Democratic Republic of Congo





On the Map



• The DRC is located in central Africa.





The DRC is the 16th most populated country in the world. It has a population of over 78 million people.

The people of the DRC represent over 200 ethnic groups, with nearly 250 languages and dialects spoken throughout the country. Kinshasa, the capital, is the second largest Frenchspeaking city in the world.



Photos



Work of the Handmaids

There are 11 Handmaids in the DRC. They have established a primary school called Saint Raphaela Maria for students from ages 3-13. The school prepares the students for high school. Donations provide scholarships, materials, and breakfast for the students. There is also a a place called the Mother Pilar Social Center. This place houses women and girls. It provides workshops on such topics as literacy, cooking, dressmaking and computing skills, which have been offered to 110 women and 20 young people.



Catholic Social Teaching

The Handmaids in the DRC help the children meet their needs from education to the basic skills of everyday life.





Our Prayer

Dear God, Lord of Heaven and Earth, we believe in your power to hear and answer our prayers. Please listen to our intentions for the Democratic Republic of Congo. Please keep the sisters and the children in your loving care. Continue to keep the children safe and with a good education. Please give the sisters the power to stay strong and keep on living their wonderful mission. And, for this we say, Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour our death. In all this we pray through Christ our Lord. Amen. Saint Rafaela Mary, pray for us.

