

Mission to Kenya

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This mission was geared specifically to youth and young adult formation in the Ngong diocese as a follow up to the mission in 2009 where we had only part of the day with young people in the Ngong region. Available funding made it possible to financially support the youth (15-25 years of age) who came from distant locations in the Ngong diocese, the largest in Kenya.



The topics we covered generated a high degree of response, especially in the sensitive areas of Church teaching on sexuality, contraception, relationships, dating and marriage. It was apparent that even with years of Catholic schooling and catechesis, basic elements of the Catholic teaching on faith and morals was deficient, and it showed an ongoing need to deepen the faith and knowledge of this next generation coming into adulthood. The world with its false concepts and relativism is making a profound impact on young minds. We also preached the gospel message, taught about the power of the Holy Spirit, and prayed with the 90+ young people for the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

The Diocese of Malindi

The event for the Catholic Charismatic Renewal Leaders was held in the Diocese of Malindi and attended by 42 leaders from different dioceses, some from as far as the Kenya-Uganda border. The teachings covered: unity, leadership skills, and faithfulness to the authority of the Church. We also had a ministry time in which we prayed for people's specific needs and the furthering of unity and collaboration among all the renewal leaders in the dioceses.

The final event was an open event for the CCR members in the diocese focusing upon growth in the faith. Approximately 120 participated throughout the two and a half day event and we were able to focus on helping them to understand areas of Church teaching in greater depth and to lead in a mini Life in the Spirit seminar with the baptism in the Spirit.

Two side events also included a one day visit to Marafa parish for soccer with the youth and two younger members of the team, and a visit to the orphanage for children whose parents have died from aids.

