

2022-23



Sisters of the Holy Cross

Donor Impact Report



Your gifts support our goals to recognize the intersection of moral responsibility for care of the Earth and its people.

Your Donations Bring God's Loving Embrace to Our World

48
projects funded
in six countries

Dear Donors,

Because of you, each year our sisters are able to share the unbelievable love of our God around the world. In the Gospels, Christ calls our attention in a special way to those brothers and sisters who the world too often forgets. Jesus calls on each of us to be a beacon of God's love to transform lives one person at a time. During my time as the development director, I can confidently say that because of the love you pour out through your gifts to Ministry

With the Poor, collectively we are transmitting love to so many who need our support.

Whether it is through the gift of hope that a Holy Cross education provides, tending to the immediate health needs of those unable to pay for care, or responding to emergencies due to natural disasters, your gifts remind so many women, men and children they are loved. Your continued support of Ministry With the Poor enables the fund to be a sustainable source of funding for our

mission for many years to come. Each gift you make allows for more lives to be reached.

I hope this report gives you a sense of the lives you are reaching. I pray it may inspire you to continue to journey alongside the Sisters of the Holy Cross as we are guided by the Holy Spirit in our shared ministry for the Earth and its people.

Sister M. Rose Edward (Goodrow), CSC
Director of Development

Outreach Uplifts Elderly →

Sister Angelica Birungi, CSC, works toward reducing vulnerability among elderly people in **Fort Portal, Uganda**. Many elderly individuals face health challenges and poverty due to lack of support. Your donations directly respond to health and nutritional needs by providing funding for medical assistance and supporting physical, emotional and spiritual outreach. The elderly also participate in environmental initiatives.



← Children Becoming Kindergarten-ready

Sister M. Patrice (McGee), CSC, supports families by providing safe, affordable and high-quality preschool programming with Holy Cross Ministries. Many 5-year-olds in **Park City, Utah**, are not considered kindergarten-ready, with English language learners and minority students scoring lower on kindergarten-readiness exams than their counterparts. Donors, like you, have made the School Readiness Program possible and enables students to develop their potential.

\$338,871
distributed to
those in need



More than
\$90,000
 to education, training
 and empowerment
 programs



← Program Empowers the Unemployed

“One can become vulnerable at any time of a person’s life,” says **Sister Renatta Jutta Essien, CSC**. “There is a need to listen to stories and offer support so that people will not face the same challenge in the future.”

This is exactly what the sisters do—they listen, support and empower. In **Kasoa, Ghana**, the sisters collaborate and encourage women at different parishes to make a communal impact.

Sister Renatta has accompanied widows, single mothers and vulnerable adults. These women gather to create a sacred space for sharing life’s experiences. One of the women in the circle group shared:

“My understanding of loneliness has changed. I thought loneliness was for people who have lost their spouses or the aged who have no one around them. In my sharing and listening to my fellow women, I came to realize that anyone can feel lonely I am grateful to Sister Renatta and the Sisters of the Holy Cross for bringing us together.”

Across town, **Sister Monica Assifuah-Nunoo, CSC**, engages in similar efforts

by leading a vocational skills training program which equips individuals to create business strategies that are positive for the environment. With sponsorship from our donors, the sisters help individuals, especially women, discover financial independence through entrepreneurship. Training includes how to make soaps, jewelry, laundry detergents and other cleaning products to start small businesses.

A cohort of people who completed the empowerment program have become master trainers. They now offer similar skill-building training sessions to individuals, groups and churches. Their confidence for entrepreneurship is shared and the impact grows.

Distribution of Ministry with the Poor Fund Grants

You generous gifts were divided into the following categories:



Environmental Stewardship



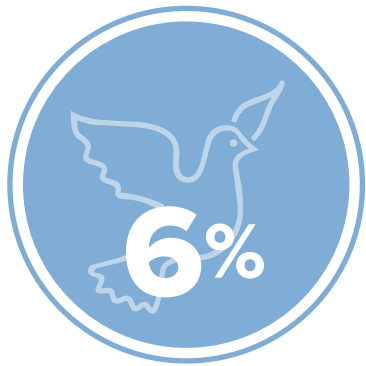
Education, Training & Empowerment



Health Care



Social Services



Faith Formation



← Healing Through Gardening

Sister Lilma Calsin Collazos, CSC, provides a critically needed health ministry at Chorillos Annex Prison for Women in **Lima, Peru**. The gardening provides the women with a healthy mental outlet and encourages them to seek life, in all circumstances. Courses and workshops on ecological sustainability and the importance of caring for the natural world also open a new way for these women to see themselves. “The women happily recognize that they are a living part of the entire ecosystem,” Sister Lilma says.

Inviting Women to Discern →

Sister Jecenta Mynsong, CSC, is integral in creating educational opportunities for young women discerning life as a Sister of the Holy Cross. The Holy Cross Formation House in **Shillong, India**, is a thriving community that promotes creation-centered liturgical celebrations, ecological catechesis, prayer and retreats. A formation group of discerners, candidates and novices study and minister to a diverse population including orphaned children, elderly individuals and hospitalized people. Your support enables these young women to study, live, pray and work with an attentiveness to the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor, and learn self-respect.”

More than
\$140,000
to spiritual and social support initiatives



← New Life for Children Drug Users

Sister Monju Corraya, CSC, oversees efforts to develop and implement programs for children living on the streets in **Dhaka, Bangladesh**. Street children live in extreme poverty and are often forced into drug use, theft or sexual exploitation. There are over 1.5 million street children in Bangladesh. The sisters work with children and your donation provide basic needs as the children learn to live drug-free.



Promoting Food Justice

Sister M. Veronique (Wiedower), CSC, introduced Saint Mary's College in **Notre Dame, Indiana,** to the fund to support the efforts of transitioning the Sustainable Farm on campus from a project to a permanent educational and justice initiative. Your gifts have helped to pay its farmer a fair wage while also using the fresh produce to meet the program's vision of addressing food insecurity within the neighborhoods of Saint Mary's.