

“Dandora Adoptions” Project

SECTION:
HUMANITARIAN PROJECTS

LOCAL PARTNER:
Dandora “Holly Cross Parish”

FINANCIAL SUPPORTERS:
Il Canto Nuovo ONLUS

BEGINNING OF THE PROJECT:
2003

COST OF THE PROJECT:
14.000 €

RESOURCES PROVIDED:
14.000 €

COUNTRY, CITY:
Kenya, Nairobi

THE STORY:

This project started in January 2003 as the result of the fraternal friendship developed among Maurizio and Fabrizio Tiezzi, Angela Tancredi and Fr James Burasa, a priest of the Catholic “Holy Cross Congregation” while he was studying theology in Rome in 2001. After Father Burasa’s return to Africa, Maurizio and Fabrizio in 2003 made their first trip to Nairobi, the capital of Kenya, where Fr Burasa had run the parish of Dandora. There, they came in touch with the poor situation of some Nairobi districts like Dandora. They learned the stories of the youngsters whom Father Burasa was personally helping. Most of them were orphans, but even those who had a living parent were extremely poor. However, thanks to the spiritual and economical help from Fr Burasa, they had grown with a strong faith in God, and got an education, mostly in the schools run by the “Holy Cross Congregation”, with good academic results.

The Tiezzi brothers felt a strong desire to help Fr Burasa with his important social work and started to look for financial contributors to help orphans and disadvantaged children get an education and have also an opportunity to change their country’s destiny. In 2002 (before the birth of “Associazione Il Canto Nuovo ONLUS”) and later in 2005 (after the birth of “Associazione Il Canto Nuovo ONLUS”) thanks to the contributions of Fondazione Monte dei

Paschi di Siena it became possible to build the second and the third units of “St. James School” of the Holy Cross Congregation attended today by about 500 students between the age of 6 and 14. This was the reason behind the creation of a program of adoptions involving at beginning about 50 students. At present each student is financially supported by one or two contributors who take care of school and maintenance fee.

For the year 2012 the students of “St. James School” financially supported through the “Dandora Adoptions” program are 28, for an annual amount of € 500 per student, amount that can also be divided between two supporters (€ 250 for each contributor).



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FOTO:



1) Maurizio and Fabrizio Tiezzi with St James School's principal.



2) Kids of the project. Preparation for the photos.



3) Andrea Zatkova, Maurizio Tiezzi, Fabrizio Tiezzi and Deborah Carlini with one of the students taking a picture for his supporter.



4) All the children of the project at the meeting in October 2011. In the photo from right to left are also Andrea Zatkova, Maurizio e Fabrizio Tiezzi, the school principal and Deborah Carlini.



5) Meeting with the parents.