



**Holy Family Parish Kanamkemer
Geneva Education Sponsorship**

**14th August 2020 Retreat
Report**

With the prolonged stay at home for students due to Covid-19, there are rising cases of gender based violence, crime, domestic violence, drug abuse, prostitution and teenage pregnancy among school-going children and youth, we saw the need to continue the monthly formation program christened **retreat** to help tame the growing social menace among the young people around here.

The retreat took place again today 14th August 2020 with 33 of them in attendance. The facilitator who is a secondary school teacher and a motivational speaker delved deeply into responsible self-leadership, career choices and self-tutoring. The students, in a vote of thanks, appreciated Mr Dismus for planting sound seeds in their lives and helping them to realize their dormant potentials and how they can be useful to themselves and to the larger society.

In my session with them, they reported hunger as a common challenge and in response, we got food parcels for each of them to take home. Those who did not get textbooks during our retreat in July got textbooks and those who got books in July each took turn to share on how the books help them in their personal studies. The students appreciate the retreats and the assistance they get in form of books, mentorship talks, masks, food parcels, tea and lunch. They affirmed their desire to continue to come together for the monthly retreat to help keep them on track.

Honestly, the retreats offer your students some human and spiritual formation and these are key towards enhancing their academic endeavours. We are in the business of moulding their characters to help them become humane

elites who will assume leadership positions tomorrow and stir their societies on the right path. This formation program has some cost implications but I assure you that it is a vital investment in their education. The table below shows the expenditures for August Retreat:

Item/Description	Amount (Ksh)
Facilitator (stipend)	5,000
Venue	3,000
Tea/Stationeries	6,250
Lunch	14,800
Food parcels	32,500
Water/Soft drinks	4,650
Masks	8,200
Total	Ksh 74,400

We realised that most of the sponsored students do not go to church even now that churches are open. At the August retreat, they got Church Attendance Report Forms that will be marked and signed by their chapel catechists and returned to the office at the end of every month. We intend to monitor this over the next five months (August, September, October, November and December 2020). A copy of the form, pictures of the day and attendance list are all attached to this report.

We thank you for your support for our young students and we pray God's blessings, protection and providence upon you all.

Yours in Christ,
Fr Livinus Onogwu, sps