

Yes! I'd like to sponsor a student at our twinning community.

Sponsorship Type	No.	Cost	Total
Batahola Student			
Child (6–16 years)	_____ x	\$95 = \$	_____
Adult	_____ x	\$95 = \$	_____
High School Student	_____ x	\$250 = \$	_____
College Student	_____ x	\$500 = \$	_____
Batahola Teacher	_____ x	\$1,200 = \$	_____
Open Donation			
___ \$50    ___ \$125    ___ \$200    ___ Other \$			_____
Grand Total \$			_____

**Sponsor Information:** Sponsorships must be received by March 1.  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Gift/Memorial Information**  
*To be completed only if this sponsorship is intended as a gift or memorial. Christmas gift requests must be received by November 25.*  
Recipient's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
*A gift card will be sent directly to you, so you can personally announce your thoughtful gift.*

**Method of Payment:** Check or Credit Card  
☐ Check enclosed.  
(Make payable to IHM/Batahola Project Education.)  
☐ VISA    ☐ MC    ☐ Discover    ☐ AmEx  
Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ CVV #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Send payment, with this completed form, to  
Immaculate Heart of Mary  
c/o Project Education for Batahola  
7820 Beechmont Ave.  
Cincinnati, OH 45255

All sponsorship levels above represent average costs. Actual costs vary by class. Sponsorship substitutions may occur.

### IHM's Twinning Partnership With the Cultural Center of Batahola Norte

The Cultural Center of Batahola Norte was founded in 1983 by Fr. Angel Torrellas, a missionary from Spain, and Sr. Margie Navarro, CSJ, who grew up in Mt. Washington, graduated from St. Joseph Academy (now Archbishop McNicholas High School) and served a short time as principal of Immaculate Heart of Mary School. From its humble beginnings, the Center has grown to offer 20 courses to more than 1,000 students each year.

- Today, the Center focuses on four program areas:**
- Education and vocational training programs for adults,
  - Educational support for children and youth,
  - Youth arts groups and cultural promotion, and
  - Gender and generational violence prevention programs.

The mission of the Center is to live a humane and just lifestyle with preference for the poor and according to the Gospel to help transform society into the Kingdom of God. Joining in this mission, in 2000, IHM established a twinning relationship with the Center.

**Project Education for Batahola**  
IHM's Project Education for Batahola student sponsorship program, which began in 2005, provides an opportunity to connect with members of our twinning community on a personal and meaningful level. The scholarships that are made available through Project Education are life transforming. The program helps keep students in school longer, which translates into greater lifetime opportunities, reduced poverty, and reduced domestic violence. Women make up about 75 per cent of the adult student body. Over 225 students receive scholarships from IHM parishioners each year.

**Project Education for Batahola Team**  
The Project Education team consists of IHM parishioners Melissa Auvil, Carolyn Carlton, Sue Keefe, Lauren Meisman, Chris Pollock, Mary Pommert, Bob and Sharon Sanker, and Jim Vorwald. Please contact us with any questions.



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### Project Education for Batahola



Transforming Lives  
at Our  
Twinning Community



# Working Together as People of Faith at IHM...

## How Student Sponsorship Works

- For \$95 you can sponsor a **child, or adult** taking a course at the Center or a student attending a local grade school.
- For \$250 and \$500, respectively, you can sponsor a student receiving a scholarship awarded by the Center to attend a local **high school or college**.
- For \$1,200 you can pay a **teacher's salary** at the Center for an entire year.
- We also welcome **cash donations** of any amount to fund scholarships or to help defray operating expenses at the Center. Your support is a blessing!

## What Sponsors Receive

When you sponsor a student, you will receive a picture, a personal profile, and a thank-you note from the student you are sponsoring. More importantly, you will know that you are answering Christ's call to serve the poor in a most beneficial way...a hand up and out of poverty through education.

## Student Accountability

- Scholarship students are required to maintain their grade averages and return the gift of sponsorship in the form of service hours to the Center.
- Counseling and parenting classes are offered to the families of scholarship students, in order to improve students' home environments.
- Scholarship students develop strong study skills through tutoring programs and access to the Center's library.



*They are smart.  
They are capable.  
And, they are our brothers and sisters.*

## Life-changing courses for adults

Adult students come to the Center to learn skills that will result in jobs or increased income. At the Center, many will learn to read and write for the first time in their lives. Many women will use the skills they acquire to start small home businesses. Other adults will find office or vocational-technical jobs. **When you sponsor an adult student**, that student will enroll in one of the following courses offered at the Center:

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|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| • Basic Literacy, Levels 1-3 | • Communicative English   |
| • Baking and Pastry Making   | • Computer Skills         |
| • Basic Cooking              | • Cosmetology/Hairstyling |
| • International Cooking      | • Handicrafts             |
| • Cake Decorating            | • Natural Medicine        |
| • Cashiering                 | • Sewing/Tailoring        |

It's a new dawn, a new day, and a new life  
for students who receive scholarships.  
Sponsor a student!

*They are eager.  
They are motivated.  
And, they are our  
future.*



## Attending high school or college...the impossible dream

In Nicaragua, fewer than 40 percent of children will finish sixth grade. Students often drop out of school to support their families by working on the streets washing car windows or as street vendors. Other students drop out to care for even younger siblings. The end result is the cycle of poverty continues. **When you sponsor a high school or college student**, you make the *impossible dream* possible...the opportunity to attend one academic year of high school or college, allowing that student to dare to dream of a promising future and the ability to contribute to both family and community.

*They are young.  
They are hopeful.  
And, they are our  
children.*



## Creative expression... a gateway to learning

Violence, poverty, and lack of opportunity destroy the dreams of Nicaragua's youth. **When you sponsor a young student**, you make it possible for that student to attend a local grade school or to enroll in one of the creative arts courses offered at the Center in drawing, painting, music, or dance. Creative expression instills confidence, builds self-esteem, and encourages self-discipline. The creative arts courses are offered after school and on weekends and keep students off the streets away from gangs and drugs in a safe, nurturing environment. More importantly, these courses bring students to the Center and serve as a gateway to lifelong learning.



We're Breaking the Cycle of Poverty Through **Education**