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**The Sisters of the Holy Redeemer raise funds
for water improvement project in Tanzania, Africa**
Coincides with 50th year of service

(MEADOWBROOK, PA) – It only takes a few steps to fill your glass with water and quench your thirst. But the residents in Tanzania, East Africa are required to travel on foot for miles to fill their buckets with water. The Sisters of the Holy Redeemer in the American Province recently collected a total of \$10,000 to help fund a water improvement project to help residents. This contribution coincides with the 50th anniversary of the Sisters' service and presence in Tanzania.

“In the areas we live, people are suffering from lack of water during the dry season,” says Sister Tadea Mpanda, Regional Superior of the Sisters of the Holy Redeemer in Tanzania. “People depend on collecting rain water in their dug wells, cisterns, during the rainy season; few people can afford cisterns due to poverty. We are going to use the money to buy different equipment to collect and protect water including items such as hand pumps and plumbing parts.”

The Sisters in the American Province raised the funds through the “Quarters for Water” campaign where Holy Redeemer Health System's staff, physicians, friends and volunteers contributed to help prevent residents from collecting water from polluted sources. Those who will benefit directly from the donation live in the villages of Southern Tanzania.

In addition to the water improvement project, the Sisters in Tanzania have helped the people in these villages for fifty years by providing health care and education programs and services. To commemorate their 50th anniversary, the Sisters held a year-long celebration. The Closing Mass of the Jubilee Year was attended by Sisters from the American Province.

Says Sr. Anne Marie Haas, Provincial Superior from the American Province: "We are proud of our Sisters in Tanzania, who have shown incredible dedication and compassion

while carrying out the mission started by our founder, Mother Alphonse Marie Eppinger. We are privileged to be part of a world-wide congregation that serves as a healing presence in a hurting world, and follows the example of Jesus, who always reached out to the most poor and vulnerable. In being the Redeemer's presence, we become his instruments of hope in the midst of suffering."

The Sisters of the Holy Redeemer are an international congregation. Their Motherhouse and Generalate are located in Wurzburg, Germany. In addition to a region of Sisters in Tanzania, East Africa, the American Province of the Sisters of the Holy Redeemer sponsors Holy Redeemer Health System, which consists of health and social service ministries in Philadelphia, Montgomery and Bucks Counties and areas throughout New Jersey.



Pictured from left to right are Sister Berntraud Schreck, CSR; Sister Ellen Marvel, CSR; and Sister Tadea Mpanda, CSR.



The Sisters of the Holy Redeemer from America, Germany, and Tanzania, and their guests celebrate the Sisters' 50 years of service in Tanzania, East Africa.



Pictured from left to right are **Sr. Priska Akalima, Sr. Hermana Sauer, Sr. Ana Dura, Sr. Aloisia Mapua, Sr. Ellen Marvel, and Sr. Veronika Timalias. Kneeling is Sr. Perpetua MKenda.**