

St. John School currently sponsors 9 children internationally in their pursuit of education through a program called Unbound. Through monetary contributions, these sponsored student's needs related to education, nutrition and healthcare, improved living conditions and skills training are being met. During the school year each grade at St. John raised at least \$40 monthly to support their assigned student. They also exchange letters with them.

As we head into the summer months, we ask for our extended St. John Community to help us continue providing financial assistance to these young people. Statistics have shown that 51% of sponsored students stay in school and in particular, through Unbound, 76% of female participants realize academic achievements at level comparable to or greater than their peers. Unbound is a Catholic ministry inspiring confidence and providing hope to people who are living on the margins. In 2018 more than \$100,000,000 of direct monetary assistance was provided to individuals in over 19 countries, and currently invests in 300,000 people. During its history, Unbound has helped over 800,000 people- both students and the elderly, and in turn has assisted entire communities. It is our hope through this letter to raise funds to continue to support the education of our long-distance classmates. **Our summer goal is 1,800 dollars school wide; each student should donate about \$5. Any extra funds collected would support our 8th grade Unbound student Odalis, who will go to high school as well as Unbound' Disaster Response Fund helping families most affected by covid-19.**

You may donate in one of the following ways:

- You can bring a donation if/when you visit the school for a pick up/drop off with your teacher (on assigned days)
- You can Venmo a donation to Kristin Kent. Kristin is the Coordinator of Faith formation in the parish office, and she has been physically collecting Unbound donations from the classrooms since the program began. Kristin's Venmo account is: @Kristin-Kent-50. Please write "Unbound for _____ grade" in the notes
- You can donate through the parish website using VANCO. Click this link: [EFT/ACH Donation Through Parish Website.](#) and scroll down to the "UNBOUND Support" line. We ask that you use a checking account when donating through VANCO, but if you choose to donate with a credit card, please elect to pay the offset fee so that your donation is not diluted by the credit card fees.

Thank you,

Ms. Rzegocki's 7th Grade Class