

ST. CAMILLUS M. HOSPITAL PROFILE 2023



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INTRODUCTION

St. Camillus M. Hospital is a Level 4, private and charitable Mission Hospital with a bed capacity of 139. The Hospital is run by the Camillian religious Order (*SERVANTS OF THE SICK*) within Homa-Bay Diocese under the umbrella of the Kenya Conference of Catholic Bishops (KCCB). It is situated in Migori County, Nyatike West constituency, Karungu division on the shores of Lake Victoria.

Built and managed by Camillian Religious, the hospital has been operating since 1997 and serves a pool of 250,000 users. Though in a resource-limited location, the Camillian community is committed to providing integrated, accessible and quality healthcare in the form of staffing, infrastructure, and equipment to the poor, elderly, and vulnerable people within the community.

The history of St. Camillus M. Hospital is deep and full of incredible stories of providing access to quality health services to the marginalized, sick, poor, widows, the elderly, orphans and people affected or infected with HIV/AIDS to be accepted, restored to health and assisted in alleviating their pain and suffering.

The local Karungu community is burdened with high poverty levels and the area also has a high prevalence rate of HIV/AIDS, according to the latest statistical data of the structure (2021). The main challenges to St. Camillus Mission Hospital revolve around illiteracy, poverty, and agriculturally poor climatic conditions. From the day the Hospital opened, we have been dedicated to providing hope, healing, and the best healthcare for all our patients. Over the years, we have positively impacted the lives of thousands of families and it's our patients who make us so passionate about the future.

Our journey since inception, tells more than a story of past achievements. It's a promise to our patients and the Karungu community that the very best care available in our capacity is available in their own backyard. And it's a pledge that each and every patient who needs it, will get that care. St. Camillus M. Hospital remains focused on delivery of quality health services efficiently and effectively.

Being in Karungu while serving the poor and the sick is a clear indication as per the dream of St. Camillus De Lellis our Patron saint and founder, who volunteered himself and regarded the sick as his Lord and Masters. St. Camillus De Lellis, were he to be alive today in Karungu, then, his wish of having *"a hundred hands to serve the sick"* could be a reality.

OUR VISION AND MISSION

Our vision requires an effort to promote access to quality health care services and to encourage, in the community, an improvement in the behaviors necessary for maintaining health and for a dignified and meaningful life.

Our mission as Camillians is to be witnesses of the greatness of love for those who suffer, offering them: attention, solidarity and hope, as well as adequate medical care.

We place ourselves at the service of the least, as commanded by Jesus Christ, without discrimination of sex, age, ethnicity and religion, because everyone has the right to our respect and dedication. Following the teachings of our founder, St. Camillus De Lellis, we do our best in our daily life to *"put more heart in our hands"*. The hospital has both religious and lay staff engaged in the ministry of helping the needy.

St. Camillus M. Hospital comprises of the following major departments and services;

- 24 hours emergency services
- Out Patient Department
- Maternity ward with incubators, Children, Medical, Surgical Wards
- Theatre for minor & major operations
- Laboratory, & Blood bank
- Radiology department(Ultrasound, E.C.G, X-ray)
- Pharmacy
- Physiotherapy clinic
- PMTCT Clinic (Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission)
- Cervical cancer screening
- T.B clinic
- Antiretroviral Therapy clinic
- HIV Testing Services
- Sickle cell project
- Mortuary with cold room
- Ambulance services

BED CAPACITY AT ST. CAMILLUS MISSION HOSPITAL

Department	N° of beds	Department	N° of beds
Medical Ward	40	Isolation Ward	4
Maternity/Gynae Ward	25	Labour ward	4
Surgical Ward	27	Incubators	2
Children ward	27	Cots	10
TOTAL NO. OF BEDS	139		



24 HOURS EMERGENCY SERVICES

St. Camillus M. Hospital provides 24-hour emergency services with rapid response for most kinds of treatment. This includes enhanced first aid on site and improved overall coordination amongst the hospital staff involved in coping with emergencies. To further enhance the emergency services, we have an ambulance that is on standby and is also available for referral services.

OUT-PATIENT DEPARTMENT

Outpatient Services at St. Camillus M. Hospital are available 24 hours and the patients are received at the reception and then directed to the nurse in the triaging area. The nurse while triaging must identify the very sick patients and direct them to be seen by the clinicians immediately.

In the clinical rooms, history is obtained from the patients or their relatives. This is followed by a thorough physical examination and evaluation of the patients that aids in making a diagnosis. Additional laboratory tests or radiological examinations may be required to make a diagnosis. Once a diagnosis is made, the clinician prescribes treatment and discharges the patient through the pharmacy, or the patient is admitted for further care and treatment.

St. Camillus M. Hospital outpatient department works very closely with the laboratory, radiology, physiotherapy and pharmacy departments. Emergency cases are dealt with promptly before they are admitted to the wards or referred for specialized treatment. On average, the number seen in outpatients on a daily basis is 50. The top five causes of morbidity at outpatient level are; Hypertension, Malaria, Diabetes, and Upper Respiratory Tract Infections,



Reception/Registration desk



Cashier/Insurance office at the OPD

OUT-PATIENT DEPARTMENT STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 2023

MONTH	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL
CHILDREN 0-5 YEARS	55	112	64	89	133	182	231	187	194	219	171	141	1,778
6 YEARS + ADULTS	1,104	1,123	1,205	1,282	2,015	2,474	2,724	2,065	2,538	2,416	1,809	1,798	22,553

MATERNITY & GYNAECOLOGY WARD

In the year 2010, we marked the completion and inauguration of the new maternity wing and delivery room. Our maternity and gynaecological ward has 25 beds, labour ward has 4 beds, and we also have 10 cots and 2 incubators for newborns.

MATERNAL DELIVERY STATISTICS – YEAR 2023

TYPE OF DELIVERY	N° OF BIRTHS
Normal deliveries	875
Caesarean sections	242
Breech deliveries	12
Assisted vaginal delivery	2
TOTAL	1,131



A mother and her newborn twin babies

TOTAL DELIVERIES PER MONTH FOR THE YEAR 2023

MONTH	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL
DELIVERIES	85	86	90	70	100	89	79	89	117	125	92	109	1,131

SURGICAL WARD/THEATRE

Officially opened on 21st May 2010, our surgical ward has a total of 27 beds, while our theatre has both major and minor rooms for surgical operations. Our surgical ward offers nursing care to adult patients of both genders with various surgical conditions.



THEATRE STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 2023

Operation	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL
Major	24	22	17	23	33	29	17	26	21	41	23	30	306
Minor	2	4	2	3	3	10	1	11	5	4	8	3	56



Doctors doing rounds in surgical ward

RADIOLOGY DEPARTMENT

At St. Camillus M. Hospital, we use diagnostic radiology which is an imaging technology used to diagnose and treat diseases.

Our radiology department provides a comprehensive range of imaging services for both in and out patients. These include both routine and specialised procedures like Ultrasound, X-ray and ECG.

ULTRASOUND STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 2023

Ultrasound	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL
In pregnancy	29	27	35	29	34	32	28	28	36	41	33	21	373
Gynaecological	15	10	11	17	21	18	15	15	17	14	15	14	182
Others	40	44	30	36	47	54	56	41	33	62	42	35	520
TOTAL	84	81	76	82	102	104	99	84	86	117	90	70	1,075

X-RAY STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 2023

X - Ray	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL
Chest	52	47	29	34	50	44	56	55	26	36	40	35	504
Barium/special exams	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
Urinarytract/Abdominal	1	1	0	1	4	1	5	5	54	5	5	2	84
Skull- spinal column	19	29	15	14	21	14	16	18	22	34	24	30	256
Articulation /Dental	25	17	23	29	25	37	29	20	16	21	24	25	291
TOTAL	97	94	67	78	100	96	106	98	118	96	95	92	1,137



Radiographer performing an ultrasound on a patient

PHYSIOTHERAPY DEPARTMENT

St. Camillus M. Hospital's Physiotherapy department was officially opened in May 2018 and is solely dedicated to restoring, maintaining, and promoting the best physical bodily function possible.

The qualified staff working in this department diagnose and treat movement dysfunctions. The role of the department is to prevent the development and progression of functional limitations and physical disabilities caused by disease, trauma, and medical conditions or disorders.

Currently, the department is manned by one qualified physiotherapist who sees between 150 - 210 patients every month, these are clients from both the wider Migori and Homabay Counties. The physiotherapists attend to both the in and outpatients and children with cerebral palsy and other movement dysfunctions.

The department is well equipped with mechanical treatment devices such as advanced therapeutic couches, hydrocollator packs etc. It also has electrotherapy devices like stimulation machines, ultrasound therapy machines, and moderately equipped gymnasiums. St. Camillus M. Hospital provides physical treatment to all clients professionally and with compassion, we strive to provide quality treatment to achieve better progression and speedy recovery to our patients.

PHYSIOTHERAPY STATISTICS – YEAR 2023

CONDITIONS	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
NEUROLOGICAL	15	31	9	33	31	19	30	34	55	47	40	19	363
PERIPH. NEUROPATHY	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	0	4	0	8	5	22
DEGENERATIVE	11	10	45	62	60	89	70	72	91	82	76	105	773
CARDIORESPIRATORY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TRAUMATIC INJURIES	1	3	8	3	3	6	4	5	8	3	6	0	50
TOTAL N° OF PATIENTS	27	44	62	101	96	114	104	111	158	132	130	129	1,208



LABORATORY

St. Camillus M. Hospital laboratory provides professional clinical laboratory services as outlined under laboratory services for both inpatient and outpatient. Our laboratory provides a wide range of laboratory procedures which aid the physicians in carrying out the diagnosis, treatment, and management of patients and also offer quality laboratory tests that are significant for addressing medical and public health needs. Our laboratory is manned by medical technologists who are trained to perform various tests to samples of biological specimens collected from its patients.

LABORATORY STATISTICS – YEAR 2023

TEST DESCRIPTION	N° OF TESTS	TEST DESCRIPTION	N° OF TESTS
Blood glucose	2,212	Pregnancy test	341
Blood group	930	Rheumatoid factor	114
Blood transfusion	206	Sickle cell	115
Brucellosis	153	Sodium	264
C.S.F.	0	Sputum for AFB	413
CD4/CD8	131	Stool	445
Creatinine	258	Urea	264
ESR	77	Urine	2,709
Gram staining	0	VDRL/KHAN test	352
Hb	1,277	WBC	2,723
HBsAg	177	Widal test for typhoid	385
HIV assay	2,480	Cryptococcal Ag Assay	24
MPS	9,009	H-Pylori	332
Potassium	245	PSA	26
SGOT	183	SGPT	183
TOTAL NUMBER OF TESTS - 26,028			



A lab technologist drawing blood sample from a patient

HTS CENTRE (HIV Testing Services)

With many deaths having occurred in the past and still happening in the present, HIV/AIDS was the new, unknown virus being highly transmitted all around the world. Global prevalence among adults (the percent of people ages 15 – 49 who are infected) has levelled since 2001 and was 0.7% in 2019, there were 38 million people living with HIV in 2019 up from 30.7 million in 2010, the result of continuing new infections and people living longer with HIV. With the development of antiretroviral drugs, people with access to the treatment have been able to live a long and healthy life suppressing the symptoms of the virus living within them. The world has made vast milestones in the control of the epidemic.

St. Camillus M. Hospital started VCT services in 1997 with the goal to bring HIV testing and treatment to many living with the virus, and reducing their viral load to undetectable levels.

The HTS centre aims to achieve:

- To reach the entire community with HTS and to have HIV free society
- To reach all HIV positive sexual contacts with HIV services
- Expect to get more refresher training to keep for more update

ANNUAL NUMBER OF CLIENTS TESTED AND % UPTAKE FROM THE YEAR 2006 – 2023

YEAR	CLIENTS TESTED	CLIENTS POSITIVE
2006	1,681	807 (48.0%)
2007	806	236 (29.3%)
2008	1,959	903 (46.1%)
2009	2,306	681 (29.5%)
2010	4,352	858 (20.0%)
2011	1,651	429 (25.9%)
2012	4,448	544 (12.0%)
2013	6,879	1,034 (15.0%)
2014	6,768	439 (6.5%)
2015	7,520	206 (2.7%)
2016	9,988	287 (3.0%)
2017	8,318	188 (2.3%)
2018	8,052	168 (2.1%)
2019	6,158	236 (3.8%)
2020	1,334	199 (14.9%)
2021	1,253	160 (12.5%)
2022	477	72 (15.09%)
2023	1,953	73 (4%)



A clients vitals being taken

THE TABULATED STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF HTS CLIENTS TESTED YEAR 2023

MONTH	MALE			FEMALE			TOTAL		
	No. tested	Total positive	Total negative	No tested	Total positive	Total negative	Total tested	Total +	% positive
Jan	5	1	4	18	2	16	23	3	13%
Feb	21	1	20	38	1	37	59	2	3%
Mar	40	2	38	37	1	37	77	3	4%
April	29	1	28	35	2	33	64	3	5%
May	32	1	31	52	0	52	84	1	1%
Jun	72	4	68	72	8	64	144	12	8%
Jul	57	3	54	107	8	99	164	11	7%
Aug	91	4	87	103	4	99	194	8	4%
Sep	68	4	64	83	2	81	152	6	4%
Oct	156	3	153	170	4	166	326	7	2%
Nov	103	6	97	113	8	105	216	14	6%
Dec	228	2	226	222	1	221	450	3	1%
TOTAL	902	32	870	1,050	41	1,010	1,953	73	4%

PMTCT (Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission of HIV/AIDS)

In April 2003 the PMCT (Prevention Mother to Child Transmission) started operating in the St. Camillus M. Hospital. The transmission rates in children under 15 years of age were as high as 90% back then; Mothers were the cause of transmitting the virus during pregnancy, childbirth and breastfeeding. The clinic has greatly helped individualise and diminish the chances of MCT therefore preventing new HIV infections.

To effectively manage to reduce infections transmitted during the gestation period, different tools are in put into effect in the clinic, such as supporting with the psychological wellbeing and social status of HIV-negative parents and newborns, ensuring the health of HIV negative newborns born by HIV positive mothers, informing them on the use of antiretroviral medication.

PMTCT SERVICES OFFERED:

- Consulting services
- Ante-natal care
- Postnatal care
- Immunizations
- Controlling the newborn with extensive laboratory tests such as haemoglobin, VDRL, urine, weight and blood pressure.
- Health education of dangers during digestion, delivery and post-delivery.
- Personalised program of childbirth
- Growth and development monitoring
- ARV adherence
- Administration of Nevirapine to the mother at the beginning of contractions and of Nevirapine syrup to the child after delivery, within 72 hours
- Advice on safe sexual practice, including prevention of STIs

TOTAL MONTHLY ANTE-NATAL CLINIC VISITS FOR THE YEAR 2023

CLINIC	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
ANTE NATAL	101	85	96	93	116	105	119	116	103	124	123	113	1,294
CHILD WELFARE	306	349	339	274	320	443	202	314	337	340	309	290	3,823

PMTCT STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 2023

MONTH	ANC FIRST VISIT	REVISIT	TOTAL N°	HIV TESTED	INFANT NVP	TT1
January	37	64	101	8	2	7
February	22	63	85	15	9	9
March	15	81	96	13	0	4
April	22	71	93	13	5	7
May	34	82	116	28	6	7
June	31	74	105	24	7	9
July	21	98	119	18	6	8
August	22	94	116	19	8	5
September	24	79	103	19	8	6
October	35	89	124	4	15	7
November	33	90	123	27	15	8
December	22	91	113	18	2	5
TOTAL	318	976	1,294	206	83	82

MALARIA INTERVENTIONS AT THE MCH CLINIC

Malaria is a life-threatening illness caused by a parasite, it commonly affects pregnant women and children under 5 years. It can be prevented in many ways and St. Camillus M. Hospital in conjunction with the Ministry of Health has put into practice several interventions that assist in malaria prevention;

- Use of LLNS – Long Lasting Insecticide Nets that are given free of charge to pregnant women at first ANC visit and all children under 1-year-old.
- Indoor residual spraying to get rid of mosquitoes that cause malaria this is done door to door.
- Intermittent preventive treatment of malaria in pregnancy prevents the women and unborn child from getting malaria. Women are given a single dose of SP every visit after 18 weeks of pregnancy till delivery.
- Malaria vaccine – an additional new prevention intervention that helps in reducing malaria cases. It's an injection given to children from 6 months of age to 2 years. The injection is on the left deltoid muscle as below.
 - 1st dose - at 6 months or any age below 1 year,
 - 2nd dose is at 4 weeks after the 1st dose,
 - 3rd dose – at 9 months or 8 weeks after the second dose.
 - 4th dose – at 2 years



MALARIA VACCINE DATA SUMMARY YEAR 2023

MONTH	1ST DOSE	2ND DOSE	3RD DOSE	4TH DOSE	TOTAL
JANUARY	26	16	17	10	69
FEBRUARY	28	18	13	12	71
MARCH	32	30	20	7	89
APRIL	20	26	13	13	72
MAY	15	26	34	5	80
JUNE	23	9	25	15	72
JULY	23	25	22	6	76
AUGUST	24	15	16	5	60
SEPTEMBER	26	23	27	5	81
OCTOBER	21	22	19	2	64
NOVEMBER	17	21	18	7	63
DECEMBER	24	16	13	9	62
TOTAL	279	247	237	96	859

ART CLINIC (Antiretroviral Therapy)

Kenya was and still is one of the greatest affected countries with 1.5 million Kenyans living with HIV in 2017, 110'000 of them being children. Kenya's HIV prevalence is driven by sexual transmission and is generalized, meaning it affects all sections of the population including children, young people.

HIV continues to be a major public health challenge in sub-Saharan Africa where an estimated 22 million people are living with HIV. In a population of 40 million, 1.6 million people of all ages were living with HIV in 2012, and an estimated 98, 000 of these had acquired HIV infections within the preceding year making Kenya's HIV epidemic the fourth largest worldwide. For this reason, Kenya has been regarded globally as a priority country in sub- Saharan Africa to reverse the spread of HIV in the region.

St. Camillus M. Hospital, is one of the celebrated facilities in Kenya with historical contribution in HIV Management courtesy of PEPFAR funded Kenya AIDS Response Program (KARP). Started in the year 2002, Its participation has reflected in addition to Care and Treatment, prevention too. This has witnessed a decline in new HIV infection across the country. At Close of the year 2021, St. Camillus had 3,502 HIV patients active on treatment besides 342 HIV Exposed Infants (HEI) also being monitored under PMTCT interventions.

Although many challenges have greatly the clinic, such as the emergence of the Covid-19 virus challenging our testing target and the national shortage of test kits hampering our testing services we have also received much help from the government, helping us manage the prevention of COVID-19, giving us humble time to offer our services and by attending interact and extern counsellors' support supervision.



ART Project HRIO Office (Health Records and Information Office)

The program has contributed to:

- Increased access to comprehensive HIV prevention services,
- High quality HIV treatment, care and support maintained and expanded.
- Strengthened Health Systems at St. Camillus M. Hospital.
- Increased capacity among integrated faith-based networks and County level health systems.

At the ART clinic, once a patient has been tested HIV positive and has been enrolled to care with a viral spread of zero, the next is ensuring continuity of care or retention as defined by World Health Organization (WHO). This is only possible through effective Patient Management. Adherence officers made reminder phone calls to all patients a day to their appointment date and on the very day. Those missing appointments were further called or attached to area Community Health Volunteers (CHVs). Prompt physical tracing at the community by adherence officers equally contributed to improving retention. Overall retention netted 87% thus missing WHO target by 8%. Correctional measures are in place though Lost Follow Ups (LTFU) which is the major attrition is still posing a great challenge due to the nomadic nature of the patients we serve. Majority are either fishermen or gold miners.

ART STATISTICS YEAR 2023

ANTI-RETROVIRAL THERAPY (cumulative)							
	NEW ENROLLED	ADULTS		CHILDREN		TOTAL	
MONTH		MALE	FEMALE	MALE	FEMALE	ON DRUGS	STILL ALIVE
JAN	4	1,543	2,787	286	260	4,835	3,460
FEB	2	1,543	2,789	286	260	4,837	3,454
MAR	3	1,544	2,791	286	260	4,840	3,473
APR	5	1,548	2,792	286	260	4,845	3,474
MAY	1	1,548	2,793	286	260	4,846	3,466
JUN	12	1,554	2,799	286	260	4,858	3,469
JUL	9	1,558	2,804	286	260	4,867	3,462
AUG	8	1,561	2,809	286	260	4,875	3,467
SEPT	7	1,562	2,815	286	260	4,882	3,469
OCT	5	1,562	2,820	286	260	4,887	3,472
NOV	15	1,577	2,830	286	260	4,902	3,473
DEC	6	1,578	2,832	287	261	4,908	3,472
TOTAL	77	18,678	33,661	3,433	3,121	58,382	41,611

TUBERCULOSIS CLINIC

Tuberculosis (TB) is categorised under communicable diseases and a renowned HIV Opportunistic Infection (OI). St. Camillus M. Hospital is among the top Hospitals within Migori County in screening for TB both at the facility and surrounding communities through Active Case Finding (ACF).

Presumptive (Suspect) Sputum sent for Gene X-Pert diagnosis at the Sub County Laboratory was 295 up from 275 in the previous year. The 23 Positives were initiated on anti-TBs. 12% of the positive samples were TB/HIV Co-infection cases. To mitigate new TB infection among HIV Known Positives (KPs), only 13 were started on 6-month Isoniazid Preventive Therapy (IPT). This is attributed to overstretched IPT stock-outs.

Optimising HIV prevention and treatment services through the introduction of better medicines, diagnosis and patient-centred approaches will go into history as having restored hope within the society that HIV is no longer a hindrance to pursuing human goals.

SICKLE CELL PROJECT

St. Camillus M. Hospital is established in a catchment area with high sickle cell disease prevalence.. Every week, in the last 5 weeks, all the child mortalities (a total of 2 patients) in the paediatric unit are patients who had sickle cell disease. Therefore, sickle cell disease is one of the main causes of admission and mortality amongst the paediatric population in the catchment area of St. Camillus M. Hospital. The main indications for their admission were:

- Painful crisis
- Acute chest syndrome
- Anaemia



Mother and child at the clinic

BLOOD DONATION PROJECT

The hospital continues with blood donation campaigns in secondary schools, sports tournaments, Churches, and marketplaces within the Karungu locality to be able to maintain a constant supply to our blood bank for our patients.

MONTH	SCHOOL/PLACE OF CAMPAIGN	NO. OF PINTS	REACTIVE	NON-REACTIVE
January		0	0	0
February	GOT KOJOWI SEC. SCHOOL	29	2	27
March	B.L.TEZZA SEC. SCHOOL	38	3	35
April	ST. AGNES SEC. SCHOOL	30	6	24
May	ST. AGNES SEC. SCHOOL	18	1	17
June	SORI SECONDARY SCHOOL	46	4	42
July	RATANGA BOYS SEC. SCHOOL	55	6	49
August	RABUOR SDA CHURCH	28	1	27
September	ST. AGNES SEC. SCHOOL	30	0	30
October	MARANYONA MIXED SEC. SCHOOL	35	1	34
November	MUKUYU SPORTS TOURNAMENT	26	10	16
December	MADARAS SPORTS TOURNAMENT	11	1	10
	TOTAL	346	35	311



Blood donation campaign at B.L. Tezza Secondary School

SERVANTS OF THE SICK



***“The poor and the sick are the Heart of God. In serving them, we serve Jesus Christ.
” St. Camillus”***

In the heart of 16th-century Rome, a transformative tale unfolded, centered on a man named Camillus, whose life took an extraordinary turn at the age of 25 years. Once a soldier consumed by the chaos of war, Saint Camillus found solace in a different battlefield—the one where compassion and care waged against the suffering of the sick. His conversion marked the beginning of a remarkable journey, a path paved with selfless dedication. It was within the walls of the hospital of San Giacomo that Camillus was confronted with the stark reality of the quality of care provided to the ailing. Disturbed by this revelation, he made it his life's mission to bring about change.

Camillus, now a beacon of unwavering devotion, immersed himself in the service of the sick and dying. The summons to attend to those in need echoed through the halls at every hour of the day and night, yet his commitment never wavered. His tenderness knew no bounds, an endless wellspring of empathy that flowed freely toward his patients.

In the throes of suffering, Camillus did not merely administer medicine; he became a companion to the afflicted. His tears mingled with theirs, offering solace in shared grief. He was not content with physical healing alone; he consoled and prayed with an open heart, his compassion illuminating the darkest corners of despair.

The spirit of Saint Camillus resonates through time, urging us to emulate his profound dedication. Through his example, we are reminded that service to the poor and the sick is a sacred duty. In every act of kindness and every moment of care, we encounter the divine. To serve the marginalized and suffering is to serve Christ himself, a lesson echoing through the ages in the enduring legacy of Saint Camillus.