

*“Mission takes place wherever people interact with people,
seeking to overcome all that separates them
from one another and from GOD.”*

CANACOM (Caribbean & North American Council for Mission)

Jambo! Greetings from the Mission Office,

May 15, 2018

We are writing because you, or someone who knows you, has indicated that you might be interested in the next St. Cloud Diocesan delegation to our partner diocese of Homa Bay, Kenya. **The next delegation to Homa Bay is being planned for approximately late winter 2019 (exact dates are not yet set).**

This will be the ninth diocesan delegation to Homa Bay. The relationship between the two dioceses has deepened and grown largely through these travel exchanges, with delegates and hosts continuously telling us how they have come to a deeper understanding of faith and our global Church through being together and sharing experiences during delegations. We are excited about the possibility of *you* sharing in this!

The cost for the trip will depend largely on airfare prices, which cannot be finalized until the group is fully determined, but we are currently projecting it to be about \$2,500-3,200 per delegate. We encourage all delegates to seek avenues of financial support – from family and friends, church and community groups, or various personal fundraising events. We hope that the cost will not be a detriment to those who truly feel called and are committed to making this journey work.

Further details about the delegation will be available at an informational meeting to be held on Monday, June 4th, from 6:30pm-8:00pm at the St. Cloud Mission Office (located at 11 – 8th Avenue South, St. Cloud, right next to St. Mary Cathedral’s rectory). You or anyone you know who has an interest in the delegation are *strongly* encouraged to attend.

Group size will be limited, and we anticipate that there may be more people interested in the trip than will be able to go, in which case there will be a selection process through a committee. Priority will be given to those candidates going as representatives of their parishes who are most willing and able to promote the Partnership upon return. There will also be an attempt to represent various sectors of our diocese. Application forms will be available at the informational meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting, but would like to apply for the delegation, please contact the Mission Office at 320-251-1100 to arrange a time to meet for more details and to receive an application form. **Applications will be due June 8, 2018.**

If you are no longer interested in this delegation, or any future delegations to Kenya, please contact us (320-251-1100) to let us know.

Thank you very much for your interest in the universal Church, global solidarity and our unique partnership with our brothers and sisters in Homa Bay!

Blessings,

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Director

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