
August 5, 2012 • Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastor's Column

Our Annual Mission Appeal

Fr. Joy Alookaran is with us this weekend for our annual Mission Appeal. He is here to raise funds for a school for underprivileged children in India.

Envelopes are attached to today's bulletin and can be returned any time during the month of August.

Here in detail is information about the school:

“After seeing the poverty of the people and the need for a school for the children, it touched my heart and I felt that God's plan had brought me here to start a school for the underprivileged. With your help, we want to do the construction of Mother Mary (Mary Matha) school. The vast majority of the people are still illiterate in the area. The necessity of education is being increasingly felt and understood by the elders. Every year we want to add one class until the tenth grade. This way the school will impart education to the boys and girls and promote literacy among these poor people and can launch development activities in the area. The school will serve a double purpose of educating the children during the day and the adults can be motivated through evening programs to initiate developmental activities. A village school has an immense influence on the community through the children and contacts with parents. At present most of the people are unemployable due to illiteracy.

Now we have to start the construction at once. If we don't start now, the cost will double. The total cost for completing this construction is \$52,000. Unless we give them a chance to learn how to read and write, these poor children will never see the ray of light in their life. With your generous help we will be able to finish this construction as soon as possible.

I thank you for your kind assistance. Your generous contribution will certainly benefit the poor children of this remote area. This way you will be collaborating in our efforts to help disadvantaged people. We pray for you and for all the good friends who will make this noble cause a reality.

May God Bless you!”

—Rev. Joy Alookaran