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My wife shared their experience with me. Her thoughts were on the schoolchildren and what could be done to help them. This was when it occurred to me that something could be done based on the examples of some members of the Work in Kenya and Uganda who I had seen visiting schools.

My wife and I prayed and thought of what exactly to do for these boys and girls. We got an idea: to start offering Catechism classes using the question-and-answer catechism of the Catholic Church. We approached the patron of the Legion of Mary in the school and shared with him the idea, which

he welcomed and promised to support where possible. He, in turn, shared the idea with the school administration, who allocated us time on Sunday midmorning to teach catechism to those children who would love to refresh their knowledge of the Catholic Faith and those who wanted to receive the sacrament of Confirmation.

We started the catechism classes early in 2022, and we have been having an average of seven boys taught by myself and five girls taught by my wife. Six boys and four girls were encouraged to receive Confirmation. These classes are conducted outdoors in the school compound. We opted for this to avoid inconveniencing other students who use the classrooms and are not interested in Catechism.

It has been more than a year, and to make the work more sustainable, we are contacting the other Catholic couples to give us a hand in the project by themselves studying the materials, which they will later transmit to the students.

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