever contacted Ebola but yet we too have constant fear and observe all the preventives method to stay alive. We pray especially to Jesus and to Mary our mother.

I would be very delighted to visit and see you all from September through November. This was my plan and Its my greatest pleasure to be with you once again in every two years its an opportunity to get feedback and to share your love. I supposed to join you all for fundraising this year, I booked my ticket in July but now I don't deem it fit because I will not abandoned my children at this very critical just to join fundraising. I strongly think that God wants me to stay this time with my children. With all humility, I ask for an excuse this time as I am planing to visit in January, God willing.

Presently the whole country is on the alert as no one wants to die with Ebola but all offices are open, everything is going on smoothly no cause to complain. My elder sister is a nurse at the Ola

During Hospital but yet she said she has not seen an Ebola patient. The country is peaceful as a whole but people avoid conjested places, like markets, public transport just to avoid body contact.

Though there is a region at a distance from us called Kenema that is going through most of the ebola crisis, we thank God has kept us safe, for my children, workers and family from this deadly virus. The virus was first found in Guinea in a town called Kissidougou in May this year and in June the virus was detected in Kenema in a town called Kainlahun in the eastern part of the country. As it stands now the virus is spreading in the east very quickly. I thank God we do not live in the east.

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Among the most vulnerable in the regions of Africa where ebola can be found are the medical practitioners: in the east they have a statistics of about 30% medical nurses that have died from the virus and 2 medical doctors also have died from the virus. The Sierra Leonean government had decided to quarantine the eastern provinces for 1 month: no one enters or leaves. And there was a station again at the airport to check people leaving the country, but now all flight are suspended.

This has make movement very restricted as presently we have no vehicle in the home though there is no quarantine where we are. The government is being extremely careful so officials have even reduced the numbers of passengers per vehicle. When you work around the city you see people who are safe wearing gloves and putting on long sleeve dresses just to protect themselves from body contact.

Because people are afraid of catching the virus, they are very much afraid to take their

sick ones to the hospital for treatment for the fear that when they touch them they might catch the virus and this has caused innocent people to die and when medical results comes out they are negative. As a whole only God can deliver our land from this deadly disease and I strongly believe that by 'his will' we are healed

I know the money is critical low now and I beg you to help us, even though I cannot be with you.

In Jesus's name

Louisa

My Child, My Child

Dear Louisa, children, and all the members of the Savior of the World Family,

May the Peace of Jesus Christ be with you now and always!

In the evening of the Last Supper, precisely at the moment when Jesus felt in his heart a painful longing, an ardent desire to give to his closest friends the most precious

gift he could possibly give them, he chose to open his heart and soul and show them how much he loved them. He did not show his love by promising them a life of fun and pleasure, or a life filled with all the things that money can buy, or a life without pain, without sickness, without injury, or without suffering of any kind.

He did not show them his love by assuring them that they would always be able to do what they wanted to do. Some people suppose Jesus to be like a school counselor. There may be school counselors who ask their students, "What exactly do you want to get out of life? What do you want to be when you

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My Child, My Child

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grow up? What do you want to do when you finish high school or college?” Jesus never asked those questions.

Jesus would never allow a child, a teenager or an adult to become a slave of his or her self-centered desires; he would never allow a child, teenager, or adult to entertain the thought that living according to one’s own carefully chosen priorities – choosing one’s career, choosing one’s place to live, choosing one’s life style, having money and nice things – is the recipe for true and lasting joy.

Jesus would never say: “I just want you to feel happy: if it feels right for you to travel every weekend, drink with your buddies, and maybe engage in some harmless sensuality according to the sexual lifestyle you have chosen for yourself... if this feels good, then do it.”

Indeed these questions are the temptations that the evil spirit likes to plant in the minds and hearts of people, both

young and old. I can think that I am just doing what feels right when I give in to my wish for quick happiness, and then wake up to the frightening thought that I am addicted to a life of pleasure and self-satisfaction.

At the Last Supper, when Jesus showed his friends how much he loved them, he gave them the gift of His Body and Blood. He gave them his Heart in the Eucharist. As their Eucharistic Lord, He wished to be their way for finding happiness.

Louisa tells us of what happened to one of her children, Henrietta.

Soon after her conception in her mother’s womb, the baby’s father showed serious signs that this little girl was not precious to him.

During the time when Louisa was visiting abortion clinics to convince women not to abort their children, she met the baby’s pregnant mother who had received from her child’s father just the right amount of money necessary to abort their child. Because the

mother really had no desire in her heart to abort the child, she simply took the money and ran away.

Louisa at this time enjoyed the reputation of someone who helped pregnant women who found themselves in stress-provoking situations, so the woman accepted Louisa’s invitation to stay with her at Savior of the World until her daughter’s birth. It was at the time of the little girl’s birth that her mama decided to give the child to Louisa. The name the mother gave to the little girl was Henrietta.

Years passed – five years to be exact. Both Henrietta’s mama and papa matured with the passage of time and so they fell in love with each other – again. The time was now ripe for Henrietta’s mama to say to her papa, “Honey, I have a bit of news for you. You have a lovely daughter.” This did not please the man. He remembered that he had given her the money to procure the abortion. Louisa received a frantic phone call from Henrietta’s mother saying that

the father was demanding to see his child. The father seemed terribly angry. Louisa knew she could not refuse his demand even though she was frightened at the thought that Henrietta’s father might do serious harm to his own daughter.

The father came to Savior of the World and again demanded to see his child. Louisa – expecting the worst – brought her to him. Louisa tells us what happened next: when he finally laid his eyes upon his daughter, the man fell to his knees weeping and cried out, “My child! My child!” His whole demeanor changed. He was a new man: he suddenly loved his child and saw how precious Henrietta was to him as his very own five-year-old daughter.

You are precious to Jesus: he loves you so much that he wants to give you the joy that lasts forever. Are you willing to give up your priorities so that you can accept Jesus’ priorities for your life?

Father Umuhozanimana



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Serving Jesus in the suffering child

These speaking dates were set up before Louisa decided not to come. Three of the children who grew up in Savior of the World home were adopted by George and Rosanne Kouris last year. They will be speaking in Louisa's place. Come and meet them and offer your support!

Speaking Dates (at Masses):

St. Edward, Lowell

Sept. 20 & 21

St. Joseph, La Porte

Oct. 11 & 12

St. Mary, Otis & Sacred Heart, Wanatah

Oct 25 & 26

Fundraisers:

Sausage on a Stick

Buckley Farm, Lowell

Oct 11 & 12

Auction and Dinner

St. Mary Hall, Griffith

November 8

Questions and Answers about Ebola

1. *Are the children of Savior of the World in any danger?*

A. At this time there are no cases of ebola in Waterloo where the home is. A few cases have been reported in Freetown, the capital city, about 20 miles away, but those have been people who contracted the disease at other places. It is not spreading in Freetown.

2. *What is the government doing?*

A. The government of Sierra Leone recognizes the dangers and has quarantined the areas where the disease is spreading. In other parts of the country, like where Louisa lives, travel is restricted, and people are urged to wash frequently with bleach water (which kills the virus).

3. *What else is being done?*

A. All flights out of Sierra Leone have been suspended. No travel is allow out of the country

4. *What are the symptoms?*

A. Typically, symptoms appear 8-10 days after exposure to the virus, but the incubation period can span two to 21 days. Symptoms of Ebola include: weakness, fever, aches, diarrhea, vomiting and stomach pain, starting off with fever and weakness in the first weeks and progressing to more serious symptoms.

5. *How is the virus transmitted?*

A. The virus is not transmitted through the air. Humans can be infected by other humans if they come in contact with body fluids from an infected person or contaminated objects from infected persons.

6. *How does this affect Savior of the World?*

A Louisa's visits and talks are the major way she raises money for her children. At this time, we are down to our last dollars and it is was critical that Louisa should come to tell her story. Not only is money needed to maintain the home, but with the ebola crisis, food prices could skyrocket as businesses close down and those with money are fleeing the country. The WHO fears hunger and starvation may soon follow.

8. *What can I do to help?*

A. Please be generous! Please pray and do penance. Please support our fundraisers and pass the flyers and information along to others who might like to help. Offer to host a free Taste of Africa dinner. This is a desperate time.