

# **Kenya St. Aloysius Gonzaga Secondary School**

## **Category: Youth**



### **Description of the Apostolic Initiative**

The election to do youth apostolate was reached during the National Assembly of 1997. The Community was immersed in different youth ministries around Nairobi that time. In early 2000 when the HIV AIDS struck, many young people especially from informal settlements were orphaned and dropped from school. The Community agreed to concretely do youth ministry through provision of education in the National Assembly of 2001. The Kenyan Government made Primary education free in 2003. In the same year CLC in Kenya sponsored some students to high school. For the Mission to have a greater impact, the Community after a process of discernment opened St. Aloysius Gonzaga Secondary School in January 2004 to accommodate more students who were orphaned.

### **What makes this project lay, Ignatian, apostolic, community?**

The Project was initiated by CLC members and offers holistic education to the poor. The school offers different programs to the students like catechism classes, mentorship, life skills, and community service besides academics. It targets the poor in the society with the belief that education is an equalizer and hence doing justice to the lowly in the society. The Project has provided members with an opportunity to serve the students and the surrounding communities.

### **What call was discerned that led to the development of this project?**

The realization that parents were dying leaving children who were not going to school. Education was thought as an equalizer and the best help to those orphans who would in turn help their siblings.