

## Introduction

### *Context and reality of the social movement of the Coptic Catholic diocese of Abo Korkass*

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#### **Diocese of Abo Korkass**

Al Minya was a diocese in Egypt divided by the Nile River. Due to this, on January 7, 2020, the Diocese of Abo Korkass was established in the southern area, including the cities of Abo Korkass, Mallawi and Deir Mawas, and limiting to the north with the diocese of Al Minya and to the south with the diocese of Asyut.

The new diocese of Abo Korkass comprises 21 churches, each one with different realities but all with great social and pastoral activity, working in different areas, such as:

- Special needs service
- Kindergartens
- School reinforcement centers
- Manual workshops
- Maternity and childhood
- Health Service



#### **Roser de Maig Foundation**

The Roser de Maig Foundation is an NPO of social, educational and free time action that, through recreational activities, ensures the fulfillment of human rights and Christian education, promoting social cohesion, inclusion and the construction of a society for all.

Our reason for being lies in the desire to provide all children, adolescents and young people with the same opportunities to grow. Grow in different areas: in education, in leisure, but mainly to grow as people. Grow in order to develop their social and emotional potential. Grow up having the same rights and opportunities as the rest of the children, adolescents and young people. Our main aim is to have an impact on those who are in a situation of vulnerability, since we believe that they are the ones who need it most.

As a supplement to the action carried out locally, the Roser de Maig Foundation opens a new path of work in the field of international cooperation, wanting to support the social and pastoral reality of the Diocese of Abo Korkass, a growing diocese with a lot of movement and still a lot of work to do.

It is for this reason that in December 2020, a group from the Foundation carried out a trip to learn about this diocese, visiting the spaces of the city of Abo Korkass, as well as the other cities of the territory. During this visit we observed various needs, in which the Foundation wants to collaborate, either through direct projects or by collaborating in the construction of links with other realities.

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In this way, we want to make a list of priorities, from the construction of new spaces, the rehabilitation of others in very poor condition or the accompaniment of educational realities. One of the needs identified has been the lack of a means of transportation to reach all parts of the diocese, in a place where mobility is very difficult. This need is expected to be carried out mainly for:

- **Formation of catechists:** Each parish has a team of catechists who carry out pastoral and educational action with the boys and girls of the city. Some of these catechists need to be trained in order to continue their educational activities. This training takes place in the city of Abo Korkass, a place where only catechists from these parishes can access with medium ease.

*This trip takes place every Friday.*

- **Encounters between different pastoral realities** of the parishes, which improves the action that is carried out.

*Currently this activity cannot be carried out, but it is planned to be scheduled every week.*



In this way, the requested coach would have the following social actions:

- On Mondays and Wednesdays, it would take different routes to pick up men and women with special needs who are currently unable to participate in any activity.
- On Fridays it would make two trips in the morning to go to the center and two in the afternoon to return to the different cities (4 trips) to pick up the catechists educating and be able to offer them specific training.

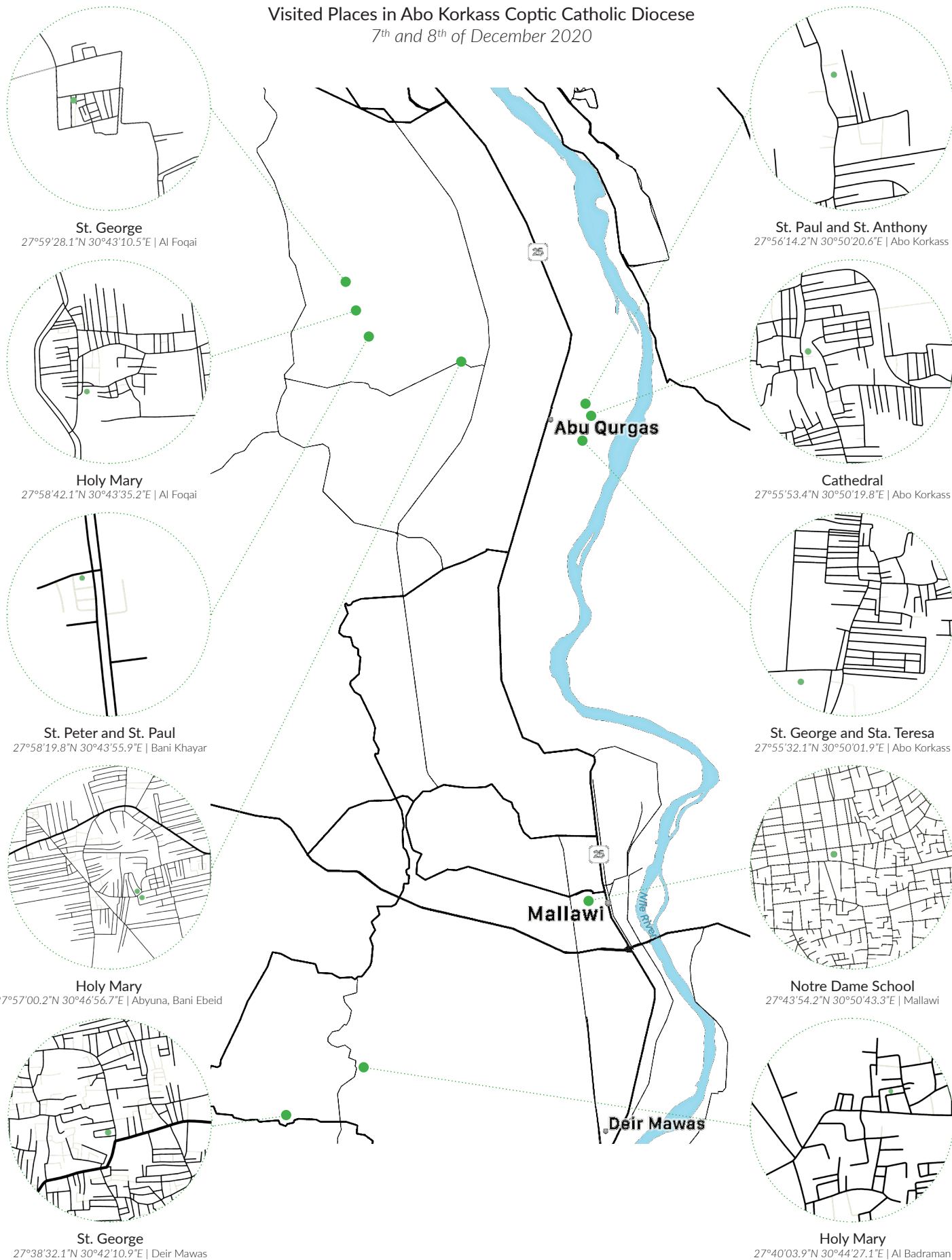
All these activities would be carried out at no cost to users, it is for this reason that other routes are being considered that would have a very economic cost to be able to maintain this service with its expenses (driver, gasoline, maintenance ...). These would be:

- Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday morning tours of different schools in Mallawi.

Next, we show a map of the diocese, where we mark the points visited during our visit. Subsequently, a detail of the activity of each of these parishes to review the need for them.

## Visited Places in Abo Korkass Coptic Catholic Diocese

7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> of December 2020





## Places in Abo Korkass Coptic Catholic Diocese

*Churches, schools and locals visited*

### Saint George



**Location:**

Al Foqai

N° catholics of the village: **1.400 catholics**

Actual activities:

- Kinder Garden
- Primary School
- School reinforcement
- Motherhood and childhood

**Coordinates:**

27°59'28.4"N

30°43'10.4"E

Num. Children and youth: **140 participants**

Num. of catechists and educational staff: **20** [6 in formation who need travel]

### Holy Mary [Al Foqai]



**Location:**

Al Foqai

N° catholics of the village: **1.400 catholics**

Actual activities:

- Kinder Garden
- School reinforcement
- Motherhood and childhood
- Health services

**Coordinates:**

27°58'42.1"N

30°43'35.2"E

Num. Children and youth: **200 participants**

Num. of catechists and educational staff: **20** [7 in formation who need travel]



## Places in Abo Korkass Coptic Catholic Diocese

### *Churches, schools and locals visited*

#### Saint Peter and Saint Paul



#### Location:

Al Foqai

#### Coordinates:

27°58'19.8"N  
30°43'55.9"E

N° catholics of the village: **1.400 catholics**

Actual activities:

- Kinder Garden
- School reinforcement

Num. Children and youth: **25 participants**

Num. of catechists and educational staff: **4**

#### Holy Mary [Abyuna]



#### Location:

Bani Khayar, Abyuna

#### Coordinates:

27°57'00.2"N  
30°46'56.7"E

N° catholics of the village: **3.000 catholics**

Actual activities:

- Kinder Garden
- School reinforcement
- Motherhood and childhood

Num. Children and youth: **500 participants**

Num. of catechists and educational staff: **40** [22 in formation who need travel]

## Places in Abo Korkass Coptic Catholic Diocese

*Churches, schools and locals visited*

### Saint Paul and Saint Anthony



**Location:**

Abo Korkass

**Coordinates:**

27°56'14.2"N  
30°50'20.6"E

N° catholics of the village: **4.000 catholics**

Actual activities:

- Kinder Garden
- Special needs service
- School reinforcement
- Motherhood and childhood
- Health services

Num. Children and youth: **300 participants**

Num. of catechists and educational staff: **45**

### Cathedral



**Location:**

Abo Korkass

**Coordinates:**

27°55'53.4"N  
30°50'19.8"E

N° catholics of the village: **4.000 catholics**

Actual activities:

- Kinder Garden
- Special needs service
- School reinforcement
- Motherhood and childhood

Num. Children and youth: **500 participants**

Num. of catechists and educational staff: **65**



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*Churches, schools and locals visited*

### Saint George and Teresa



**Location:**

Abo Korkass

N° catholics of the village: **4.000 catholics**

Actual activities:

- School reinforcement

**Coordinates:**

27°55'32.1"N

30°50'01.9"E

Num. Children and youth: **200 participants**

Num. of catechists and educational staff: **40**

### Notre Dame School



**Location:**

Mallawi

Primary school of the Diocese of Abo Korkass

Num. Children and youth: **850 participants**

**Coordinates:**

27°43'54.2"N

30°50'43.3"E



## Places in Abo Korkass Coptic Catholic Diocese

*Churches, schools and locals visited*

### Saint George



**Location:**

Deir Mawas

**Coordinates:**

27°38'32.1"N  
30°42'10.9"E

N° catholics of the village: **3.500 catholics**

Actual activities:

- Kinder Garden
- Special needs service
- School reinforcement
- Motherhood and childhood
- Health services

Num. Children and youth: **370 participants**

Num. of catechists and educational staff: **40** [10 in formation who need travel]

### Holy Mary [Al Badraman]



**Location:**

Al Badraman

**Coordinates:**

27°40'03.9"N  
30°44'27.1"E

N° catholics of the village: **3.000 catholics**

Actual activities:

- Kinder Garden
- School reinforcement
- Motherhood and childhood

Num. Children and youth: **500 participants**

Num. of catechists and educational staff: **55** [10 in formation who need travel]