

Mission Inspiration

SAINT JOHN EUDES CENTER

DIOCESE OF KITUI, KENYA



"I am grateful to St. John Eudes since what I am today is by God's grace and the whole fraternity. Thanks to the matrons for being the moms we never had, the soldiers for keeping us safe, sisters for always keeping us on our toes, to our well wishers for always making sure we lacked nothing from food, clothing, shelter, and education. I look forward to being an example to our fellow St. John Eudes kids". - Caroline K. Meuma, current college student who lived at the center



The Saint John Eudes Center, founded in 2001, in the Catholic Diocese of Kitui in Kenya, was built to assist the increasing number of children who, due to challenging financial and social circumstances, are forced to live on the streets in Kitui and surrounding districts. The Center offers an environment with programs that help rebuild the children's lives, striving to achieve self-worth and dignity. The help, through the missionaries who serve at the Center, provides the emotional, psychological, and material support necessary to enable their successful reintegration into family and community life.

The Center aims to reconcile these street children with their families and rehabilitate them to home and school life, providing them with medical care and, where necessary, giving access and funding for primary and secondary education.

To date, the Saint John Eudes Center has successfully rehabilitated over 700 street children since its foundation.



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SAINT JOHN EUDES REHABILITATION CENTER DIOCESE OF KITUI, KENYA



The Centre tries to mimic a feeling of home for the children. It helps to not only provide for them but empower them, help them adjust to school, provide anything for them that they need. Just this year, the center welcomed 46 new boys and girls. Look how beautifully they are bearing witness, in worshiping Christ and receiving the Eucharist. Let us continue to pray for the children in the center and the missionaries who support their mental and physical health daily.

Reflection and Activity:

The St. John Eudes Rehabilitation Centre was founded in 2001 to assist the increasing number of children who were living in the streets in the area. Take a moment to imagine what that would feel like, not only would you not have a place to call home and the physical struggles that go along with that. Discuss reactions with the class.

- What would that do to your heart and sense of self?
- Think about what your family, and your rooms provide to you, the comfort you feel when you finally tuck into bed.

Pray and Sacrifice:

Remind us, O God, that we cannot rest fully secure in our homes each night until all your children have comfort. We give thanks that You meet our daily needs of food, shelter, companionship and we pray for those who go hungry and without a home.

**\$1 can help support the
Missionaries who run the St. John
Eudes Center**
**\$10 can go towards better desks
and work stations**
**\$25 buys new pillows for the
children**



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