

Foundation for the Education of the Children in Uganda

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This year has started off well! The big news from Uganda is that ten new names have been added to the number of the FECU sponsored students in St. Pontiano Ngondwe

To the right is the group photo, showing you their names, too. They were selected by our FECU Board of Trustees over there. So there are now 20 students: 10 in grade 9, and 10 new ones in grade 8, (the first year of high school in the Uganda educ. system).

Financially the 2011 ended on an encouraging note. A number of friends and supporters sent in Christmas donations to the FECU. What a great way to share the JOY and HOPE that the Saviour brings to all humanity. Changing lives, that's what He came to do? Isn't it what the FECU supporters are doing, changing lives by giving a chance to poor children to attain education?

On February 19 2012 the FECU Directors held the first fundraiser of the year, a Valentine Luncheon. It was a great success, thanks to a number of wonderfully kind volunteers: Enrico and Pina Insogna, owner of the La Villetta restaurant, in Ville St-Laurent, who cooked the meal; Maria Jarosz, Victoria Milewski and Ron Olivieri who served in the kitchen, 8 boys from Loyola High School, with 6 boys and girls from the



John Fisher Parish Youth Group, who served at the tables and did the clean up at the end; Nada Wannier, owner of the Dynamic Entertainment, and her assistant AJ, who provided the music, and Mark Bouthot, the lively MC; the Ihozo Rwandaise Danse Group who gave a super wonderful show; Paul Leroux and Daniella Birlain who captivated the guests with their lovely voices, with Sebastian Molena at the keyboard; and, last but not least, Peter Alves, the photographer.

Deacon Donat Davatz, was our guest speaker. He warmed up people with his passionate appeal to each and everyone present at this event to consider the FECU as their own. All should feel good and proud for being involved in this organization, and they should tell their family and friends and coworkers about it, and they should support it, not only at special fundraisers, but all the time. Most importantly they

should trust that their support to the FECU goes directly to children in Uganda, and that it will make a difference in their lives. Deacon Davatz couldn't hide his love for Africa, where he lived and worked for 6 years particularly in Sierra Leone.

The St. John Fisher parish hall was decorated with Valentine colours; the tables looked as though set for a wedding, thanks to Le Crystal, who lent us their beautiful table cloths. The organizers were pleasantly surprised by the turn out. They had prepared 18 tables on the eve of the event, but so many more people turned up that a few more tables had to be set up. In spite of that large number of guests there was enough food and wine, and everyone had their fill. Students from Loyola H.S. and a few others from the St. John Fisher Youth Group waited at served at the tables; and they did a very good job. Here's a comment of one of the guests: *"All the girls and boys worked really hard; they were pleasant, polite, willing to do anything asked of them, they listened to certain people's special requests, they sought out the right person and made their requests happen. They all came dressed in dark pants and white shirts and did a wonderful job of serving the entire meal as well as cleaning up at the end."*



Special Thanks!

The Luncheon would not have been such a pleasant event without the support of the sponsors, who donated articles for prizes and raffle. Therefore our sincere thanks go to:

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Thank You All!



To all those many wonderful people who were very generous in offering their St. Valentine love to the children in Uganda!

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