



# Mission Circle Advocate

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April 2010 - Please Support your Mission Circle

*Next Continental Breakfast – Sunday Apr. 11, 2010, After 8 am Mass*

## Welcome Rev. Father Peter Paase, MSP St. Christopher's Catholic Church Kakata, Liberia!

Welcome to Reverend Father Peter Paase, MSP, who most recently joins the group of Catholic missionaries supported by the St. Agnes Mission Circle. Father Peter is the spiritual leader of St. Christopher's Catholic Church in Kakata, Liberia. On Sunday mornings, he rushes back to Kakata, a medium-sized town, north of the capital city of Monrovia, Liberia. He drives two hours round trip into the forest to celebrate Mass for two small parishes before attending to the needs of 500 Kakata parishioners. Less than 1% of the parishioners have running water or electricity. Neighborhood wells provide buckets of water for cooking and bathing and candles and flashlights provide light in the evenings.

West African temperatures and 95% tropical humidity, at high noon on Good Friday, Catholics walk the stations of the cross through the neighborhoods of Kakata.

After fourteen years of civil war, the Catholic communities of Liberia are in dire need of prayers and financial support to rebuild and refurbish churches. Both public and private (church) schools are reopening with volunteer teachers, no resources—no books, no paper, no chalk. Students hungry for education and spiritual solace attend a Catholic school attached to St. Christopher's Parish. Fr. Peter spends enormous time, energy and creativity in attempting to keep Liberian children active in their faith.

During the 2009-10 academic year, St. Agnes Parishioner and Mission Circle Member, Mary Ellen Seaver, mentored the director of the Kakata Rural Teacher Training Institute while serving as a Peace Corps Response volunteer. For eight months she was a Lector at St. Christopher's Catholic Church.



St. Christopher's Parish features an enthusiastic choir whose members chant to the rhythm of West African drums. There is no dearth of generous spirit emanating from St. Christopher's parish members even though the church building is lacking in doors and windows. Occasionally, a goat, or, two, wander onto the altar.

During Holy Week, all three Catholic communities gather together in Kakata to participate in services. A large flat-bed truck is rented to transport parishioners from the forest. The visitors cook, eat, sleep and pray together on the grounds inside the mission compound. Despite soaring



The members of St. Agnes Mission Circle welcome you to join them monthly for a delicious continental breakfast and for discussion on how St. Agnes parishioners can further reach out to and support, spiritually and financially, the global Catholic Community, including St. Christopher's Parish in Liberia, West Africa.

## Mission Circle Second Collection is set for April 25, 2010

We would like to thank Father Mel for arranging a second collection to benefit St. Agnes Mission Circle on Sunday April 25, 2010.

Mission Circle envelopes will be available on Sunday April 18<sup>th</sup> as well as April 25<sup>th</sup>.

St. Agnes Mission Circle supports seven Catholic missionaries worldwide with funds and personal contact. Through a special arrangement with the Diocese of San Diego 100% of every donation is directly mailed to our missionaries.

We thank St. Agnes parishioners for continuing support and hope all will consider a generous donation on April 25<sup>th</sup>.

### Saint Agnes Mission Circle Missionaries

- Fr. Phil Cooke, SJ Indian Mission in South Dakota
- Sister Nalini's HIV/AIDS Mission in Botswana
- Rev Luis Alfonso Segura, MSC prenovitiate dir. Seminary in Colombia
- Fr. Peter Paase, Kakata, Liberia
- Fr. James Feehan, Paraguay
- Fr. Alvin Platon, Philippines
- Fr. Owen Kudumba's Seminary in Zimbabwe

### Mission Center Members

Charles & Alnora Bishop  
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 Mary Ellen Seaver & David Wade  
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 Mary Toomey, Ginny Biewer  
 Mary Aldous, Lee Collins  
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