Dear Diocesan Director,

In Uganda, young Catholics live surrounded by many growing churches that encourage them to leave their Catholic faith. With your diocese's support for the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa, the Church in Uganda is training young people to lead their communities and guide their peers back to the Catholic Church.

Thanks to your support, 350 youth leaders have received training to be role models for their peers. Through this training, these leaders deepen their relationship with Jesus while building their public-speaking skills and increasing their self-esteem. They become witnesses for their faith communities and families, and they are empowered to share the Gospel. Your generosity to the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa means young Ugandans continue to experience the joy and beauty of the Catholic Church.

We need your help to promote this collection and share the stories of those who benefit. The most effective way you can help the collection is to encourage pastors to make a special announcement of it at Mass. Resources to promote the collection, including bulletin announcements, a sample letter from your bishop, and a social media tool kit, are available at www.usccb.org/africa/collection.

If you have additional questions, please contact me at 202-541-3365 or at ngermain@usccb.org. Thank you for your continued support.

With gratitude,

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