



# LouiseList resource

Here is an opportunity you might be interested in. If you need more information or assistance from IPS, please contact us at [daughtersips@doc.org](mailto:daughtersips@doc.org).

## Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene

Dear Sisters in the Americas, Africa, and India,  
May God bless each of you as you move toward Easter.

Over the past few years IPS has helped several Daughter of Charity locations improve their access to water for drinking and hygiene needs and also to develop sanitation systems to prevent the buildup of waste products. Those projects have included wells/boreholes, water tanks, pumps, running water inside facilities, sinks, toilets and other facilities that help you do better, provide safer services and improve the lives of the people you serve.

IPS has worked closely with two groups to greatly improve the quality, effectiveness and sustainability of those water-related projects. The first group that we continue to work with is the Vatican, as the Church is anxious to improve access to water. I work on the Vatican's committee for this purpose which is a part of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development and is actively helping to design solutions and find funding for upgrading water systems in health care facilities. The second collaboration is with a group of professional water engineers WEFTA [www.wefta.net](http://www.wefta.net) who help design and manage the renovation of water systems in countries including Tanzania, Ethiopia, Mexico, Nigeria and more. These wonderful and dedicated professionals do not accept money in return for their work with DC IPS and they provide oversight to local water and construction professionals in each project area. This collaboration not only provides water for the local ministry & community, it also assists local engineers develop new skills, hires local laborers, and trains the community how to use water to improve health and wellbeing.

We are letting you know about this international momentum in improving access to water so that if any of you have a need for water or sanitation system upgrades in your ministries and would like to explore the possibility of doing a project in this area, please let IPS know. We will discuss this with you before you do an actual IPS application and can provide direction on how to begin assessing your project.

May God bless you,  
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