

World's First High School for AIDS

ST. ALOYSIUS GONZAGA SECONDARY SCHOOL IN THE KIBERA SLUM OF

FOR THE PAST SIX YEARS, St. Al's has served HIV/AIDS affected young people in the Kibera slum of Nairobi. Every student at St. Al's has lost one or both of his or her parents to AIDS. Despite the amazing accomplishments at St. Al's, conditions are not ideal. The current school building has capacity to serve 280 students and is dark, small, stuffy and not very conducive to learning.

Thankfully, a new facility is now under construction! This new school building will greatly enhance the students' learning experience and allow student enrollment to increase to 420. The construction of the school will be completed in April 2010 with 12 classrooms, three science laboratories, a chapel, two computer centers, several offices, and a dining hall.

As we look to the completion of the new St. Al's, we invite you to join us for our Grand Opening on June 20, 2010, at our annual school celebration in honor of the Feast of St. Aloysius Gonzaga (June 21). You are welcome to join us on your own or we invite you to join the St. Aloysius Gonzaga Pilgrimage.



GRAND OPENING

Pilgrimage Tour *June 15-29, 2010*

Please join the Jesuits in celebrating the school's grand opening!

HIGHLIGHTS include:

- A Tour of the new school facilities and the opportunity to meet with students and staff
- Participate at the festive African Eucharistic liturgy at the St. Aloysius Gonzaga feast day; daily Mass and spiritual reflection
- Interaction with several other inspiring ministries in Nairobi
- A visit to the home of Karen Blixen, who inspired the film *Out of Africa*
- Relaxation at the Masaj Mara Game park with a mini-safari
- Lectures by local experts on the challenges facing Africa today

Estimated Cost of the pilgrimage will be \$1200 excluding airfare to and from Nairobi.

For more information contact Jeff Smart at jeff@jesuits-chi.org or phone at 800-922-5327.

Tour Guides



Fr. John Ferone, SJ



Fr. Michael Sparough, SJ



Fr. JTerry Charlton, SJ

Nairobi Guide

In Swahili, we say, *Karibuni, Nyote!* which means, "You are all very welcome."



Orphans

NAIROBI, KENYA



Fr. Terry Charlton, SJ (center), at St. Al's Groundbreaking celebration, has served as chaplain at St. Al's since he cofounded the school in 2003. (L to R) Dionisio Kiambi, headmaster; Michael E. Ranneberger, USA ambassador to Kenya; Fr. Charlton; Cornel Okalo, president CLC Kenya; and Denis Okwany, St. Al's curriculum director.

Help Make this Dream Possible



We are grateful for your contributions to complete the construction of and to furnish the new school buildings or to assist with ongoing tuition. The cost to educate and provide meals for one AIDS orphan per year at St. Al's is \$1,000. St. Al's also sees that each graduate is granted fees to go on to a college or university after a year of service upon leaving St. Al's. This further education is provided for them at a cost of \$1,000 per year per graduate.

Contact: Jeff Smart: Chicago Province of the Society of Jesus at jeff@jesuits-chi.org or 800-922-5327

Become a Friend of St. Al's!



"In order for St. Al's to increase to 420 students, we request your help to let others know about the school's inspiring mission to serve AIDS orphans. Join us in promoting St. Al's on World AIDS Day on December 1. We'll send you a red ribbon and news about St. Al's to share with others. Each student and I are grateful for your prayerful support!"

—Terry Charlton, SJ

St. Al's Website: www.sagnairobi.org

St. Al's Blog: <http://stalsnairobi.podbean.com>

Fr. Jim Collins, SJ, shares reflections of experiences and profiles of students/faculty at St. Al's—stories of inspiration and hope!

Facebook Fan Page

Become a "fan" of St. Al's. Just search for "St. Al's Nairobi" on Facebook!

Join us for World AIDS Day: December 1 thousands of people, including students at Jesuit universities and high schools help to raise awareness and show their support in prayer and by wearing a red ribbon this day.

See videos about St. Al's!
Call 800-922-5327 to receive a free DVD!

