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My dearest family,

I greet you all in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. It's with great delight as I bring you news from Africa. First, I want to thank you all for the assistance you rendered out in repairing our roof. We are in the rainy season, but with your help, we were able to fix the roof before the rains started this year.

As the people worldwide are experiencing the trauma of the 2020 pandemic, other places have started experiencing peace and stability while we are now experiencing rising numbers. The Government is not doing much to remedy the situation. It's like the fathers eat the sour grapes and we the children surfers for it. It is difficult, yet we believe that every bit will fall in place with our mother Mary's help. And at the end of the day, we will continue with praise as we sing IT IS WELL. Prayers have always seen us

through, and with everything, we still have peace, love, and waiting for our Lord to end these difficult times. Things are getting complicated by the day, but we have one assurance that our help comes from the Lord that made the heavens and the earth, and we know he will neither leave us nor forsake us.

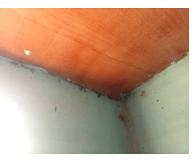
We also want to thank you all for your support towards the 2020 to 2021 school year. This academic year is full of so many surprises and a thousand changes and hidden efforts, but with your help and support, you were able to make it possible for a successful school year.

All our children have taken their final exams, but because of the threemonth curfews that the Government gives, there is not much going on. Results have not yet come out though we are praying for the best. This year we have six chil-

dren that will be moving to senior high school and high school. Kadiatu, my sister and co-director in the home, is doing very well in her studies. She is now in year 2 in college. She gives a good example to the children of hard work.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you and your entire family for all the love and supports you have been given to the poorest of poor may God continue to guide and protect you in all you do.

With love and prayer,
Louisa and
Children



Finished!

Who Among You Are Christians?

Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Savior of the World Family,

May the Peace of our Lord Jesus be with you, now and always!

Recently the Church celebrated one of the most important Catholic feasts that anyone can celebrate in our present-day milieu of social confusion.

St. Charles Lwanga and his companions (June 3) suffered a martyr's death with a brutality that could only come from an anger that was burning up the heart of their king and master, Kabaka Mwanga. Why had his anger reached the point of an uncontrollable force propelling him into the brutality that matches that of an abortionist?

The fuel of his anger was the resistance of young Catholic men and boys to his homosexual overtures. From what we know Kabaka Mwanga was not necessarily homosexual, but he definitely had given himself to a lifestyle of sensuality. Indeed it seems to be commonplace among those who refer to themselves as homosexual or bisexual to be really victims of a physical/ emotional sensuality that deceptively leaves the partners with the idea that they are "feeling love".

Mwanga had just returned from an exhausting hunting exhibition. He was looking to relieve himself of the pressures and impulses of sensuality. When to his surprise he found none of his court workers waiting for him he immediately inquired about what was going on. Those who had been observing the Catholic young men knew where they were: they were gathered together for bible readings and catechism lessons.

Kabaka Mwanga sent for one hoping that the young man would admit his mistake. The man's name was Denis Ssebuggwawo. Kabaka Mwanga asked him, "Where have you been? Did you not know that I was waiting for you?" Dennis said without hesitation – and without fear of the anger that he knew Mwanga would unleash -"Your majesty, I have been teaching the ways of Jesus Christ to my companions."

The Mwanga immediately picked up a spear he had been using to hunt wild animals and thrust it into Dennis' heart. Dennis died almost immediately in a way that starkly resembled the moment when Jesus' chest lay open with blood and water pouring out. Denis' death was the consequence of a spear thrust, yes, but also the conse-

quence of a young man's courage to say, "No", to a man who wanted a relationship with him that could not be categorized as morally pure.

It only took a couple of days for Kabaka Mwanga to discover that any of his court workers who were Christian were going to say, "No," to sexual advances. The next time he assembled them together, therefore, he said nothing about homosexuality or love partnerships. He simply said, "Who among you are Christian?" Amazingly even young men who had not vet been baptized raised their hands and claimed to be Christian. All of them knew the implications of affirming their allegiance to Jesus Christ: they would suffer a brutal death at their tender, young age.

The night before the executions the king made sure that none of the candidates for martyrdom would sleep. They played about 19 very sizable drums all during the night. Since everyone was awake, St. Charles Lwanga, a young lay person, took the opportunity to use his own drinking water to baptize four of his companions, including St. Kizito, just thirteen years old.

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when the Feast of the African martyrs comes very close to the Solemnity of the Body of Christ (Corpus Christi). This year, 2021, is one of those years. We celebrated the African martyrs on Thursday, June 3rd, and then the Body of Christ on Sunday, June 6th. In the year 1988, I was ordained a priest on the Feast of the African Martyrs. Since before God, there are no coincidences, I am convinced that Jesus, really present with us in the Eucharist, wants us to pay attention to his presence in the heart of those who offer their lives as a pure and generous sacrifice. When others are ready to assail the purity and scorn the generosity of the persons surrendering themselves in sacrifice to the ever-gracious will of God, Jesus is sending a message to all of us.

And what is that message?

The message, my brothers and sisters, is that the ways of love must pass through the virtues of purity and generosity. Purity and generosity breed courage. Courage opens the heart to the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit: (1) wisdom, so that we may be peacemakers and so receive the blessing of a new identity as God's children; (2) un-

derstanding, so that we may be pure of heart and receive the blessing of seeing God; (3) counsel. so that we may be merciful and so receive the blessing of receiving God's mercy; (4) fortitude, so that we may hunger and thirst for justice and so receive the blessing of having our souls satisfied; (5) knowledge, so that we may know when to mourn the absence of Jesus in our societies, countries and personal lives and so receive the blessing of consolation; (6) piety, so that we may be meek, resisting all inclinations to anger and so find ourselves secure within the Providence of God; and (7) fear of the

Lord, so that we may be humble and therefore find ourselves in the communion of saints.

Let us live today and every day with wholehearted trust in God's Providence. May St. Joseph protect us from all impulses of anger, sensuality and brutality. May we live in the freedom of God's children.

Father Umuhozanimana



Dinner time in the home

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The Story of Charles Lwanga and Companions

King Mwanga was a violent ruler and pedophile with a predilection for the young boys and men who served him as pages and attendants. At first he allowed Christianity, but was surprised to see how even the young pages followed the moral teachings of the Church

 which conflicted with and contradicted
 Mwanga's pedophilic vice.

Also wary of foreigners, Mwanga then had a visiting Anglican bishop murdered. Joseph Mukasa, the head of the male pages and a Catholic who had often protected the boys from Mwanga, reproached the king and denounced his actions. He was sentenced to death. At the hands of his executioners, and forgiving the tyrant king, Mwanga said, "A Christian who gives his

life for God is not afraid to die." He was beheaded and burned on November 15, 1885. That night, Charles Lwanga and some of the other royal servants chose to receive a Catholic baptism.

Upon Joseph Mukasa's death, Charles Lwanga took his place as chief page to the king and also as leader and teacher of the Christian community at Mwanga's court. When Mwanga's sexual advances were rebuffed by another young page, the King killed him on the spot and then sealed the royal court so that no one could escape, summoning the country's executioners.

Seeing that the situation had become

This Photograph was taken in Tanganyika at Bukumbi Mission (Mwanza) in September or October 1885. The 20 future Martyrs above, had gone to welcome and congratulate their newly appointed Bishop to

Uganda, Msgr. Leon Livinhac.

1. Mukasa Kiriwawanvu 2. Andrea Kaggwa (Kahwa) 3. Yozefu Mukasa Balikuddembe 4. Anatori Kiriggwajjo 5. Mbaaga Tuzinde
6. Ponsiano Nngondwe 7. Yakobo Buuzabalyawo 8. Dionizio Ssebuggwawo 9. Atanansi Bazzekuketta 10. Adolfu Mukasa Ludigo
11. Gonzaga Gonza 12. Ambrozio Kibuuka 13. Karoli Lwanga 14. Akileo Kiwanuka 15. Bruno Sserunkuma
16. Matia Kalemba Mulumba 17. Luka Baanabakintu 18. Kizito 19. Mugegaga 20. Gyaviira

desperate, Charles Lwanga baptized four catechumens that night, including a thirteen-year-old boy.

The next morning Mwanga brought his whole court before him and separated the Christians from the rest by saying, "Those who do not pray stand by me, those who do pray stand over there." He demanded of the fifteen boys and young men (all under 25) if they were Christians and how long they intended to remain Christians. When they answered "Till

death!" Mwanga condemned them to death.

The king sent the prisoners on a 37 mile trek to the place of execution at Namugongo, along which three of the faithful were killed. Upon arriving at the execution site, the survivors were held captive for seven days. On June 3, 1886, a funeral

pyre was built.

Lwanga was separated from the group and again asked to recant. He refused, and his feet were burned. Charred and still alive, he was again offered a chance to save his life and forsake Jesus. Lwanga again refused saying, saying, "You are burning me, but it is as if you are pouring water over my body."

That same day, Lwanga and the Christian captives – 13 of them Catholics, 11 Protestants – were brought out and executed. They were wrapped in mats before being placed on the pyre so that they would burn more slowly As the flames crept over their bodies, they called out the name of Jesus, proclaiming, "You can burn our bodies, but you cannot harm our souls."