**THE FRANCISCAN SISTERS OF ST. BERNADETTE-
RAINWATER HARVESTING TANKS CONSTRUCT IN TANZANIA 2020**

**The Congregation**: The Late Bishop Alfred Lanctot -W.F. (White Fathers, today Missionaries of Africa from Canada) founded the Congregation of Franciscan Sisters of St. Bernadette in 1958 in Tanzania, East Africa. The Congregation works in the steps of the founder, which is to preach the Good News to all people mostly in Tanzania and in the USA by teaching and doing different activities. Currently, the congregation has 220 professed members.

**The Spirit and Charisma**: We live the Franciscan spirit by loving and accepting all God’s people as gifts. We are close to people and participate according to the sign of time by rendering pastoral and social services especially in taking care of the orphans, the sick in hospitals, HIV/ADIS victims, refugees, women groups, youth, lepers, widows, widowers and teaching in schools.

**Mission Appeal:** At present, the great challenge we have always faced is getting enough money to support St. Bonaventure English Medium School to construct rainwater harvesting tanks. Our new school is facing acute shortage of water mostly in the dry seasons. In this period, the sisters and other workers are forced to walk long distances to search for water for our orphans and other children whom we serve. However, it is difficulty to carry a lot of water 2 miles away on the head. Therefore, we carry little by little thus wasting a lot of time. We believe that this effort of constructing rainwater harvesting tanks will reduce the shortage of water and costs.

We are relying on your support its accomplishments. We thank you in advance for your anticipated generosity which will be very highly appreciated. We assured you our humble prayers in this difficult time for the COVID-19. God bless you. Be safe and healthy.