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"My brothers and sisters, yes, we do have this mission of saving souls by bringing them to Christ and it’s called the assembly, looking around at the 50-odd people gathered in the Black Catholic parish, many of whom nodded as he spoke.

Kiiguta moved to the U.S. from his home in Tanzania for exactly that reason. After meeting an American priest who had traveled to East Africa to recruit seminarians, Kiiguta joined the ranks of about 15 African priests in Chicago. He sees his work in the Englewood neighborhood — where many families struggle to make ends meet, but Catholics pour their hearts into their parish — as God’s will.

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