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## Project Respond Mission Trip to Zambia Another Success

On July 11 Project Respond departed Heathrow airport outside of London for the ten-hour flight to **Lusaka, Zambia**. For the next few weeks the group of students, teachers and Brothers would travel, work and pray together.

For ten years, Brothers at **St. Columba's College** have been leading groups of students and faculty on a mission trip to our school in rural Malole, Zambia, **St. Francis Secondary**.

Each year Project Respond performs some needed maintenance the school could not afford. Projects such as building security walls, replacing windows, building classrooms and painting dorms are a big part of the mission trip. However, perhaps more important are the relationships developed between the students at St. Columba's and the students at St. Francis.

Our main project this year was painting and doing minor repairs to the dorms at St. Francis. After spending the morning and early afternoon painting, the students would join together for a "friendly" game of soccer or basketball. In the evening, the students would gather for study and light recreation like cards, checkers, or simply to talk.

Accompanying the students and teachers from St. Columba's this year was a graduate of **Catholic High**, Jason Coleman, the President of **Brother Martin**, Mr. John Devlin, and Br. Chris Sweeney. This is the first year that a student from the U.S. has taken the trip and our hope is to expand this opportunity to more students and schools in the U.S.



**PROJECT RESPOND.**  
(left) Eating lunch together in the cafeteria.  
(right) Student tutoring after school.  
(bottom rt.) Teaching a song in the elementary school. Click on picture to view video on YouTube.



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# At the Heart of the Church

## A Sign in the Church

*(Rule of Life #5)*

Through our community life we wish to show that Christ is already gathering his people into one Church.

Our search to grow in love by embracing the evangelical counsels makes us a sign in the Church, a living reminder to all people of the need for conversion of heart, Christian friendship, and universal brotherhood.



## Brothers Foundation Day to be Celebrated Sept. 30



OUR FOUNDERS. Fr. Andre Coindre (left) and Br. Polycarp, the first and second founders of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart.

On Sunday September 30, 1821 **André Coindre** founded the Institute of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart. On that day, in the small sanctuary of **Our Lady of Fourvière**, ten young men made private vows for the love of God and of young people. The brothers hope the celebration of this anniversary will be more than the remembrance of a historical event. May it be a recognition of the enduring love of the Heart of Jesus, who has been acting through us since this day of grace and manifesting his love through our way of living Brotherhood.

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### BLESSING OF FR. ANDRÉ COINDRE

*“May you soften everything you do with a generous spirit of understanding, of gentleness and of love. May no one become discouraged or perturbed. Courage and trust, that is my motto.”*

## Street Children Need the Church, Says Official Invites Christians to Seek Out Those Without Homes

VATICAN CITY, JUNE 21, 2007 ([Zenit.org](http://www.zenit.org)).- A Vatican official called Christians to change the strategy in dealing with street children: Instead of waiting for them to seek help, the Church needs to go out to them.

Archbishop Agostino Marchetto, secretary of the **Pontifical Council for Migrants and Travelers**, said this on Wednesday when he presented the third part of the recently released **“Guidelines for the Pastoral Care of the Road.”**

According to the archbishop, between 100 million and 150 million children live on the streets, a situation which he called one of the “most disturbing challenges of our time, for the Church and for political and civil society.”

Archbishop Marchetto cited various causes for the increased number of children living on the streets, including the breakdown of families, violence between parents, immigration, drugs, prostitution and the spread of what he called a culture of disobedience.

“For this reason, the Church needs to take on this problem, in terms of prevention and recovery for these children,” he said.

The Vatican official added: “It is important to change from a pastoral approach of waiting, to one of meeting and welcome, searching out these young people where they are being hurt, in the streets, in town squares, in night clubs and the so-called hot areas of our cities.

“It is necessary to go out to meet them with love to bring the Good News and to witness with one’s own life that Christ is the Way, Truth and Life.”





## The Brother Artist - Brother Richard Roy

Br. Richard Roy has become somewhat famous in the art world. His "Icon paintings on cloth" have caught not only the brothers attention but also that of the British Icon society, local parishes, monasteries and convents.

His art work hangs in offices, houses, schools and chapels in England, the United States and in Lusaka and Nairobi. It speaks to a "retirement agenda." Yes, in his retirement, Br. Richard has probably reached a zenith in his artistic career. He has moved to this religious art form which includes many prayerful "in-between" hours of reflection and culinary work in the kitchen of Watling House — as his craft has won great praise.

Br. Richard lives and works in the brothers residence next to [St. Columba's College](#) in St. Albans, England.



## A Brothers Prayer

Lord,  
give me  
a heart of flesh  
sensitive to the  
cry of the poor,  
especially  
the abandoned,  
neglected,  
unloved children  
and youth;  
and grant me  
the grace  
of wisdom  
and courage  
to live the values

You lived  
and died for,  
to follow the path  
You took,  
and to see things as  
You saw them.

May I become a  
worthy instrument of  
Your love.

Heart of Jesus,  
teach me  
to see You  
in the lives  
I touch.  
Amen

[click here for more prayers](#)





## “Assisi After School Program” Begins in Syracuse



In Syracuse, NY this week Brothers Mike Migacz and Ronald Talbot began an after-school program for middle school children living on the Northside. The name of the program is the “Assisi After School Program”. The goal is to provide a safe, respectful and enjoyable environment for young people that promotes learning and personal growth.

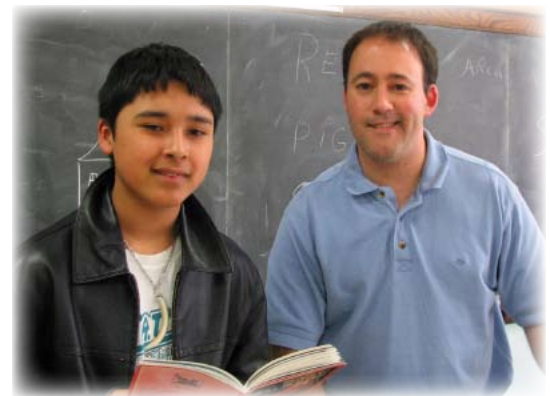
In the first hour the students receive tutoring and help with their homework. In the second hour, enrichment activities such as art, is provided.

Through positive interpersonal relations with peers and adults, self-confidence will grow and the students will have a better attitude towards school and their futures.

The third member of their community in Syracuse is Br. Bill Cawley. Br. Bill works in prison ministry and has begun counseling young adults at the juvenile detention facility.



**BR. RONALD.** Br. Ronald Talbot tutors a student in the after school program.



**BR. MICHAEL.** Br. Michael Migacz stands next to a student in the Assisi After School Program.

Many Brothers of the Sacred Heart have worked in and around the city of **Gulu, Uganda**. Gulu is now the center of one of the worlds greatest and least known atrocities of our time.

For the last 20 years children in northern Uganda have been abducted by the rebel army and forced into slavery, abused and killed.



In the spring of 2003, three young film makers from San Diego traveled to Gulu to document what was happening. These young people began a movement that has spread throughout the world bringing attention to this tragedy.

Visit the website [invisiblechildren.com](http://invisiblechildren.com) to watch the movie and find out other ways you can help get involved.



## CAN YOU HEAR THEM?

### Make a Difference.

Every three seconds, poverty takes at least one child's life, resulting in 30,000 deaths each day.

Today, more than 128 million children do not attend school.

Every minute of every day, a child under the age of 15 becomes infected with HIV.

Currently more than 11 million children in Africa have lost at least one parent to HIV/AIDS; that number is expected to reach 20 million by 2010.

Suicide rates have doubled for children of 5-14 years old in the past generation.





# “Find Your Path” A Discernment Retreat

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The Brothers of the Sacred Heart will be sponsoring a discernment retreat April 11-13, 2008 at **Rosaryville Retreat Center** in Ponchatoula, LA. The retreat is open to men ages 17-35.

If you are searching for God’s will in your life and are considering what life choices he would have you make at this time, you may want to attend. The retreat will provide you time for reflection, listening to God’s

voice, and discerning where God is calling you at this time.

You will also meet other Catholic men who are at important, decision-making points in their lives. In addition, you’ll be able to share with them and the Brothers of the Sacred Heart your dreams and hopes as you work through these important decisions.



**Contact a vocation director near you to register.**

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CHILDREN. The children of teachers at **St. Francis High School** in Malole, Zambia

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