

From the Desk of Fr. Jerry

September 29, 2024

Dear Friends,

Folks have asked if I planned to share stories and videos from my recent visit to Fr. Wilfred Bwezani Phiri and Chikwa Catholic Parish in Zambia. I have now edited the photos and videos in such a way as to tell an amazing story of hope and resilience. Interested parishioners are invited to join me and other parishioners in O'Gara Center on Tuesday evening, October 15th, at 7:00 PM for viewing the video and discussion.

In 2017, after Fr. Wilfred visited Mary, Seat of Wisdom Parish, I was approached by some professional filmmakers. They had heard his talk and raised the possibility of making a documentary film about Fr. Wilfred and my friendship with him and the parish. The result is the film "LABOR OF LOVE." Prior to the gathering October 15th, I encourage you to view the film at www.friendsofchikwaparish.org (Scroll to: More about us) or <https://vimeo.com/388136839>.



Labor of Love was made when the newly created parish was in its infancy stages. The plan for building a church and gathering the community was just beginning. Besides building the church, drilling wells for water, providing vehicles for transportation, and addressing other basic human needs has evoked a very strong Christian response among the "Friends of Chikwa." The film to be shown on October 15th is a sequel, and I anticipate and hope that there are still more chapters to be written in this exciting story. All are welcome.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. Jerry Gunderson".

Fr. Jerry Gunderson

P.S. The Blessing of Pets will take place at 4 PM on Friday October 4th in the parking lot near the old church.