

Parish Partnership in Buyé

Parishes in Edmonton are twinned with parishes in Buyé to participate in building a relationship between our two dioceses. The hope is that every parish in each diocese will have a partner in the other diocese to allow for that relationship to grow.

Activities that will help grow the relationship include:

- Praying regularly for the partner parish and the pastor;
- Sharing each others' stories, our joys and our challenges;
- Receiving each others' stories with joy and compassion.

A note about fundraising:

Raising funds in response to the needs that we discover in our walk with Buyé is a natural and good thing to do. However, the Diocese of Buyé has requested that there be no direct parish-to-parish aid. Any financial or material aid must be Diocese-to-Diocese to allow the Diocese of Buyé to ensure that it is able to direct assistance according to its priorities, and to ensure that there be no disparity of aid amongst its parishes. In addition, aid may arise within the context of a relationship, but should not become a substitute for the relationship.

A note about Kirundi names:

Burundians don't have surnames as Westerners do. They usually have two names, one a "Western" name and the other a Kirundi name, which bears a specific meaning. Thus, for example, Bishop Sixbert Macumi is not the son of Mr. and Mrs. Macumi. Sixbert is his Western name; Macumi (Ma-CHOO-mee) means "tenth child." If a prayer leader finds pronunciation of someone's Kirundi name difficult, it is therefore perfectly acceptable to pray using only the Western name.

To request a parish partnership, please contact the Synod Office at 780-439-7344. E-mail contacts will be made available once the twinning process is complete.

