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Dear Communications Director/Editor,

The Church in Africa presents a picture of both suffering and hope. Many people face a daily reality of food insecurity, water shortage, unemployment, lack of medical care, and illiteracy. At the same time, Catholicism is flourishing among the people of Africa. In 1995, St. John Paul II noted: “In Africa, the Church has a great need for solidarity with sister Churches in the richer and technologically more advanced countries” (*Ecclesia in Africa*, no. 126). This statement has grown increasingly true today.

Children growing up in Burkina Faso suffer from an environment marked by poverty and one of the lowest literacy rates in the world. A grant from the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa will give them new resources and a chance at a better education. In the Mouhoun region, located in the northwest part of the country, the grant will fund 13 computers, computer programs, and printers for teachers in the Diocese of Dedougou. Seventy-nine teachers will participate in a three-day training course, which will be funded by both the grant and local contributions. The teachers will receive resources and skills that will improve the children’s learning conditions and promote the transfer of knowledge. Thanks to donations from parishioners like you, these children will receive a stronger education and hope for a better future.

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With gratitude,

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