

# A Kenyan Journey of Hope

June 19 - 30, 2026

## Highlights

Our School of Hope, St. Aloysius Gonzaga Secondary School

Jesuit Ministries in Nairobi

Cultural Sites in Nairobi

Masai Mara Game Park and Safari



# KENYAN JOURNEY

## What is this journey?

Think of this as a retreat, an extraordinary learning opportunity in the classroom of life, and an opportunity for some exhilarating fun.

This journey will break your heart and heal it again and again. It is an opportunity to observe the challenges of life as well as the joy that faithful courage can bring for those living in the midst of poverty and deprivation in Africa today. Local experts will teach us about the challenges facing Africa today. We will learn about the great work being done at **St. Aloysius Gonzaga Secondary School** and have opportunities to interact with students and faculty. We will have an opportunity to reflect daily on what we experience. On our mini-safari, we will witness breathtaking vistas and marvel at the wonder of creation.

Founded and supported by the Society of Jesus and the Christian Life Communities of Kenya, the school is open to children of all faiths. The trip is similarly intended to appeal to visitors of all faith traditions and all daily activities are optional.

## Experience the miracle of St. Aloysius Gonzaga Secondary School in Nairobi, Kenya

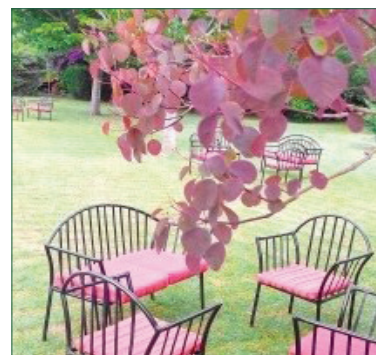
**Celebrate the feast of St. Aloysius Gonzaga, after whom the school is named, with students and staff.** Students at St. Al's have lost one or both of their parents to AIDS or are vulnerable due to other family circumstances. This Jesuit school gives these students hope for a bright future by providing a solid high school education and a graduate program as well. Through the generosity of numerous benefactors, a new school was built in 2010 that has twelve classrooms, three science laboratories, a chapel, two computer centers, a library, several offices, and a dining hall. Currently, we are raising funds to construct a building to house four STEM laboratories and implement a new Competency-Based Education.



## Trip to Masai Mara

Visit one of Africa's greatest wildlife reserves and one of the world's top safari big game viewing eco-systems. The safari includes lodging for two nights at the Mara Serena Resort (or comparable), meals, and airfare to and from Masai Mara.

[www.masaimara.org](http://www.masaimara.org)



## Lodging

We will be staying at The Mary Ward Centre for Education, Spirituality and Justice which is a Ministry of the Loretto Sisters whose mission is to promote peace, justice, and the integrity of creation. This package includes a private guest room and bathroom and two meals daily. Dining at a variety of local restaurants is also included. A daily sundowner is included most evenings.

## PILGRIMAGE PACKAGE—Cost per person: \$3,250 USD

### Attractions

All entrance fees and transportation to and from all museums and places of interest are included. Gratuities are at the discretion of each visitor.

### Deposit required

Please provide confirmation and a 50% deposit (\$1,625/person) by January 31, 2026.

### Airfare

**Airfare is not included; please make arrangements to join us in Nairobi the evening of June 20.** Most flights will depart from a US city on June 19 and have a connection in Europe. Schedule a flight to arrive at the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport in Nairobi, Kenya on the evening of June 20, and a return flight departing from Kenya on the evening of June 29. If you would like to arrive a day early to get acclimated to the time change or if your flight arrangements necessitate arriving earlier or staying longer, charges are \$30 per day for housing and meals. Late arrivals can make it more difficult for the group to come together, and early departures can cause difficulty with bringing closure.

## ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

### Tourist Visa

Each visitor will need to secure their own visa for "single entry" into Kenya. Visas total cost is \$34.05 including fees and can only be purchased online. Please use the official site of the Kenyan government at <https://evisa.go.ke/> to obtain the visa.

### Vaccinations

No proof of COVID-19 vaccination is currently required for entry into Kenya. Vaccinations for Yellow Fever, Hepatitis A and Typhoid, as well as medication for malaria prevention, are recommended. Consult a doctor for more details.

## DIRECTORS AND TOUR GUIDES



**Daniel G. O'Hare, SJ, Ph.D.**

Dan, a Jesuit priest, is a professor of Medical Ethics and currently lectures at New York Medical College in Valhalla, New York. He is an adjunct professor in the Doctor of Nurse Anesthesia Practice Program of Gonzaga University in Spokane, Washington, and also regularly lectures to physicians, nurses, social workers, respiratory and physical therapists, pastoral care personnel, and mortuary science students.

**Terry Charlton, SJ, Ph.D.**

Terry is a member of the first graduating class at Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School in Indianapolis. He entered the Society of Jesus in 1966 and was ordained a Jesuit priest in 1976. He has a doctorate in Theology. He has taught at Xavier University in Cincinnati before moving to East Africa in 1990 where he served as a professor of Theology at Hekima College and Catholic University.



From 1990 to 2010, Terry was the National Chaplain of Christian Life Community (CLC- a movement of lay people rooted in the Jesuit tradition and dedicated to living their Catholic faith by serving those in need) in Nairobi, Kenya. Together they co-founded St. Aloysius Gonzaga High School in 2003, a Jesuit-model high school for children orphaned by AIDS in the Kibera slum of Nairobi. He has served in various capacities in Jesuit ministries in Kenya and is presently the Director of Mwangaza Jesuit Spirituality Center in addition to his ongoing work with St. Aloysius.

Terry and Dan have accompanied visitors on this journey for many years.

## DAILY ITINERARY

### ► FRIDAY, JUNE 19

Depart USA

### ► SATURDAY, JUNE 20

Night ..... Arrive in Nairobi

### ► SUNDAY, JUNE 21

Morning ... Sunday Mass at St. Joseph the Worker Jesuit Parish

Lunch ..... For You Chinese Restaurant

Afternoon .... Karen Blixen Museum

Forex and Shopping as needed at the Hub

### ► MONDAY, JUNE 22

Morning ... Visit original site of St. Al's and tour of Kibera Slum

Meet the Principal

Meet your student buddy

Tour of the school, visit a classroom

Lunch ..... Java - Galleria

Afternoon ... African Jesuit AIDS Network (meet at St. Al's)

Meet with St. Al's students in small groups for the AHAPPY program



Kibera Market



Kibera Slum

## DAILY ITINERARY

### ► TUESDAY, JUNE 23

**Morning** ..... Visit Nyumbani  
(Jesuit-founded orphanage for HIV+ children)

**Lunch** ..... Spur, The Hub

**Afternoon** ...Presentations on  
culture, religion, history and  
politics of Kenya



Visit Christian Life Community National Office

Visit the St. Al's Dorm Site

The Giraffe Centre

### ► WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24

**Morning** ..... Visit National Museum – Human Ancestors

**Lunch** ..... Art Café Galleria

**Afternoon** ..... St. Al's presentation on the school programs  
(Mentorship, Medical, Social needs)

Visit a student's home in Kibera

**Evening** ..... Supper at Pedro Arrupe Jesuit Community

### ► THURSDAY, JUNE 25

**Morning & Afternoon** .....  
Flight to Masai Mara National  
Reserve – first game drive



### ► FRIDAY, JUNE 26

Game drives at Masai Mara

## DAILY ITINERARY

### ► SATURDAY, JUNE 27

**Morning & Early Afternoon** .... Final game drives at Masai Mara and flight  
to Nairobi

**Late Afternoon** .... Tea at Mary Ward  
Meet St. Al's beneficiaries of the Grow a Doc Program  
for graduates studying in medical programs

### ► SUNDAY, JUNE 28

**Morning and Afternoon** .... ST. AL'S FEAST DAY CELEBRATION  
Farewell to Buddies

**Evening Final Celebratory Dinner** .... The Talisman

### ► MONDAY, JUNE 29

**Morning** ..... Visit Kazuri Beads  
Any final shopping and packing

**Lunch** ..... Mary Ward

**Afternoon** ..... Debriefing and Evaluation  
Packing

**Night** ..... Depart for USA

### ► TUESDAY, JUNE 30

Arrive in USA

*NOTE: All suppers are at Mary  
Ward unless otherwise noted.*





**SCHOOL OF HOPE FOUNDATION provides fundraising and operational support for St. Aloysius Gonzaga Secondary School for children whose lives have been impacted by AIDS, and for other vulnerable youth in Nairobi, Kenya.**

## TESTIMONIALS




*“I’m 73 and have had the good fortune to have visited six continents. Still, no trip has been as meaningful, memorable or impactful as my pilgrimage to Kenya and St. Al’s.”* — Richard Burbach

*“I highly recommend this trip to anyone with a heart for the developing world. This is a chance to encounter extreme poverty and amazing hope. I loved every adventure!”* — Mimi Krsak

*“My relationship with St Al’s and the brief journey I have walked with several of the students has been a grace and a gift for me. The resilience and growing confidence of the young people can be heard in their words and in their laughter.”* — Terri Mierswa

*“The St. Al’s community and the Kenyan people are a people of great faith and they show this faith in the way they greet and welcome you, with song, dance, and great zeal in all they do. We were blessed as they shared their works of love. In a place where you would think the poverty and conditions would be overwhelming, we saw great joy. This type of joy can only come from Love - Love of God and Love of neighbor.”* — Marie and Ron Denissen

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