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## STUDENT PROGRESS AND MILESTONES

Rev. Robert Seraph Aliunzi



*Fr. Robert Aliunzi  
& Gladys Anzoyo*

Each year I visit our school St. Thomas Aquinas College, Erepi, (STACE), our students, staff and board in Uganda, I come back more enthused and convinced that our organization is nothing but the work of God's divine providence. It has clearly been established at the right time, right place and with the right values.

While on my vacation, I was able to meet and interact with our students and staff at our school. Right from the gate of the school campus where I was jubilantly received, and throughout my interactions, it was very evident that we have a student body that is highly disciplined, highly motivated to learn and very happy and proud of their school. This was expressed both in the songs, dances, and other body gestures they displayed. On account of these characteristics, our school has become the talk of the region and there is great expectation from the community about its performance at the national examinations at the end of this year. I am very convinced that we shall meet or even exceed those expectations.

However, perhaps the greatest highlight of my visit was a dinner I was hosted to by the EENU alumni comprising all our students who were sponsored by E3 Africa and are now working or are married. I was very delighted to hear stories of how, because of the sponsorships they received, they are now successful and able to take care of themselves. Many expressed the determination to give back in gratitude by helping in any way possible, disadvantaged children like themselves. One of the alumni who moved me most was Gladys Anzoyo who was sponsored by Francesca Murphy. Anzoyo is now a distinguished lawyer. In her only three years of legal practice, she is singlehandedly sponsoring the education of five students, three at the university level and two in high school. She is tipped to become a State Attorney, a promotion which, she said, will give her the ability to sponsor more students. I have recently appointed her on the Uganda Board not only to represent the alumni but also to provide legal insights to the board there. Gladys and many of her colleagues are proof of the validity of my vision for founding E3 Africa/EENU which is to "Provide Education to the orphans and poor children of Uganda so that they may be able to help themselves and their community". I am ever grateful to God and to our generous sponsors, donors, boards, and staff for supporting this vision. With your continued support, the sky is just the beginning for these poor children!

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## BISHOP JOHN DOLAN AFFIRMS BISHOP EMERITUS THOMAS OLMSTED'S SUPPORT OF E3 AFRICA'S MISSION

Bishop John P. Dolan's support for E3 Africa's mission to educate, enrich, and empower orphaned and impoverished children in Uganda echoes Bishop Emeritus Thomas Olmsted's endorsement. The impact of E3 Africa's mission goes beyond just helping the children in Uganda; it also leads to many priestly vocations that eventually serve in the Diocese of Phoenix and throughout the United States. The shortage of new priests in the United States makes the work of E3 Africa even more critical. By providing education and support to children in Uganda, E3 Africa is creating a ripple effect that can lead to a positive impact on the world. Bishop Dolan's endorsement of E3 Africa's mission is a testament to the importance of this work.



### A Message E3 Africa's New Executive Director



Kristin Smith was named E3 Africa's Executive Director in February of 2023. She has long been a supporter of E3 Africa's mission to educate, enrich, and empower the vulnerable and marginalized children of Uganda and is thrilled to serve the organization in her new role. Kristin brings a wealth of experience to the team, with a successful track record in leadership, philanthropy, and mission development. She has previously raised over \$20 million while serving as Campaign Manager for the Diocese of Phoenix's \$100M "Together Let Us Go Forth Campaign." She has also served as Director of Stewardship and Development for Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish & School and

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Director of Development for the FullCircle Program, and most recently, Director of Philanthropy for the Catholic Community Foundation. Kristin is an Ohio native and holds a Bachelor of Science in Education from Miami University of Ohio. She has resided in the greater Phoenix area for almost 20 years, where she enjoys swimming and hiking with her three children and entertaining family and friends. Kristin was inspired by E3 Africa's founder, Fr. Robert Aliunzi's perseverance despite personal incredibly painful and difficult circumstances. She saw how the generosity of just one person changed the trajectory of his life, creating a ripple effect that fostered the establishment and mission of E3 Africa. She is excited to serve and help further the impact that E3 Africa makes on these children's lives and communities.

## Generosity Breeds Generosity: Weller Family Donates 20k+ to support E3 Africa's Mission



The Weller Family's donation of 20k to support the Golf-for-a-Cause event in honor of Rosalie Weller, the family matriarch and co-founder of E3 Africa, is a prime example of how generosity breeds generosity. This act of kindness and giving can inspire others to do the same, creating a ripple effect of generosity that can spread throughout the community.

The Weller Family's donation not only supports a worthy cause but also creates a sense of community and connection. The impact of the Weller Family's donation goes beyond just the Golf-For-A-Cause event. It can inspire others to give to causes they care about, creating a culture of giving and kindness. This can lead to a positive energy uplifting others and make the world a better place.

100% of the donations to benefit the Golf-For-A-Cause event will support the immediate needs of E3 Africa's mission to educate, empower and enrich the poorest of the poor- the orphaned and impoverished children in the Ugandan region.



*E3 Africa co-founder and Weller Family matriarch, Rosalie Weller was honored and remembered during the annual mission fundraising event that she initiated nearly a decade ago.*



*Joe Weller, son of Rosalie Weller, wife Jeanne Weller and co-founder Fr. Robert Seraph Aliunzi attend E3 Africa's Golf For-A-Cause event*

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# SPONSORSHIP

## A Message to our Generous Student Sponsors!

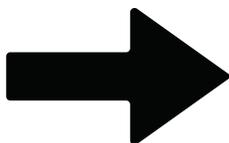
Student Letters have been emailed to sponsors. Please check your spam/junk folders if you have not received your student's correspondence letter. If your letter cannot be found in the spam/junk folder, PLEASE CONTACT COLLEEN RYAN at [colleen@e3africa.org](mailto:colleen@e3africa.org) and she will work with you to provide you with your letter!

Please remember to contact us with any updated address or credit card information as needed to ensure your student's sponsorship is uninterrupted.

Phone: 480-253-9403

Email: [Programs@E3Africa.org](mailto:Programs@E3Africa.org)

[Click or scan here to sponsor a child in need!](#)





## OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL CATHOLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS IN TEMPE ADOPT E3 AFRICA FOR LENTEN MISSION AND SPONSOR 13 STUDENTS

The story of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic School's Lenten project to sponsor impoverished orphans in Uganda is one of hope, compassion, and commitment. When Fr. Robert Aliunzi shared the challenges of day-to-day life in Uganda, the school's principal, Dr. Kelly Shewbridge, vice principal Tony Grosetta, and development director Ashley Hall knew they had to help. Together, they rallied the school community to raise over \$11,000 to support 13 orphans.

The school's commitment didn't end there, however. Each classroom adopted a student and will communicate regularly via letters exchanged, sharing their educational experiences. The children at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic School asked thoughtful questions and felt inspired by the work of E3 Africa and the challenges faced by their Ugandan peers.

The impact of this project will be felt for years to come. Not only will the sponsored children receive vital support, but the students at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic School will learn important lessons about empathy, compassion, and global citizenship. It's a wonderful example of how a small community can make a big difference in the world.



*Joseph Ambayo, EENU Executive Director, Sister Bette Benjamin Banja, E3 Africa Board Member and E3 Africa Executive Director, Kristin Smith visit Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic School Students who participated in Lenten Mission benefitting E3 Africa*



*Steve Ellebracht driving E3 Africa's tractor at St. Thomas Aquinas Demonstration Farm in Moyo, Uganda*

## Ellebracht Family donates 25k to further development of St. Thomas Aquinas Demonstration Farm

Steve and Karen Ellebracht visited St. Thomas Aquinas School in Moyo, Uganda this past February and were inspired to donate \$25,000 to improve the farming capabilities of the land resources to provide food for the orphaned and poor children who attend and live at the school. The Ellebracht's are committed to ensuring the growth of the farm so that it eventually sustains the nutritional needs of the school children and their families. Long-term, the Ellebracts envision a vocational farming program that will educate students in farming so that they may use the acquired skills to feed the starving families in the region. The land for the farm was donated by E3 Africa's co-founder Rosalie Weller.



**Urgent Need- 200 Student Desks**  
**Total Dollars Needed: \$14,000**  
**Cost per desk: \$70**



Our school is in desperate need of student desks. The Ugandan Government now requires students be seated in individual desks to complete all government-mandated testing. Currently, our boarding school for the orphaned and impoverished children in the region only have access to tabled classroom seating.

To purchase a desk or to  
make a donation please  
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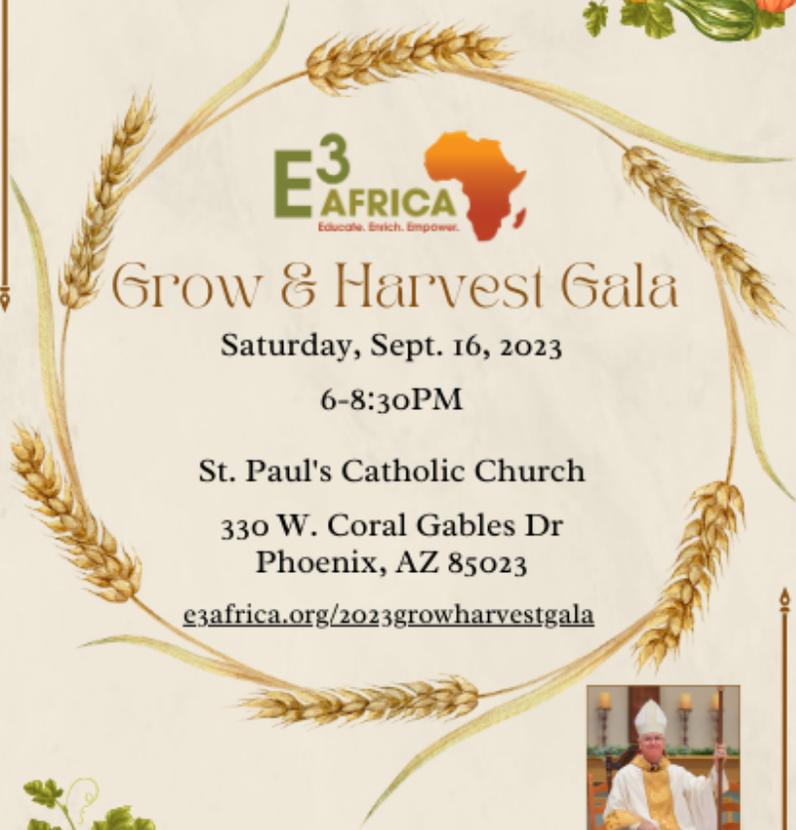
**SAVE THE DATE**

*The harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few*  
*Matthew 9:37-38*




**Grow & Harvest Gala**  
 Saturday, Sept. 16, 2023  
 6-8:30PM

St. Paul's Catholic Church  
 330 W. Coral Gables Dr  
 Phoenix, AZ 85023  
[e3africa.org/2023growharvestgala](http://e3africa.org/2023growharvestgala)




*Special Guest of Honor*  
 Most Reverend John P. Dolan  
 Bishop of Phoenix



All are invited to attend an evening of stewardship, fellowship and inspiration in support of E3 Africa's Mission to Educate, Empower & Enrich the orphaned & impoverished children in Uganda. Tickets on Sale July 15, 2023

To purchase Tickets to the Grow & Harvest Gala or to Sponsor our event [Click or Scan Here!](#)



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