



The Action Letter

“Love Must Act as light must shine forth and fire must burn.”

- Fr. James Otis Sargent Huntington, OHC.

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Our Vision

Love Must Act builds partnerships between communities in North America and communities overseas. Partnerships then build schools that promote a holistic educational excellence where these are most needed. Our model is the Holy Cross School in South Africa, which is a Love Must Act partner. Our projects are transparent, measured by objective standards, sustainable into the future, and empowering.

We're Launched!

After many months of studying, planning, and preparing, the Board of Love Must Act is pleased to announce that we are launched. Inside this issue of *The Education Informant* you'll find more information about us, about our staff, and about what we're trying to do and how.

Check Out our Website

We're online at www.LoveMustAct.org. You'll find lots more information there.



The Love Must Act Difference

What makes us different is the how of our plan. Other groups with similar goals raise money to build schools. We build partnerships first and partnerships then build schools. We are about more than education. Most of all, we are about transforming and being transformed in relationship with others.



Respect of Identity

Students at LMA schools are taught in their native tongue by locally grown teachers



Access to Health Care

Students receive regular dental, ENT, HIV and Psych screenings at no cost to them



Access to Books

100% of students at LMA partner schools have access to textbooks. In Public schools, over 30% do not.

The Board

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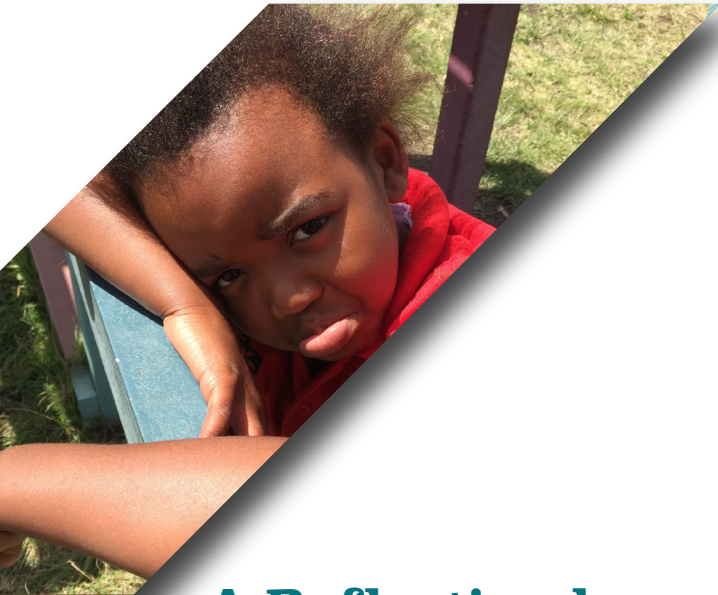
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A Reflection by Bishop Sauls

It Feels More Like Easter to Me

I've just returned from South Africa building partnerships for Love Must Act (more on that very good news next time!). It's the first time I've ever been in the Southern Hemisphere during the run-up to Christmas.

At first it didn't feel right. It wasn't the "bleak midwinter," but the breaking-in of spring. Flowers were blooming. Birds were everywhere pollinating fervently (the one with the turquoise breast outside my window particularly impressed me). The coming of summer was certainly in the air. Somehow shop displays of evergreens covered with snow didn't quite fit. I wondered if my cultural conditioning would ever allow me to get into the Christmas spirit "down" there.

Springtime means Easter to my Northern Hemisphere sensibilities, not Christmas. Maybe, though, the cycle of death and resurrection is exactly the right context for what we're up to in Love Must Act. The more I thought about it, the more right the juxtaposing of the dead of winter yielding to the inbreaking resurrection seemed the right context. There is a spirit of the passing away of what was old and the coming of what is new in South Africa.

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It was that way in the early days of post-apartheid South Africa. There is a resurgence. Corruption is yielding to transparency despite its best efforts not to. Old patterns cannot hold off the new. The death of oppression, in its many forms, is being replaced by a resurrected and united people. This is especially true of the oppression of illiteracy and ignorance.

It helped me remind me of how that is true for us at Love Must Act, too. We are on the verge of life, too. New life! Abundant life! That's what acting on love yields, new life and life abundant.

I know it's Christmas, but it sure seems like Easter to me.

Agape,
+Stacy



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We're all about partnerships. What we need is partners who
will share their gifts to keep children like these singing.

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