



KIBEHO-RWANDA PILGRIMAGE

Welcome to

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A place for those who are attached to values of compassion and brotherhood without borders;



The Shrine of Our Lady of the Sorrow; in Kibeho **"Mother of the Word pray for us"**

The apparitions of Kibeho are part of the network that the Virgin Mary is weaving in order to launch a last offensive against the Malignant forces and to lock him, and then to prepare the way of her divine Son Jesus Christ final victory (Cardinal Ivan DIAS, Kibeho, 28.11.2007).

Kibeho is situated in the heart of the Africa. The source of the River Nile is in the immediate neighborhood of this holy place.



Kibebo, the first apparition; so far recognized by the Church in Africa

May therefore Kibebo become, without delay, a place of pilgrimages and appointments for God's searchers, who go there to pray, a high place of conversions, reparation of the sin of the world and reconciliation, a point of rallying for "those that were scattered", as for those that are attached to values of compassion and fraternity without borders, a high place that reminds the Gospel of the Cross (Bishop of Gikongoro Declaration, 29.06.2001, nr. 14.)



Our Lady of Kibebo statue inside the shrine

A humble locality chosen by the Heaven to announce his message to the world



Kibeho is a locality situated to the south of Rwanda, at 162 km from Kigali, the capital of Rwanda. With the Virgin's apparitions, from November 28, 1981, this locality has fast become a place of prayers and pilgrimages.

The apparitions of Kibeho: some prophetic facts



The apparitions of Kibeho (from 1981 to 1989) have been marked by ecstasies that were often coming with supernatural facts of tears, of impressive falls and even of comas. On August 15, 1982 (Feast of the Assumption), contrary to joy that one were waiting there, it was rather a terrifying apparition for the seers: The Mother of the Word appeared to the seers pouring a lot of tears, while the seers cried, slapped the teeth and trembled at the sight of the horrifying visions: a stream of blood, the people who were killing others, cadavers without anyone to bury them, a tree all in fire, a wide open abyss, headless bodies". Ten years later, the world learned with horror the drama of Rwanda that Virgin Mary had prophesied during these apparitions and that is considered like consequence of the heart obduracy.

The content of the revelations: a message to the whole world

The message delivered by the Virgin Mary during her apparitions in Kibeho includes among others focal points:



- An urgent call to the repentance and to the conversion of hearts: "Repent, repent, repent!" "Convert your heart when it is yet time".
- A diagnosis of the moral state of the world: "The world is very unwell"; "The world races to its loss, it risks to fall in abyss, which means to be immersed in innumerable and unceasing tragedies; The world is in rebellion against God, too many sins are committed in it. There is nor love neither peace". If you don't repent and don't convert your hearts, you will all of you fall into abyss".
- The Virgin's deep sadness: The seers say to have been really surprised to see her weeping on August 15th, 1982. The Mother of the Word is strong afflicted because of the incredulity and the impenitence of the human beings.

She complains about our bad behaviors characterized by dissolution of morality, dissensions, complaisance in the evil, continual disobedience to the commandments of God.

- Salvific sufferings: This theme is one of the most important in the history of the apparitions of Kibeho. The Virgin said to her seers, notably to Nathalie on May 15th, 1982: "*No one gets to heaven without suffering*". Or "*Mary's child doesn't separate with the suffering*". But the suffering has also a mean of expiating for the sin of the world and to participate in the sufferings of Jesus and Mary for the salvation of the world.

Kibeho is a place for those who are attached to values of compassion and brotherhood without borders.



If the Virgin Mary, who has presented her self under the name of "Nyina wa Jambo" (Mother of the Word in Rwandan tongue) appeared to Kibeho, it was not only for some particular individuals, not for Rwanda only, but for all over the world (*The Apparitions of Kibeho, brief presentation - Diocese of Gikongoro*).

**Kibeho is a place of conversion,
where people go and come back happy**



Ten thousands of pilgrims from Rwanda, neighboring countries and from all over the world come in Kibeho to listen to the Virgin Mary who has appeared in this place situated in the heart of the Africa. The source of the River Nile is in the immediate neighborhood of Kibeho.

Kibeho is a joining place of rallying for "those who were dispersed"



The Rwandan tragedy dispersed throughout the world One million of Rwandans. In Kibeho, they recover their brotherhood.

Kibeho is a goal of pilgrimages



The Place of the Apparitions in Kibeho

The apparitions of Kibeho are located in the context of the permanent struggle that exists between the good and the evil forces since the beginning of the history of the humanity (Cardinal Ivan DIAS, Kibeho, 28.11.2007). The tragic of event that occurred in Rwanda in 1994 and in particular in Kibeho (the Tutsis genocide in 1994 and the massacre of displaced people in 1995) make this blessed site a place of contrasts that calls to an urgent manner for the repentance, the conversion and the deep reconciliation of the hearts.

Kibeho: a place of appointment for searcher; of God



Till the event of the apparitions, Kibeho was not only an unknown locality for the large people inside Rwanda, but also and more for the foreigners. Today, its star begins to shine. Every year, hundred thousands of pilgrims come at this holy place.

Kibeho is a place that dives us deeply into the gospel of cross



The "Calvarium" of Kibeho

"As sign of our active involvement to her offensive against Satan, the Virgin Mary asked in Kibeho for the concrete actions: the conversion of the heart, the daily recitation of the rosary, the prayer constantly said without hypocrisy, the acceptance of the suffering for the salute of the world. This seems small mere nothing, but they are powerful in the Almighty God's hands" (Cardinal Ivan DIAS, Kibeho, 28.11.2007).

Kibeho: a high intense prayer place



The path of the Rosary of Kibeho

Except the daily Mass and the one that can be celebrated on the pilgrims' demand, the Our Lady of Kibeho Shrine offers others possibilities for spiritual contemplation on the different sites that have arranged to this effect, notably to the shrine (Our Lady of the Sorrows Church), the Place of Apparitions, Chapel of the Apparitions, and the various paths of prayers (path of the Cross, path of the Rosary and path of the Rosary of the Seven Sorrows the Mary).

With the small beads of the rosary, we will be able to destroy the obstacles, to face the Satan's assaults and to carry our daily crosses with patience (Cardinal Ivan DIAS, Kibeho, 28.11.2007).



The path of the Rosary of the Seven Pains

“Grant us always light and strength to keep worthy in us your message of conversion and repentance, and to live according to the Gospel of your Son. Teach us how to pray without hypocrisy and to love one another as He loved us, so that, as you willed, we may always be beautiful flowers that produce nice flavor to everyone and everywhere”. (Prayer to ND of Kibeho).

Kibeho is a place of repair of the sin of the world and reconciliation



The Marian Shrine of Kibeho must become a privileged place for the new evangelism of Africa. I encourage you to come numerous there and often in well prepared and accompanied pilgrimages (Cardinal Ivan DIAS, Kibeho, 28.11.2009).

Welcoming in Kibeho

The official recognition of the apparitions of Kibeho took place on June 29, 2001. Gradually, the site is getting welcome infrastructures, of course modest, but that didn't exist before. Among these we note the Welcoming Centre "Regina Pacis" of the Benebikira Sisters and the Centre for Marian Formation of the Marian Fathers in Nyarushishi (2 km from Kibeho)

Giant statue of Jesus Merciful in Nyarushishi (Kibeho)



The Divine Mercy worship goes together with the recourse to the Mary's intercession

Since 2004, a giant statue of Jesus Merciful throne in Nyarushishi in the Centre for Marian Formation of the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception. This statue has a marvelous history to discover. Since then, the passage in Nyarushishi has become an inescapable step for the pilgrims coming in Kibeho.

Kibeho, an obliged step in discovering the deep Rwanda

ATTRACTIVE SAFARIS organizes pilgrimage to KIBEHO and other holy Christian places within Rwanda. This pilgrimage can be a happy opportunity to discover deeply Remarkable Rwanda and get connected to the Christianity development in this country where the first Catholic mission was early implanted in 1900 at Save to the south of Rwanda.

Apart from Kibeho, the other pilgrim places that can be recommended to you are Ruhango (Sanctuary of Jesus the Merciful), Save (the first church ever built in Rwanda), other first missions in Rwanda (Zaza, Nyundo, Rwaza), Rebero Charity Hostel Sanctury and Remera-Ruhondo Charity Hostel Sanctuary, Gihindamuyaga Benedictines Monastery, Fatima Virgin Mary Sanctuary in Ruhengeri, Kigufi Benedictines Convent on the Shore of the Lake Kivu, and Congo Nile divide Sanctuary.

Kibeho pilgrimage can be combined with other attractive tourist sites in Rwanda. Any choice can be made depend on the pilgrim or tourist's choice.



The first Catholic Church built at S.A.V.E. Rwanda in 1900