

ST. PANCRAS' CATHOLIC PARISH - TOROMA SOROTI CATHOLIC DIOCESE

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GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION:

St. Pancras Catholic Parish Toroma was established in 1932. It is the fourth oldest parish in Soroti Catholic Diocese, after Ngora (1912), Madera (1914) and Lwala (1915). The Parish is located in North Eastern Uganda, in Katakwi District, Toroma County, Omodoi Sub County, Asuret Parish, and Moru Village, popularly known as Moru Complex. The Parish is the seat of Katakwi Deanery, which comprises of Usuk, Magoro, Katakwi and Toroma parishes. The Parish lies approximately 20 km South of Katakwi town, the headquarters of Katakwi District, and approximately 35 km East of Soroti Diocesan Headquarters, in Soroti Municipality.

BACKGROUND

In 1927, the early Missionaries realized that the highest number of Ngora parishioners were Christians from Toroma, who used to cross Lake Bisina for spiritual programs at Ngora Parish. Given the big numbers of Christians, and the risk they faced regularly in crossing the lake, the Missionaries decided to cross Lake Bisina and landed in a place called Kokorio, and then extended their services to Atoroma-Obongut. While in Atoroma-Obongut, they saw a flat-raised hill in Moru, about 4 kilometres from Atoroma-Obongut and, upon discussions and agreements with the inhabitants, they eventually acquired and surveyed the land.

In 1930, Toroma Mission was canonically opened as a Parish and was put under the Patronage of St. Pancras. As they settled in these areas, the Missionaries used local materials to construct their houses and to build the first churches. They then introduced a Catechumenate in Toroma Moru in the order of *Elagiro*, *Esetulo* and *Emigigi*, for Adult Education and Baptism. The first permanent church was built in Toroma Moru in 1938, and was later converted into a convent.

In 1950 His Lordship Rt. Rev. Bishop John Greiff and Rev. Fr. Collstaman started construction of another bigger church in Moru, by the authority of the Pope. This church was completed in 1954, and commissioned on 22nd August 1954, and is currently the biggest church in the Diocese that entails Roman architecture. By this time, the entire sub-region was still under Tororo Diocese.



Toroma Parish Church

PRIESTS WHO HAVE SERVED THE PARISH

1. Fr. S Gills. Van	1930	23. Fr. Eneku John	1959
2. Fr. Micgough	1930	24. Fr. Semeeths Harns	1961
3. Fr. Dan Scut	1931	25. Fr. Belhay [Omalakany]	1963
4. Fr. Griffin R.G.	1934	26. Fr. Geeps Alphonse	1966
5. Fr. Vern T. R. S.	1935	27. Fr. Rorgen C.W.	1967
6. Fr. Sara Ben	1935	28. Fr. Ekiring Yuventine	1967
7. Fr. Kallen B.B.	1938	29. Fr. Ros F.	1967
8. Fr. Vallen B.C	1938	30. Fr. Phelan B.C.	1968
9. Fr. Wieden Hofer	1938	31. Fr. Harney	1968
10. Fr. Foord R.H	1941	32. Fr. Rotheiler	1968
11. Fr. Stockman E.G.	1942	33. Fr. Hetsen Jack	1972
12. Fr. Colleseteman	1944	34. Fr. Luebuga Emmanuel	1974
13. Fr. Hillary John	1944	35. Fr. Talisuna Fabian	1974
14. Fr. Boren	1944	36. Fr. Opolot Augustine	1978
15. Fr. Mayau	1944	37. Fr. Sendegeya Lawrence	1980
16. Fr. Henrick	1946	38. Fr. Mulabiya Donato	1981
17. Fr. Molena Paul	1947	39. Fr. Omodoi Hippolitus	1981
18. Fr. Kaurenders	1949	40. Fr. Opolot Charles	1984
19. Fr. Gormans	1951	41. Fr. Matasi Nicholas	1985
20. Fr. Tauber John	1956	42. Fr. Mayanja Kizito	1987
21. Fr. Pedemy	1957	43. Fr. Aseete Francis Xavier	1988
22. Fr. Hilders	1958	44. Fr. Oedo Charles	1988

45. Fr. Angirotum Wilbroad	1993	54. Fr. Aporu Charles	2007
46. Fr. Akubu Dominic	1994	55. Fr. Eilu Joseph	2007
47. Fr. Imalingat Paul	1994	56. Fr. Wambeo Martin	2010
48. Fr. Wankya Simon Peter	1997	57. Fr. Ebwolu Paul	2011
49. Fr. Emeru John	1997	58. Fr. Opio Deogratias	2012
50. Fr. Osire Charles	1999	59. Fr. Ekwenyu Paul	2014
51. Fr. Obelekek Simon P.	1999	60. Fr. Oryangatum Deo	2015
52. Fr. Ocom Ipurale Joseph	2000	61. Fr. Olukor Mark	2016
53. Fr. Epieru Augustine	2009	62. Fr. John Bosco Ochom	2019

PRIESTS BORN IN TOROMA PARISH

S/No.	NAME	YEAR OF ORDINATION
1.	Rev. Fr. Akubu Dominic	1958
2.	Rev. Fr. Iroot - Mill Hill Missionary	-
3.	Rev. Fr. Ekiring Juventine (RIP)	1963
4.	Rev. Fr. Aseete Francis Xavier (RIP)	1964
5.	Rev. Fr. Elungat Leonard	1966
6.	Rev. Fr. Angirotum Wilbroad (RIP)	1978
7.	Rev. Fr. Oedo Charles (RIP)	1981
8.	Rev. Fr. Epieru Augustine	1986
9.	Rev. Fr. Ajuret Fabian	1988
10.	Rev. Fr. Ocom Ipurale Joseph	1996
11.	Rev. Fr. Ongereny Gonzaga Wazizi	2002
12.	Rev. Fr. Apuri Moses	2007
13.	Rev. Fr. Angirotum Benjamin	-
14.	Rev. Fr. Olukor Mark	2011

REGISTERS

S.NO	Category Registers	Description	Total Number in the Registers
1	Baptism Registers	1. Infant Baptism	304888
		2. Adult Baptism	25478
2	Holy Matrimony		4954

RELIGIOUS SISTERS BORN IN TOROMA PARISH

S/No.	Name	Year	Place of Origin	Congregation
1.	Sr. Angida Cabrin (RIP)	1950's	Omonyokorio	LSoSF
2.	Sr. Ikadio Morris (RIP)	1950's	Alukucok	"
3.	Sr. Adongo Matilda	-	Atoroma	
4.	Sr. Apio Gerald	-	Atoroma	
5.	Sr. Apio Anne Christine	1975	Ongatunyo	"
6.	Sr. Apio Beatrice	-	Atoroma	"
7.	Sr. Imalingat Florence	1982	Atete	"
8.	Sr. Alungat Anne Grace	1992	Omodoi	"
9.	Sr. Aguti Mary Gorreti	1992	Ongatunyo	"

10.	Sr. Akol Cecilia	2009	Angodingod	“
11.	Sr. Oluka Mary Florence	2010	Kokorio	“
12.	Sr. Oumo Christine	-	-	Srs of Mary of Kakamega.
13.	Sr. Ikullot Juliet			“
14.	Sr. Asio Vitalis		Ongatunyo	“
15.	Sr. Akol Cornelius	-	-	LSoSF

RELIGIOUS BROTHERS BORN IN TOROMA PARISH

1. Bro. Epictatus Elakas Ngariam
2. Bro. Ekunyuk Magoro

SEMINARIANS CURRENTLY STUDYING

Name	Level of Formation
1. Deacon Echodu Gilbert	Ggaba National Seminary
2. Onyait Joseph	Comboni Missionaries
3. Omongot Cassian	Philosophy
4. Okello James	Philosophy
5. Ocilanyang Joseph	Candidate for philosophy
6. Oboro Innocent	Minor Seminary
7. Amaitum Filbert	“
8. Omoding Isaac	“
9. Achiria Charles	“
10. Malinga John Bosco	“
11. Icilat Isaac	“
12. Oese Aaron Andrew	“
13. Opolot Nicholas	“
14. Onyait Alloysius	“
15. Akudo Moses	“

ZONES, OUTSTATIONS AND CATECHISTS

Toroma Parish is divided into eight zones and 29 outstations. There are more four proposed outstations for opening this year, 2020, in Adamasiko (Adodoi), Ocakaratura (Omosingo), Odokuna (Apuuton) and Akwakel (Omodoi). The Parish has four Grade III catechists, 10 Grade II catechists and 12 Grade I catechists and 20 untrained catechists.

INSTITUTIONS

Nursery Schools

S/No	Name of the School	Pupils' Enrollment		Total	Teachers' Enrolment		Total	Year Founded
		Male	Female		Male	Female		
1.	St. Kizito's Ongatunyo	32	24	56	1	2	3	2017
2.	St. Thomas Adodoi	46	50	96	0	4	4	2017
3.	St. Joseph's Ariet	36	41	77	1	2	3	2017
4.	St. Anthony Omodoi	14	21	35	0	2	2	2017
5.	St. Mary's Toroma	13	24	37	0	2	2	2017

6.	St. Paul's Akisim	21	29	50	2	1	3	2019
7.	St. Charles Atoroma	24	38	62	1	2	3	2017
8.	St. Mary's Orimai	23	40	63	0	2	2	2017
Totals		209	267	476	5	17	22	

Primary Schools

S/No	Name of the School	Pupils' Enrollment		Total	Teachers' Enrolment		Total	Year Founded
		Male	Female		Male	Female		
1	Adodoi Kapujan Primary School	459	456	915	7	5	12	1975
2	Akisim Toroma Primary School	502	503	1005	8	3	11	1985
3	Akoboi Kapujan Primary School	220	326	546	6	2	8	
4	Akurao Primary School	312	295	607	6	3	9	
5	Amusia Primary School	469	396	865	7	2	9	1955
6	Apuuton Primary School	386	376	762	6	4	10	
7	Ariet Primary School	426	488	914	6	3	9	1936
8	Kokorio Primary School	773	719	1492	12	3	15	1938
9	Omodoi Primary School	412	407	819	7	5	12	1956
10	Omosingo Primary School	332	286	618	6	3	9	
11	Ongatunyo Primary School	400	448	848	7	4	11	1952
12	Orimai Primary School	345	328	673	6	3	9	
13	Toroma Boys' Primary School	636	0	636	7	4	11	1932
14	Toroma Girls' Primary School	0	810	810	7	6	13	1959
Totals		5,672	5,838	11,510	98	50	148	

Secondary Schools

S/No	Name of the School	Pupils' Enrollment		Total	Teachers' Enrolment		Total	Year Founded
		Male	Female		Male	Female		
1.	Toroma Secondary School.	408	321	729	15	8	23	1979

Vocational Training Institute

S/No	Name	Condition
1.	John Paul II Vocational Institute	Currently not functional due to lack of training equipment

Health Facilities

S/N	Name	Condition	Medical Staff		Total	Support Staff		Total
			Male	Female		Male	Female	
1.	St. Kevin Health Centre III	Fully functional						

Religious House

NO.	NAME	CONGREGATION	Number of religious
1.	Toroma Convent	Little Sisters of Francis of Assisi	3

Movements and associations

The Parish has the following Associations, Movements and or Devotions:

1. Legion of Mary
2. Catholic Charismatic Renewal
3. St. Philomena
4. Queen of Peace Women's Association
5. The Youth Association
6. Women's Association
7. Men's Association
8. Devotion to the Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
9. Divine Mercy Association.

PARISH PROJECTS and their status

1. The Pope John Paul Orphanage and Youth Centre Project: **Non-functional**.
2. The Citrus Growing Project: functional.
3. The Agro forestry Project: needs to be refurbished.
4. The Cattle Rearing Project: doing well now.
5. The Water Supply Project: functioning well.
6. The Women's Grinding Mill Project: functioning.
7. The Solar Lighting Project: Batteries are weak now after serving for more than ten years.
8. John Paul Vocational Institution Project: lacks equipment.
9. The Women's Desk Project [Lorry Project]: resource mobilization still ongoing.
10. Renovation of the main church; ongoing project.
11. Construction of permanent churches: progressing very slowly due to high poverty levels among most parishioners.

EVENTS

The Parish celebrates the following annual events:

- a) St. Pancras Parish Day, celebrated on 12th May. This is the Parish Family Day/ Patron Saint's Day.
- b) Catechists Day, celebrated on the second last Sunday of October.



Toroma Parish House



John Paul II Vocational Training Institute