

Title: Our Lady of Kibeho	Author: Immaculee Ilibagiza
Media type: (check one) X Book _CD/Audio book _DVD	Call Number: 232.91 IL
Review submitted by: Sharon Krieg	Date: April 9, 2016
Subject (e.g. Prayer, Family Life, Sacraments, Saints, Bible Study, Moral Conduct, Social Justice) Faith and Loving God	
<p>1. What is this book about? (describe briefly) This is a book about the appearances of both Mary and Jesus to African children during the 1980's in a tiny village called Kibeho. The visits continue to the present day with the surviving visionaries being grown adults. Beginning before the horrific genocides of the 1990's, during and after, the author explains how both Mary and Jesus gave humankind messages of reconciliation, forgiveness and mercy, and warnings to avoid sin.</p>	
<p>2. What main message does the author convey? Mary wishes the "Rosary of the 7 Sorrows" to be used to honor her. Jesus wants us to use the regular Rosary on a daily basis. We are to repent of our sins and do nothing to offend God. Since they know that without grace this is impossible for humans, they nonetheless want us to sincerely try to avoid sin. Mary taught the visionaries how to do the "Rosary of the 7 Sorrows" and instructions are included in this book. Heaven, Purgatory and Hell are shown to the children. Various miracles that occur are recounted by Ms. Ilibagiza. The genocide is briefly dealt with, but the author focused primarily on the effects of the Madonna and her Holy Son's messages on the populace.</p>	
<p>3. What inspired you the most about this book, and why would you recommend it? I had never heard of the "Rosary of the 7 Sorrows". This originated in the Middle Ages, but fell out of usage until Mary re-introduced it in Kibeho. It has great spiritual power if used with sincere remorse and devotion and will grant us favor with God. Mary instructed that it be used in conjunction with, rather than to replace, the regular Rosary. To gain knowledge of this special Marian rosary is a wonderful reason to read this book.</p>	
<p>4. Who would benefit from reading this book? Anyone who wants to increase their faith in God will be helped by this book. If a ground is fertile a seed will grow.</p>	
<p>5. Any other impressions: : I found it interesting to read a book about the visitations of Mary and Jesus in Africa. I hope this book intrigues you as well. I had read some years ago Ms. Ilibagiza's book "Left to Tell, Discovering God Amidst the Rwandan Holocaust" and found it riveting. "Our Lady of Kibeho" also recounts Ms. Ilibagiza's early childhood faith and family which I enjoyed.</p>	