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### Dar es Salaam, TANZANIA

Let me share with you about the Sisters of the Company of Mary who are now working at LoyolaHigh School in Dar es Salaam. Since they came to our school, run by Jesuits, a year ago, life has been different at our school. Their presence has changed the dynamics of the school in many ways. It is now that we realize that one person was doing the work of about four people.

And to share with you three areas where the sisters have been very useful to us in our mission: first of all our girls, who are about 460 in the school find a lot of support from them, secondly, we had many difficulties in the accounting section for a number of years, but now the accounting section is very much organized by them. They are in the forefront of running this section. And thirdly, we have poor students in the school, and visiting them was such a difficult job. But since the sisters came, the work has been easier. One of them has been visiting the poor students, who cannot afford to pay fees or who need help in different ways from our school. And after visiting them, this sister with the committee comes and divulges the situation to see how best we can best help them. Their presence also helped us take over more easily the parish which the Cardinal asked us to run. It was not easy. We were not ready, but since the sisters were there they helped us with the transition to take over the parish. And now we are running it very well. They have the house near the parish and this it is a support to the school and also to the parish. We have four Sisters of the Company of Mary; all of them are very special in their different areas of work. We really appreciate the administration of the Order of the Company of Mary for taking up this mission and for accepting to collaborate with the Jesuits in Tanzania.