

**Spring 2022 – Let's celebrate all you have helped make possible in Northern Uganda!**

**Sacred Heart Seminary (SHS)** is the primary minor seminary in the region and offers a secondary education (grades 7-12) for boys discerning their vocation to priesthood or lay leadership. Your generous support ensures a bright future for the Church in Uganda.

- After 2 years of intermittent lockdowns, 205 young men began their formation in January 2022 – the highest enrollment in over 30 years.
- 87% of the priests serving in the Archdiocese of Gulu graduated from SHS.
- Three SHS graduates were ordained to the priesthood in 2021 and three more are on track for ordination in 2022. Clearly, God is using SHS to spread the Gospel and save souls.
- Typically, more than 65% of the seminarians need financial assistance to attend.



Hundreds of seminarians arrive at SHS for registration.



**BEFORE** – Safe classroom space is desperately needed for the growing numbers of young men responding to the call of the Holy Spirit.



Joyful and inspired seminarians are grateful for the new classroom space to continue their faith formation.



**AFTER** – Your generosity made possible the renovation of this facility. It is now ready and safe to prepare seminarians for service.



Your support assures newly ordained priests receive motorcycles, Mass kits, and chasubles to help spread the Word of God.

**Archbishop Flynn Secondary School (AFSS)** is a co-ed boarding school focused on developing the soul, mind, and body through a personal encounter with the Lord. AFSS offers a rigorous curriculum while providing good nutrition and clean housing on a nationally-recognized campus.

- January 2022 set a record for student enrollment - 737 (384 boys and 353 girls).
- Because of your support, teachers were retained during the lockdowns, and the school was prepared to welcome the students back.
- Enrollment increased as many families in northern Uganda chose to keep their children closer to home rather than send them to private schools in southern Uganda.
- The boys' soccer team is the district champion and now competes in the regional tournament.
- Nearly half of AFSS students need financial assistance in order to attend.



Students are excited to be back on campus with friends and they are ready to learn.



Students praise and worship God at Mass of thanksgiving to start the new school year.



Uganda Supreme Court Chief Justice – Alfonse Chigamoy Owiny-Dollo - offers an encouraging message for AFSS students. (March 13, 2022)



Left: A bountiful 2021 harvest leads to the need for creative storage of corn in AFSS dining room. Right: Farm grown sunflowers made into cooking oil & presented to Msgr. Matthew and Archbishop Odama.



Archbishop Odama blesses the new Dan & Bobbi Vaughan Priest & Guest House which now awaits visitors!

**Archbishop Flynn Rural Development Education Center (aka the Farm)** is 262 acres of fertile land and is a key component for a path toward sustainability of AFSS. More than 100 acres have been cleared and crops are being grown in 2 seasons.

- Generous HFU benefactors, incentivized by a challenge grant, funded Phase 1 construction of a gravel road.
- Progress is being made to provide AFSS with food security and students a nutritional diet.
- More than 100 acres of corn, beans, rice, and a variety of vegetables is being planted now.
- With increased production comes challenges – new methods and facilities for post-harvest drying and storage are needed.
- Your continued support is truly a “hand-up” rather than a “hand-out.”



Phase 1 construction of a gravel road began in earnest before Season 1 rains began. It was completed on time and within budget.



**BEFORE** – Because the property only has dirt roads, it becomes mud during the rainy season and makes movement on the farm very difficult.



**AFTER** – Thank you for making it possible to complete the new road! Farm production and activities will be improved.



HFU-funded tractor and planter make it possible to cultivate more than 100 acres of crops – an important step toward sustainability. Your support purchased fertilizer to maximize yields.



“Donita Springs” is blessed and commissioned by Archbishop John Baptist Odama. The well was funded in honor of Don & Rita Pouliot.

**Hope For Uganda** is a Minnesota 501(c)(3) non-profit organization established in 1998 whose mission is to bring hope to the people of Northern Uganda through faith, education, health, and sustainability.

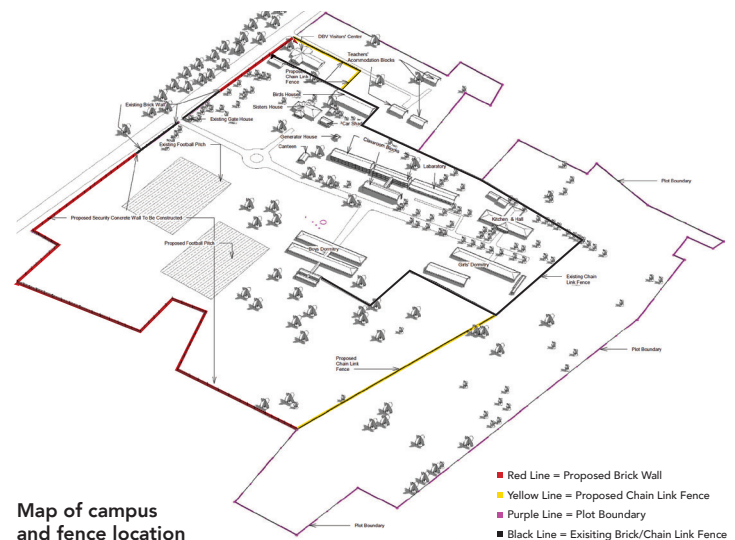
- **THANK YOU!** Without you, none of these accomplishments would be possible.
- You are a member of a growing community of partners in our mission of hope.
- More benefactors are choosing Hope For Uganda as their preferred partner in international charitable outreach.
- HFU donor retention was 74% in 2021.
- Almost 50% of retained donors **INCREASED** their support in 2021.
- Our mission is fueled by prayers, hope, and your financial support.
- Please prayerfully consider continuing your support.



Msgr. Matthew Odong and Fr. Paul Peter Rom look forward to their US visit in 2022! Parish visits and Appreciation Dinner details forthcoming.

## Update on HFU Funding Priorities

- **Scholarships** for high-achieving students unable to afford tuition and fees:
  - 2022 goal - \$300,000
  - Raised - \$191,000
  - Needed - \$109,000
  - \$900 keeps a student in school at SHS and AFSS
- **Technology** upgrade to comply with new government curriculum:
  - Goal - \$60,000
  - Raised - \$25,000
  - Needed - \$35,000
- **AFSS Security Fence** (Phase 1):
  - Goal - \$60,000
  - Raised - \$4,000
  - Needed - \$56,000
- **Farm Drying Shed** is needed to handle growing production and protect from spoilage. The estimated cost is \$30,000. This is the next step toward sustainability.



Map of campus and fence location

AFSS students remain vulnerable to threats from animals and intruders. The Parent-Teachers Association is only able to fund 100 feet per year – which will take 40 years to complete. HFU hopes to fund fencing around entire property to keep animals off the campus.

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