

Over 90 Years of Dedication



A Missionary Sister of the Holy Rosary at
work in Africa



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Killeshandra

Nuns



They spent a Lifetime as Missionaries

A Capital Campaign to satisfy the debt on a modest Retirement Home

The Holy Rosary Sisters Story



For over 90 years **Ireland** has been home to one of the world's greatest missionary endeavors. Young women left Ireland to bring education, health care and, most important of all, the Christian message to the African peoples. Through their courage, their total commitment, their dedication, they have made an enormous contribution to developing countries. The full extent of this contribution may never be fully appreciated or recognized. For these brave women, their journey began in Killeshandra, County Cavan, Ireland. They were members of the **Missionary Sisters of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary**, and their convent, the mother house of the order, was situated a few miles outside of the town. Throughout the length and breadth of Ireland the sisters were simply and affectionately known as the '**Killeshandra Nuns**'. To tell their story is to tell the story of some of the bravest and most dedicated women ever to leave Ireland's shores.

Founded by **Bishop Joseph Shanahan** in 1924 when he realized that missionary efforts in Nigeria were focused on the male population. . Women were not being adequately catered for by the missionary movement. The bishop had approached various Societies to address this need but they were unable to commit at the time. Therefore the Bishop determined to form a new missionary congregation for women.



Many Sisters have spent over 50 years bringing education, health care and the Christian message to the people of Africa. They have suffered many diseases, faced adversity and suffered through civil war.

They initiated educational, health, pastoral, development and human rights programs which empowered the local population, male and female, to take on the responsibility of continuing their work

Retirement

During the years all the funds raised by the Sisters were used to further their mission abroad. Unselfishly they never thought about their future or where they would spend their final years. As a result, many of the Sisters are returning to Ireland for a well-deserved retirement, and immediate action was necessary to construct a facility to adequately accommodate them which was funded by a loan.

Capital Campaign

So we are asking the **Irish-American Community** to help support these wonderful women in the twilight of their lives.

A capital campaign to raise \$4 million to satisfy the debt raised to fund the construction has been divided between Ireland and the US. The goal for Ireland is \$1.5 million and for the US is \$2.5 million. Help us reach our goal.

Patron

We are both honored and excited that The Honorable Sabina Higgins has agreed to serve as the Patron of the organization. Mrs. Higgins has a close relationship with the Missionary Sisters of the Holy Rosary through her cousins Sister Goretti and Sister Breda who are members of the Congregation.



I would like to contribute to the Missionary Sisters of the Holy Rosary Retirement Home Capital Campaign

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___ \$500	___ \$250	___ \$100

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