

## A Seminary for the Catholic Eparchy of Keren

**Vocations** in Eritrea are plenty. However, the seminary built by **St. Justin De Jacobis in 1872** has seen its better days long ago! Therefore, we are in a desperate need for a seminary to prepare tomorrow's priests. Hence, we are asking all of you, **children of God**, to help us build this seminary.

Christianity was introduced to **Eritrea** around the **4<sup>th</sup> century**. However, due to separation of the **Orthodox** from Rome around the **5<sup>th</sup> century** and Moslem occupations mainly the Turks, **Catholics are a minority** with a total of about **150,000**.

While **small in numbers** the **Catholic church in Eritrea** is **rich in vocations**, with **all its seminaries full** and many Eritrean priests, nuns and brothers serving around the world including: The **USA, Canada, UK, Italy, Germany, Australia, Philippines, Ethiopia, Kenya, Sudan, Egypt, Uganda, Tanzania, Ghana & Jordan**. (Not bad, for a country with **150,000 Catholics**)!

Despite its **minority** status in numbers, the Catholic Church in Eritrea is **a living witness of the gospel and well respected in the country**. The **Catholic Church, Provides pastoral services, runs clinics, schools, orphanages** and **promotes peace and reconciliation**. To educate future priest we desperately need a new seminary. The following sketches show what our future seminary may look like.



**Seminary, Diocese of Keren, front view**



**Seminary, Diocese of Keren, side view**



**Seminary, Birds Eye View**



*PROPOSED SEMINARY BUILDING*

**Seminary, Diocese of Keren, entrance view**

We ask you to make a **Tax deductible donation**, to fund one building, one room, one window, **or even one brick**, no gift is too small. **God will bless you** for your generosity and we will pray for you. Your gift will be a monument to generation to come.

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