



MASAKA DIOCESE

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Sarah smith
UCE Director
USA.

Dear Director,

RE: APPRECIATION

Warm greetings from the Catholic Diocese of Masaka.

The purpose of this letter is to share the strong impact the program of Universal Chastity Education (UCE) has made in my Diocese under the direction of Fr. Ssekabira Deusdedit as the Diocesan Youth Chaplain.

The program started in 2016 encouraging young people and the youth to live a life of chastity before marriage. As St. Paul puts 1Cor. (3:16-17) "Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit." The youths throughout the Diocese have been taught to treat their bodies with respect because they are created in God's image.

The youth in Uganda make 65% of the population, this shows a great impact the UCE message has made in the Diocese. The message is given to both youth in school and those out of school.



According to the schools, the UCE message has been carried to is that there is a positive response for both the students and the teachers; there has been a reduction of teenage pregnancy, the decrease of HIV/AIDs among the young people (prevalence rate 5.2%), improved behaviors among the students, decrease in the use of drugs, decrease in school drop outs, academic performance improvement and also strengthening of the Christian marriages.

Also some youths have joined the religious life to live fully the life of chastity by loving God more and also spreading the message of chastity for life.

I am grateful for the support to the UCE ministry in my Diocese and also I pray that you continue supporting Universal Chastity Education.

God's blessings.

In Christ,



Rt. Rev. Serverus Jumba
BISHOP OF MASAKA DIOCESE