

CATHOLIC EDUCATION UNIT, NAVRONGO/BOLGATANGA DIOCESE HANDS OVER TWO HAND PUMP BOREHOLES TO SCHOOLS.



The Catholic Education Unit in separate ceremonies on Friday July 5, 2019 commissioned and handed over two hand pump boreholes to St. Clément's cluster of schools and St. Francis Basic School both in the Bolgatanga Municipality of the Upper East Region.

BACKGROUND:

The two beneficiary schools with a pupil/student population of about one thousand two hundred (1,200) were hitherto without water. This situation adversely affected the teaching and learning and school administration as well. It also had health implications on the children as far as basic hygiene is concerned. The children had to make choices between learning with dry throats and sacrificing their lessons in search for water; drinking the little water they had and eating with dirty hands or eating with clean hands but staying thirsty after meals. As a result, the heads and local managers of the schools made appeals to the unit's office and thanks to the benevolence of **Mama Noelle** the boreholes were drilled within two weeks.

COMMISSIONING AND HANDING OVER:

The commissioning and handing over ceremony of the facilities by the Regional Catholic Education Unit led by its manager Rev. Sr. Bernardine Pemii (DC) was well attended by a host of stakeholders including the representatives of the Municipal Director of Education, Assemblymen, Circuit Supervisors, Local Managers of Catholic Schools, PTA and SMC Executives teachers and pupils/students of the beneficiary schools.



APPEALS AND ASSURANCES:

The stakeholders at the event took turns to appeal to the school communities to take proper care of the facilities so that they can benefit the current and future generations. In response to that, the school – teachers, parents and pupils as well as the circuit supervisors and assemblymen promised the unit of their commitment to ensure the boreholes are properly secured and judiciously used.



APPRECIATIONS:

“Thank You, God Bless You, We are Grateful” were the common language spoken by all who had the opportunity to speak at the events. Those who could not speak were full of smiles on their faces. In fact it was joy, joy, joy because the long time woes of the schools communities were simply over.

In appreciation a Certificate of Appreciation was presented to the Regional Manager for her show of leadership and care to the schools.

The unit on its part expressed gratitude to **Mama Noelle** whose support led to the realization of that promise. The Regional Manager called on all to continue to pray for her (**Mama Noelle**) for God to renew her strength since age is making her weak and fragile.



CONCLUSION:

Mama **Noelle**, we are grateful to you for your continuous support. It is our prayer that God will keep you in good health and bless you with more grace. May you never lack!

The Unit's Schools are faced with a myriad of problems as far as infrastructure, teaching and learning, health and sanitation among others are concerned. We call on all benevolent and well-meaning individuals and groups to collaborate with us as we do our bid to address these challenges.

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