

# A Letter from Fr. Jerry Gunderson

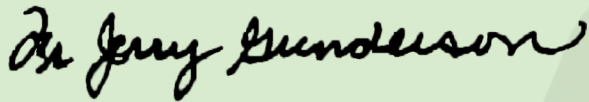
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Dear Friends,

Pauline Jaricot, a Catholic laywoman founded The Society for the Propagation of the Faith in Lyon France in 1822. It is the oldest of the Pontifical Mission Societies. The Mission Office of the Archdiocese joins as partners with various mission societies throughout the world by sponsoring the Summer Missionary Cooperation Plan. Parishes are matched with various missionary causes. A representative of each missionary group arranges for a visit at each parish throughout the archdiocese.

In my short time here I have been impressed by the missionary impulse that is apparent in this parish. Your support for Most Blessed Trinity, our sharing parish and school, for Roberti House, for East Lake Academy, and for Fr. Wilfred Phiri and Chikwa Parish has been outstanding. It is even more important right now when there is a more inward focus in our country.

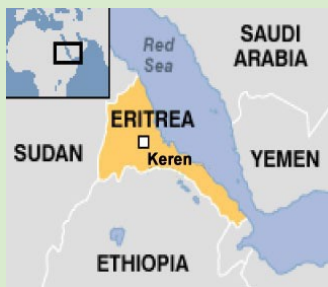
So once again today I come to you to ask for your support. Please listen to the appeal made by Dr. Amine Kidane at all our masses this weekend and respond as you are able. In the midst of their struggles, you can be an agent of hope. Thank you for your generosity.



Fr. Jerry Gunderson

## The Catholic Eparchy (Diocese) of Keren in Eritrea.

Eritrea, located on the Horn of Africa, has a population of about 3 million. The population of the area covered by the Diocese of Keren is about 450,000, of which about 12% are Catholic and 80% are Moslem.



The Diocese of Keren is located in an arid, semi-desert, rocky, rugged mountainous region and is ravaged with frequent droughts. Often even finding drinking water is a challenge. The Diocese and the people continue to struggle with difficulties that hamper development at every turn. The Catholic Church is a beacon of hope to an otherwise desperate situation.

The Diocese of Keren is blessed with many vocations. For the Diocese of Keren to continue to carry its mission of spreading the Gospel, we humbly ask for prayers and generous financial support. Thank your prayers and generosity. God bless you.

With Gratitude,

Dr. Amine Kidane

Representative for The Catholic Diocese of Keren