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Sister Anne Nasimiyu-Wasike, Little Sisters of St. Francis, died on February 22, 2018.

Sister Anne served as the Mother General Superior of the Religious Institute of Little Sisters of St. Francis from 1992 to 1998 and again from 2010 to 2016. She was a Professor of Systematic Theology and Moral Theology in the Philosophy and Religious Studies Department at Kenyatta University in Nairobi for many years.

At the funeral mass in Uganda Sr. M. Cecilia Njeri, General Superior for the Little Sisters of St. Francis, gave the eulogy for Sr. Anne. She used her initials, **ANNE NASIMIYU**, to express who Sr. Anne was for her, her order and the many, many students who were touched by Sr. Anne.

- A Available for God's Service, Active and Assertive
- N Nurtured self and others with her gifts, talents, knowledge and skills God gave her
- N Neat "Upstairs"very intelligent
- E Educationist who Enlightened, Empowered and Encouraged many
- N Never giving up
- A Achiever no matter what!
- **S** Strong personality, Sensitive at the same time and Servant Leader who was Selfless
- Innovative and took Initiative in many activities pertaining to the Institute
- M Mother and Mentor to many
- Inspired so many. She often said "aspire, inspire the world before you expire."
- Y Yearned for justice and care of the poor and vulnerable
- **U** Unique in character and Unrepeatable

I told her: Anne, you have finished what was yours, may the good Lord show us what is ours to do as we await vigilantly for His coming for us to take us home in Heaven.

Please know we pray for you daily and may God continue to bless you abundantly in your new life. We remain united in love and prayers. Sr. M. Cecilia Njeri, LSOSF, General Superior



Message to Sponsors and Friends of the Little Sisters of St. Francis

Dear Sponsors and Friends of the Little Sisters of St. Francis (LSOSF),

I bring you peace and prayerful greetings from Mother Kevin Generalate, Jinja Uganda, all the Little Sisters of St. Francis (LSOSF) and the Little Sisters Education Fund (LSEF) Team in Uganda.

I take this opportunity to sincerely thank you all for being our Partners in our Mission as LSOSF, of reaching out with compassion to the poor and marginalized members of our Society especially in the education of the poor children here in Uganda.

To our dear sponsors: your trust, your commitment to work with us, your sacrifices and generosity in support of our mission is highly appreciated.

It is now one year and a half since the Little Sisters Education Fund (LSEF) was started. We thank God it is working well and all involved are doing their best. Currently the number of sponsored children is 70.

It is my hope and prayer that we will be able to get more sponsors for other children because we still have quite a number of children on the waiting list.

It is also my hope that the program our dearly departed Mother Anne Nasimiyu initiated, **Empower a Nun for Mission**, to empower Little Sisters of St. Francis with the knowledge and skills for effective evangelization, will find kind and generous sponsors.

We have strong and energetic young Sisters that need empowerment. I recently commissioned 29 Sisters - Scholasticates, who have completed six months of their formation after two years experience in community. They are ready for further education and formation to become Sisters.

I have requested Sr. Lucy to coordinate this Program so that Mother Anne's legacy will continue through those who knew her and those who wish to honor and support this legacy.

I have been informed that you celebrated a memorial Mass on June 23rd for Mother Anne. Thank you very much for this wonderful gesture and thoughtfulness.

May our dear Lord continue to bless all of us.

Sr. Cecílía

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Student Showcase: Introducing Cathy Namukwaya

Fifteen year old Cathy Namukwaya is one of 650 girls studying at Stella Maris College – Nsuube. Cathy is one of nine students at Stella Maris currently sponsored through the Little Sisters Education Fund (LSEF). Cathy likes her school because "it has favorable school rules and regulations, a conducive environment for personal reading and group discussions; a well-balanced diet, and the teachers are always available to guide us in the different areas as we do consultations, preps and general class work as this enables and improves our academic performance."

Cathy lost her father in February 2018. She was worried as she looked at her future being shattered with the death of her dad. After the burial her stepmother threw her out of the house along with her two brothers. "At that moment I was not sure where my school fees and requirements would come from and there was no hope of being part of this beautiful school anymore." A friend of her father took the children into his house and provided whatever he could. About 56% of her first term fees were paid. Unable to purchase new notebooks Cathy removed the unused pages of last year's note books and sewed them together for use in the new term.



When Sr. Angeline went to Stella Maris to pay for the students of Providence Home Cathy approached her and asked if she too could be sponsored by the Sisters. Sr. Angeline referred Cathy to the other members of LSEF Uganda team and her details were sent to the US Team along with her very impressive first term report card. Cathy had distinction in Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics, History and CRE (Christian Religious Education).

Jeanie and Paul Lewandowski responded to the request of Cathy for sponsorship. When informed about the good news Cathy was very happy and very grateful to Jeanie and Paul and to the LSEF US Team "who have enabled me to remain at Stella Maris as my school fees and requirements will be taken care of".



Stella Maris College Nsuube was established in 1930 by Mother Mary Kevin Kearney, the foundress of the Little Sisters of St Francis. Stella Maris College Nsuube is a secondary boarding school that admits girls from all walks of life and of all religious denominations.

The school's MISSION is the "discipline and academic growth of women." Its VISION is "to provide holistic formation to the girl-child in order to produce a lady who is self-fulfilled with the highest academic standard seasoned with God-loving and God-fearing spirit valuable to herself and valuing other people."

Stella Maris College Nsuube is located in Nkokonjeru in the Central Region of Uganda.