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TO HELP CHILDREN TO LEARN HOW TO LIVE  
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**D**ear readers,  
We have entered 2022, a year of particular grace for the Pontifical Mission Societies, a year rich in celebrations. It marks the bicentennial of the birth of the Society of the Propagation of the Faith, founded by Pauline Marie Jaricot, who will be beatified this year in Lyon, France on May 22nd. It is also the hundredth anniversary of Pope Pius XI declaring "Pontifical" three of the four Missionary Societies: Propagation of the Faith, Holy Childhood and St. Peter Apostle for the formation of indigenous clergy in mission territories. It also marks the 150 birthday of Blessed Paolo Manna, founder of the Pontifical Missionary Union.

We thank the Lord for all that the Pontifical Mission Societies have accomplished in supporting the work of evangelization and the Church's missions in the course of these years. We give thanks for the collaboration of many Christians, especially the contribution of so many children and young people who in every part of the world continue to be attracted by the example of Jesus and his making everyone his brother and sister.

With his Incarnation, the Son of God became an infant and small child, close to everyone, especially to the little ones.

Not long ago we celebrated the Feast of the Epiphany and during this time, in many countries, the World Day of the Holy Childhood was celebrated. It was an important moment providing the Society the possibility of breathing once again. It is a time of celebration and sharing. In fact, every day God calls us to be missionaries by our prayer, sacrifices, witnessing and offerings.

On the next page you will find Pope Pius XII letter, dated the 4th of December 1950 by which he responded to the request of Cardinal Pietro Fumasoni-Biondi, the Prefect of the Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith (today

Evangelization of Peoples), to institute a Day of the Holy Childhood. (The original is in Latin, but various translations are available on our website: [www.ppoomm.va](http://www.ppoomm.va) in the documentation section of the Holy Childhood). The Pope welcomed the proposal as an occasion to promote the Society and as an occasion for all of the faithful to support it through prayer and charitable gifts. The Holy Father did not establish a fixed date for this Day, but asked to communicate to all of the Bishops his desire and will that this idea be translated, by the help of God, into reality and action (*cfr. Letter*).

From 1950 to our own day much progress has been made. This past year, Holy (Missionary) Childhood Days were organized and realized on many levels in different countries on all five continents: national, diocesan and parish.

I also believe that the different dates on which this Day is celebrated gives us the possibility to better experience its beauty and uniqueness as well as its universality and diversity.

And this is also one of the purposes of the Bulletin, to share the reality of the universal Church, with the heart, eyes and experiences of children, to make Jesus and the Gospel known and also to promote the charism and spirituality of the Society of the Holy Childhood and of the Pontifical Mission Societies.

*Grateful for the past,  
committed in the  
present, heading  
toward a  
future of  
hope!*



**SR. ROBERTA TREMARELLI**

*Secretary General Pontifical Society Missionary Childhood*



*Dilecto Filio Nostro  
Petro S.R.E. Presb. Card. Fumasoni-Biondi  
Sacri Consilii catholicae propagandae Fidei  
Praefecto*

## **Dius DD. XII**

*Dilecte Fili Noster,  
salutem et Apostolicam Benedictionem!*

*Praesens Consilii Pontificio Operi a Sancta Infantia praepositi, officiosis haud ita pridem datis litteris, Nos demisse instanterque rogavit ut, quemadmodum sacris Missionibus provehendis dies quotannis assignatus est, sic dies pariter singulis annis destinaretur ad idem Pontificium Opus, cui ipse digne praeeset, admotis ad Deum precibus ac collata stipe promovendum. Nobis placuit admodum susceptum ejusmodi propositum; atque adeo opportunum ducimus hisce obsecundare votis atque huic postulationi benignissime concedere. Futurum enim confidimus ut, hac re ubique in usum pro viribus deducta, et Pontificium Opus a Sancta Infantia latius cotidie cognoscatur in debitaque habeatur aestimatione, et publice indictis supplicationibus corrogatisque largitionibus haud parum accipiat incrementi. Id quidem summopere Nobis cordi est, cum probe noscimus in regionibus illis; in quas Evangelii praerones Christianum*



nomen christianumque cultum inferunt, ingentem haberi infantium puerorumque multitudinem, cuius occurrere necessitatibus tam necessarium est, quam quod maxime. Parvulos derelictos caritate summa accipere, eos catholicorum more educare atque eruitre, lustrali aqua rite ablueri atque expiare, litteris exercendisque artibus erudire, evangelica virtute conformare, eisdemque civis reddere christiano civilique nomine dignos: haec omnia pro facultate exsequenda Pontificum hoc Opus laudabili consilio laudabilique non suscepit. Quamobrem, si haec pariter omnia christifideles omnes precando et elargiendaque adjuverint, rem profecto fecerint, quam Nos summo opere commendamus, et quae eis, ut confidimus, uberissima a Deo conciliabit caelestia munera. Faveas igitur, Dilecte Fili Noster, haec vota et Nostra Nostramque voluntatem cum locorum Ordinariis aptiore, quo putaveris, modo communicare; ita quidem ut opportuna praestuantur normae, quibus haec eadem vota ac proposita ad rem feliciter deducantur.

Interca vero supernarum gratiarum auspiciem Nostraeque benevolentiae testem, cum tibi, Dilecte Fili Noster, tum iis, qui Pontificio huic Operi suam solertem navant operam, iisque singulis universis, qui ad hanc causam promovendam eo praesertim die, qui statuetur, conferent, Apostolicam Benedictionem amantissime impertimus.

Datum Romae, apud Sanctum Petrum, die IV mensis Decembris, anno MDCCCCL, Pontificatus Nostri duodecimo.

Pius PP. XII

# EPIPHANY, TIME OF SHARING



In Colombia, the feast of the Epiphany, or the Three Wise Kings, is celebrated with a family outing or walk. This usually takes place along a river, where grandparents, parents, children, uncles, aunts, cousins, daughters-in-law, sons-in-law, friends and neighbors share moments together. This moment of sharing has a pot as its symbol, since lunch is the central moment of the feast, the moment to serve and share the Sancocho. In my case, I remember that, for the Sancocho of the Magi, all those invited gave their contribution in one way or another, both with the search for the right place, contributing with some ingredients, bringing the firewood, the pot or helping in its preparation. Here the important thing, the central thing, is the joy that comes from **SHARING**.

Now, to speak of the Epiphany is to celebrate the

human manifestation of God for peoples, of all times and of all places. In the person of the Magi of the East, all peoples are called to find “the glory of the Lord” in the new Jerusalem (Is 60,1). Epiphany celebrates the sharing of God with us: “Christianity begins with the incarnation of the Word. Here it is not only man who seeks God, but it is God who comes in person to speak to men ... seeking man through the Son<sup>1</sup>.” “God’s revelation becomes definitive and complete by the work of his only begotten Son”<sup>2</sup>.

Wherever we look, Epiphany is a sharing. Melchior, Gaspar and Baldassarre shared three precious gifts with the family of Nazareth: gold, frankincense and myrrh, with which they manifested their faith, recognizing the Messiah in the Child of Bethlehem. Today, in the Liturgy, we also see the gifts that the Church shares with humanity and offers to the Lord:





love (gold), prayer (incense), sacrifice (myrrh).

In this beautiful dynamic of sharing, Missionary Childhood and Adolescence (IAM) is presented to us, as a work of the Pope, which promotes mutual sharing between children and adolescents from all over the world. This mutual sharing leads the greatest of the Kingdom of Heaven to become aware of the needs of others and to the will to contribute to meet these needs.

We recall that Monsignor Charles de Forbin Janson took great care in relations with the missionaries who had left for China, and through them he learned of the sad situation of children who belonged to poor or troubled families. Babies, as soon as they were born, were eliminated, especially if they were girls and if they had problems. The missionaries asked for help to save them, to welcome them in the missions, where they were baptized and educated in a Christian manner.

Faced with this need, Monsignor de Forbin Janson drew the attention of the little ones asking them for their willingness to help the Church save the little ones who died without receiving baptism. The children wanted to know what their commitment would be and the Bishop asked them to “share” one Hail Mary a day and a coin a month.

The Epiphany and the Society of Missionary Childhood are an invitation that pushes us, with the strength of faith, to share, as they remind us that “God loved the world that he gave his only Son because whoever believes in him does not die, but has Eternal Life” (Jn 3:16).

Let us therefore always keep in mind that “every child is a symbol of the Messiah who will be born of the Virgin and that childhood was sanctified by Jesus, who wanted to experience his harmonious development and obey his parents”<sup>3</sup>.

The solemnity of the Epiphany in 2022 is celebrated in the context of the Synod, a time of grace, which teaches us, encourages us, motivates us and pushes us to walk together with children and adolescents and, following the example of Monsignor Charles de Forbin Janson, recognizes them as protagonists of concrete actions in favor of evangelization, of the

Christian community and of society, since they are “a gift and a sign of the presence of God in our world by their ability to accept the Gospel message with simplicity. Jesus chose them with special affection (cf. Mt 19:14) and presented their capacity for accepting the Gospel as a model for entering into the Kingdom of God (cf. Mk 10:14; Mt 18:3)”<sup>4</sup>.

As a Church that goes forth, and with the impulse and witness of Missionary Childhood and Adolescence (IAM), we encourage children and adolescents, like the three Wise Men, to share their own and innate characteristics with the Church and society, so that they do not go unnoticed, but on the contrary help to awaken these characteristics in the rest of the community, with their relationships of friendship, joy and capacity for wonder, spontaneity, imagination - dreams, curiosity, innocence - transparency, nobility, etc.

“On the day of Epiphany we also celebrate Missionary Childhood Day. It is the feast of missionary children and young people who live the universal call to holiness by helping their needier peers through prayer and gestures of sharing. Let us pray for them.”<sup>5</sup>.

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1. John Paul II, *Apostolic Letter Tertio Millennio Adveniente*, 6 - 7
2. John Paul II, *Encyclical Redemptoris Missio*, 5
3. Monsignor Giovanni Esquerda Bifet, *Dizionario di Evangelizzazione*.
4. *Concluding document of the Fifth General Conference of the Latin American and Caribbean Bishops, Conference “Aparecida”*, 438.
5. Pope Francis, *safter the Angelus of January 6, 2020*.

# THE LIGHT OF INFANT JESUS SHINES ON OUR CHILDREN IN LAOS AND CAMBODIA



## MISSIONARY SPIRIT FROM THE GOSPEL

All Catholic faithful in the world has the same nature. That is the nature of missionary. How we can have this spirit if we don't have the experience of God's love through our Lord Jesus Christ. Because the experience of this love, encourage us to go and proclaim the good news as his last mandate that *"Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation"* (Mk 16:15)

This mandate was sent by generation to generation. Young people got this message by the adult faithful plant it in their heart. The good memorials of missionary spirit grow up by caring of local church or local community or by program of diocese etc.

Our young church in Laos and Cambodia, was established by the missionary since 16th century but because of various factors, especially, the civil war, the govern of the state and the culture of Buddhism, which is the majority of people, they make our faith

in this region grow up and collapse. Catholic adult, today, is the result of the sowing of all missionaries in 30-40 years ago. The Catholic Cambodian adult today, they grow up during the war and refugee camp in Thailand border. This scene as the night of Jesus was born in Bethlehem, no room, no place and the manger is the place of our Lord who became flesh (Lk. 2:7). Those children during that time grow up from such as the situation at Bethlehem. There are no church, no catholic school or any environment of Catholic faith. But they have someone like for Mary and Joseph, those people were missionaries from many congregations



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and society, the catechists and many catholic NGOs support them and took care their faith.

When we see the young people and our children today, we feel like the paddy of field which there are not enough workers, it is not only for his harvest (Mt 9:37) but we have not enough since the planting and sowing.

There are very few missionaries in Laos and no catholic school there. But they try to join the field of formation and educational field through the collaborating with the government by various projects. We see the effort of workers in God's field in Cambodia which 95 percentage of them are missionary from various countries around the world. The situation of evangelization in Cambodia is vital and we can see some good results of missionary work during decade year ago with the children.

### **THE CHURCH AS THE STAR LEADS THE WISE MEN TO JESUS (MT 2:10-11)**

How "the Star" is necessary for the travelling of those wise men, it is necessary for the local people who live around the Mekong river area also. They know who which month is the month of fish by observe the star and they travel in the right direction in the nighttime by observe the star as the ancient time.

Laos and Cambodia use the same river of Mekong, the children in remote area are taught how to use the star for their living to catch the fish or travelling. However, during decade year the development reach to our region, with the investment from big

countries around us, China, Korea, Japan, and also from our neighbors a both side of our country as Thailand and Vietnam. They lead our young people with new era of digital world. They are directed by new value of the technology which seems the seeing the star is unnecessary again. They lead our children to the new world of interesting subjects and exciting thing from internet.

Are they the new star for our children?

Yes, if it leads them to meet Jesus and

No, if it leads them to only the secular value of this world.

We have many challenges when our countries open to receive all new occasion for developing country. The children, especially in the city, knows how to watch Youtube or Facebook on mobile phone. Who will be that star to lead them to meet Jesus who is waiting them in the silent manger...

This is the challenge of missionary work for the future of the local church. We have very few catholic schools in Cambodia and we cannot manage any private school in Laos except the permission from authority. But the local churches never give up their mission to be as the star for bringing those children to close Jesus. There are almost fifty kindergartens that the church can operate in Cambodia and we have some also in Laos. We are grateful to the Pontifical Society of Missionary Childhood (POSI) that support us in various ways to our children every year even though it cannot cover all. But we can say that the universal church strengths the local church to be that "the Star" for shine on those children to meet Jesus by the church's kindergarten and many educational programs.

And also the children camp or the program of Sunday catechism in various area that we had ever prepared before the pandemic of Covid. We collected the children whose are not catholic to touch God's love by those programs of the local church.

Now, the star of the church will shine again after the government unlock down and permit the children can go to school and church. And each parish by encourage of local ordinary can sight them again to Jesus Infant.

## THE WISE MEN CAME TO DO THE CHILD HOMAGE (MT 2:2)

Who are the wise men? They are a small group of man who are not Judean and finding the newborn king. They have purpose to give their homage. They bring the treasures as the gifts to Jesus child.

When I think about the wise men, this word of God makes me think about all good will people who are not catholic, but they are happy to share us the joyful to Jesus's birth. The birth of Jesus makes us know more about the sharing for one another. When I see the form of application to POSI, it shows always the sharing from the local church. That is very significant point that developing the spirit of wise men in the bible.

We are very grateful for the sharing of the children from other countries. They have very spirit of missionary to think about the children in the world. The Holy Childhood is very important organization for manage those contributions to the need of the children around the world. If we consider why the application form of POSI has always the question about the contribution from the local church to the Universal Solidarity Fund of this Society. That is not showing richness by the number of alms or the great number of sharing money, but it is place to share our spirit of missionary and is the sign of participating the evangelization to the children by their contribution.

The wise men do not share the value of their gifts, but they share the humble heart for their homage. Their long journey are successful not because of they can keep securely those valuable gift but their eyes had met the newborn king and the savior of our world as



they know from the ancient writing about him. Let us have joyful always of the contribution with the spirit of wise men.

## THE ANGELS APPEARED TO THE SHEPHERDS AND TELL THEM THE GOOD NEWS (LK 2:9-10)

One purpose of the Holy Childhood is the encouragement the children to share their love of God to their friends through prayer, sacrifices and offerings. We can reflect on this event in our situation.

Those shepherds are the sign of innocence children around the world. A lot of children do not know anything about Jesus story and his good news. They need the angels to help them. Those shepherds in that time are the sign of the children in our time. They live with their life style in their villages and families. Even though they are catholic which comparing the shepherd is the same Judean like Jesus. But it seems they do not know well about Christ. They need the angel to bring the good news. Telling them the sign of Christ who closely born to them, love them and ready to grow up with them.

In Laos and Cambodia, we have small number of Catholic children but we have many non-Catholic children around us. It likes the shepherds are waiting the voice of angels to tell them a good news.

In fact, we don't have enough angels to tell the good news to them.... Foreigner missionary does not permit in Laos. The local church tries to stand by themselves. Thanks to the Pontifical mission society, which support them in various ways such as the program of catechists, the formation to the youth and to seminarians in seminary. In Cambodia, even







though still had some conflict in some area during the first general election in 1993, but the church immediately fulfill her mission always since in the refugee camp at Thailand border. They start again with no local ministry, no local priests or religious that survived in country. So, they commit the first mission to teaching, catechism and give formation through the program of evangelization. Now, we have 9 local priests and 1 ethnic deacon for the whole Cambodia. Programs of Holy Childhood strength our formation to the children. It likes to building the good base since from the parish, our children learn how to live in their faith among the environment of non-Catholic. Even though we have many challenges to keep children faith but all missionaries still proclaim the good news such as the angel brought the good news to the people, family and church as the shepherds in the gospel. And we hope that when those children grow up, they will be the good future of the local church.

### **GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST HEAVEN, AND PEACE TO MEN WHO ENJOY HIS FAVOUR (LK 2:14)**

This gospel makes us regarding the future of our mission. We thank God that our situation in both countries, Laos and Cambodia, seem to be peaceful but we understand that we still have social problem, gap between poor and rich, unjust and conflict of land, etc. This is occasion that we can develop the

Christian human resource for our church. This is the time for singing the glory and thank giving to God. Especially, new generation, young people and the children who born during the country has not the war more.

Even though during the pandemic of Covid 19, we lock down the country. We cannot go to church or join any catechism. But we don't close our heart to join God. Some churches and also diocese manage the program in various platform such as Youtube, Facebook, Telegram, Zoom etc. for meeting and catechism. We have limited in the remote area or difficult reaching the Internet. But all local ordinaries find the best way to gather and communicate them as they can do in proper area and time.

The mission and role of Holy Childhood is very important because the projects of the general education and the program of support missionary spirit to the children still on going in new way. And now, we start to gathering again under the new normal way. However, the sound of the angles still echo in our heart of all missionaries and ministries to help our children to grow up their faith until they can share their faith to others as they can do.

We would like to thank you for all donors and all mission of the pontifical mission society, especially, the mission of the Pontifical Society of Missionary Childhood. May the virtue light of Newborn King shine us all with the vital missionary spirit in everywhere we live.





# PARAGUAY



On November 27, we held our National Meeting of the Parish Coordinators of Missionary Childhood and Adolescence in Paraguay, at the headquarters of the Pontifical Mission Societies, with representatives of 9 Dioceses.

To remember and deepen the charism and the birth of the Pontifical Mission Societies, accompanied by our National Director, Father César Báez, to share the experiences and activities lived by each parish despite the health situation; to make projections for the beginning of the New Year.

In this meeting we also chose our motto, which will be the same as this year "I am a Witness of Jesus"; in 2021 we deepened this motto by focusing on the personal experience that each missionary has with Jesus, through his presence in the Eucharist. In 2022, we will try to focus on the announcement, sharing the experience lived with others, to announce it with our witness of life.

It was an opportunity for the new communities to learn about the birth of the PMS and the charism, because despite the situation in which we live, new groups of Missionary Childhood and Adolescence have been formed, born from the desire and needs of the communities, of the children and teenagers, and this fills my heart with joy.

*It was very interesting, necessary, because it helped me to learn more about the organization and the way it works, and how to accompany people and how missionaries are supported. I felt and feel very happy to be part of this great Society and I would like to know more every day and have the opportunity to deepen this mission which is so wonderful and unique for me.*

Lilian Díaz- Animator

Noting the openness and aptitude of each animator also greatly strengthens my service in favor of this beautiful Society, where we try to achieve better organization, closeness and communion.





From the National Secretariat of Missionary Childhood and Adolescence of Paraguay we propose to continue to maintain our motto "I am a witness of Jesus", by deepening another aspect. In the year we lived, we deepened our experience with Jesus and how He is part and shares the needs of all of us. With this same motto, we hope that this year every child, adolescent and animator of the IAM will strengthen their testimony, sharing it with others, pushed by the Holy Spirit and by Jesus himself, present in the Eucharist, to reach everyone, because from our experience with the Eucharist, we receive the Holy Spirit, a spirit that comforts, enlightens and pushes, encourages all peoples to share their experience with Jesus, to be his witnesses before the world. In this time when we are somewhat separated and isolated due to the health situation, we have experienced a certain loneliness, where Jesus kept calling us. It is time to be witnesses of Jesus in all nations in all places, crossing our borders, being a reflection of Him with our life and announcing with words, deeds, love, compassion and mercy; as we know best, with missionary joy. Our life and our mission is the letter that Jesus sends to the world, to those who need it most, to those who still do not meet him and do not listen to him. May they read Jesus' message to them through our lives; May every missionary be more than ever a witness of Jesus before all those around him, be a witness in service, let us live our mission ...

Message from the National Secretariat to the Coordinators

"It was really what was needed to end the year, since meeting the other brothers helps to feel that one's reality is no different from that of others; it helped a lot to regain strength and continue with the mission"

Daisy Penayo- Animator

We also try to involve children and adolescents in the Synod of Bishops, since they too are part of the Christian community, they see and live the different realities and have a voice that must be listened to. During the meeting we also organized our National Agenda for the year 2022: we would like to visit the dioceses. This activity had been scheduled since 2020, but due to the pandemic situation we have not been able to carry it out, we hope that in 2022 we can carry it out and therefore meet every animator, as well as obtain better communication with the bishops.

"For me it was a wonderful meeting to plan and encourage the animators with enthusiasm and project ourselves for the next year. I am very confident to resume all activities by 2022."

Sr. Apolonia Cañete- Animator





# POLAND

## MISSIONARY SYNOD OF CHILDREN 2022



### SPECIAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PONTIFICAL SOCIETY OF THE HOLY CHILDHOOD IN POLAND

#### HOW DID THE IDEA OF A MISSIONARY SYNOD FOR CHILDREN COME ABOUT? FOR WHAT REASONS?

In 2022 the Pontifical Society of the Holy Childhood will celebrate 100 years of being PONTIFICAL, that is, of belonging to the Holy Father. For this reason we would like to organize a special meeting of children. Following the synodal path of the Church we have proposed the MISSIONARY SYNOD OF CHILDREN. It will be an opportunity to celebrate and rejoice the jubilee together. We want children to feel like a community in communion with the Holy Father and with all the children of the world. We wish to convey to them the universality of the Church. The second objective is to evaluate and share the presence and action, the missionary activities of

children and young people in their dioceses.

We want to discover their strengths and look together where our presence as missionary childhood is still lacking and what (and how) we can improve.

#### WHO IS IT FOR?

To children belonging to missionary childhood, who participate in the annual formation of missionary groups and who undertake the activities of the PMS during the year, as well as their animators and leaders. Each diocese will be represented by 2, 4 or 6 children and 1, 2 or 3 animators depending on the number of missionary childhood missionary groups present in the diocese.

The delegates will be elected by the diocesan Director





of the PMS and will be solemnly sent to the Synod by that Director or Bishop.

### HOW IS THE EVENT BEING PREPARED?

#### HOW WAS IT WELCOMED?

Already in the second year, the children of missionary childhood in Poland continue the preparation for the synod event by following the material prepared by the national direction of the PMS.

Each month they deepen the idea of the synod, its logo, hymn and common official prayer. In the magazine *Świat Misyjny* (*The Missionary World*), published by the national direction of the PMS, the preparations for the synod are made and explained in each issue.

### WHAT ARE THE OBJECTIVES IT INTENDS TO ACHIEVE?

During the synod: the common celebration to feel part of a single community. See how well the children of missionary childhood are doing in their dioceses. To

## THE LOGO WITH THE HOLY FATHER WE AWAKEN TO THE MISSION



seek together how to better contribute to missionary animation and cooperation as children.

After the synod: after returning to their dioceses, the participants will have the task of providing information on what happened at the synod and what specific postulates have been developed to animate the missionary work of children in the diocese. They will do this in consultation with the diocesan director of the PMS during diocesan meetings.



## THE HYMN

1. Jesus sent the apostles, that they speak of the love of God, today it is the task of the baptized, so that we can testify Jesus.

*Rif. With the Holy Father we awaken to the mission, and the Holy Spirit guides us, to go and preach the Gospel, to be a missionary at all times.*

2. Together in prayer, together in work, to help the Holy Father, so that everyone in the world can understand how dear they are to God's heart.



HYMN YT- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OqAygwC1En0&t=60s>

## SYNODAL PRAYER

Lord Jesus, who are the **WAY**, help us to discover how we can come to you, know you and then bring you to others.

Lord Jesus, who are the **TRUTH**, give us the courage to always recognize yourself in the truth before men and be your witnesses every day. Lord Jesus, you are **LIFE**, make us live always in your life-giving love and draw from you the strength to be missionaries through prayer, study and help to others.

May the Holy Spirit remind us often that we are a **CHURCH**, and it does not matter where in the world we live.

And Mary, your and our Mother, hold us by the hand and help us to follow you.

May you live and reign forever and ever.

Amen.

## MODLITWA SYNODALNA



Panie Jezu, który jesteś **DROGA**, pomóż nam odkryć, w jaki sposób mamy przychodzić do Ciebie, by Cię bardziej poznać, a później nieść Ciebie innym.



Panie Jezu, który jesteś **PRAWDA**, dodawaj nam odwagi, abyśmy zawsze w prawdzie przyznawali się do Ciebie i każdego dnia byli Twoimi świadkami.



Panie Jezu, który jesteś **ŻYCIEM**, spraw, byśmy zawsze żyli w Twojej ożywiającej miłości i od Ciebie czerpali siły do bycia misjonarzami przez modlitwę, naukę i pomoc innym.

Niech Duch Święty często nam przypomina, że jesteśmy jednym **KOŚCIOŁEM**, niezależnie od tego w jakiej części świata żyjemy.



A Maryja, Twoja i nasza Mama, niech trzyma nas za rękę i pomaga iść za Tobą. Który żyjesz i królujesz na wieki wieków. Amen.







# INDIA

## MISSIONARY DISCIPLES



TESTIMONIES

On Monday the 22nd of November 2021, the Missionary Childhood Association (India) had a special celebration of 'Missionary Disciples' for the children, at National Biblical Catechetical & Liturgical Centre (NBCLC), Bangalore. There were about 60 children with parents, who attended the celebration apart from the animators who came from various dioceses of Karnataka and Tamil Nadu.

The dignitaries include Fr. Ambrose Pitchaimuthu, Fr. John Baptist (Director of NBCLC), Sr. Greta Corda SCB, Sr. Joyce Matthew SCB, Sr. Priscilla SCB, Sr. Nirmala SJC, and Brother Selvaraj & team. It was a program for the children who are regular and active in the Missionary Childhood Association in their respective areas.

The programme began with the opening prayer by Esther followed by the recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet by Keith and Karen. The children performed two action songs after which they were lead in praise and worship by Niharika, Catherine and Karen. The prayer dance was performed by Mishal Susanne. Mireille Louis then formally welcomed the dignitaries and the gathering. All the programs were fully animated by the children themselves with the encouragement of the parents, who are animators.

Apart from all the games and activities, they were also motivated with talks by the dignitaries of the day. The National Director, Fr. Ambrose Pitchaimuthu, also inspired them with the background and history of the Pontifical Society of Missionary Childhood Association (MCA). He also reminded them with the spirituality and mission of the Holy Childhood; and insisted on the prayer, contribution /charity, and missionary

witness / personal testimony.

Many children were very active, even during the pandemic and lockdown restrictions. They were coming together, organizing and participating through online portals- daily Rosary, Adoration, retreat, night-vigil, prayer service, orientation, and so on. To encourage and motivate them, the children were awarded with a certificate of appreciation and a set of books on Bible, Church and Sacraments. There was also a special Eucharistic Celebration, which was followed by lunch for the children and others who participated. The day was organized by the Pontifical Mission Organizations, Bangalore, with the help of Sr. Margarita SCB, the spiritual mentor of Come to Me Daily Children's Prayer Group, where the children meet every day and pray through online technology.

The National Director met the animators to plan for the forthcoming Holy Childhood celebration to be held on 13'h February 2022. Various points were discussed with regard to the celebrations in the dioceses as well as in the parishes. Special care would be initiated for the ministry for special children and differently abled children. Moreover, the agenda included 'For a Synodal Church' in order to animate the children and their role in the Synod 2021-2023.

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INDIA



# CHILE



In **MAY 2021** the National Direction of Chile with the National Secretariat for Missionary Childhood organized a training on Social Media (RRSS) with 4 online training modules. Supporting material was provided in each session and all sessions included practical work. The program was as follows:

## MODULE 1

*Introduction to social networks*

- The world of Social Media.
- User profiles (Millennials, Centennials, etc.).
- Types of social networks (Facebook, Instagram, Youtube, Tik Tok, Twitter).
- Use of technology

## MODULE 2

*Social networks 2*

- Creation of a Facebook page
- Creating an Instagram account
- Use of CANVA
- Introduction to live broadcasting
- Compress and send large files

## MODULE 3

*Technological tools*

- Use of ZOOM
- Use of Meet
- Google

## MODULE 4

*Creation and changes of contents*

- Basic use of Camtasia software
- Basic use of Canva



My name is **GEMITA SOTO** and I am an animator of Missionary Childhood in the school of Talca, Chile.

*I would like to tell you about the Social Networking workshop held by MC. It was very fruitful because thanks to these teachings we can reach more people in our community. It was very pleasant to be part of this group of people, we learned something we thought we already knew, but during the workshop we realized that in reality this was not the case and for this reason we enriched ourselves with other educational resources. Another positive aspect of this workshop was the availability and the good work of the teacher, which was fundamental to be able to take a final exam. This has been one of the best experiences I have had in years, because I shared with people from other cities in my country, and we learned to communicate in a more educational and fun way with the young people and children of our community.*

*I am very grateful for the teaching and the performances shown by the whole team that organized this initiative, because they are tools that in the short and long term help us to be in relationship with each other as a community, and also to reach more places with the word of God. This workshop taught us above all that teaching the word of God through social media is much easier and is of greater interest to our community. I hope that my testimony will also help others to promote this initiative, because, as well as serving God without interest and with great love, we are rewarded with these tools that teach us and make us better in our Christian work, despite not having a profit. Thanks a lot to MC and the PMS of Chile, it was an enriching experience both for my daily work and to continue to help my Christian community.*



## JUNE IS THE MONTH OF THE IAM NATIONAL DAY

Until June 2021, the activities were subject to the capacity measures established by the Ministry of Health and participation was not allowed. For this reason the national animation activity and the Mass took place online with a representation of the different dioceses, and the dioceses that were in phase 3 of Covid gathered in small delegations. The Mass at a national level was broadcast on TV, presided over by the National Director Msgr. Jorge Vega Velasco svd.

*Herminia Morales Rucal  
National Secretary MC Chile*



## ENCOUNTERS OF THE IAM IN PANDEMIC

*My name is **PAOLA ZUMARÁN LEYTON**, I am an animator of Missionary Childhood in Copiapó.*

*For years we have been carrying out Missionary Childhood in the San Lorenzo School of Copiapó, where children, in addition to meetings, actively participate in the solidarity campaigns, the Eucharist and the various activities that took place in the school, always with a spirit of service and joy. When the pandemic broke out, the school demanded that extracurricular activities continue to run in online mode. It was not easy to go from the classroom to the computer, but we reorganized ourselves and creatively continued to animate our missionary boys and girls who responded with the same joy and availability as always, but always wishing to be in presence.*

*For my part, as San Alberto Hurtado said, "I am happy, Lord, happy", to have this opportunity to share with them and to give them encouragement in these difficult times and to be able to say once again... de los niños del mundo siempre amigos.*



## ENCOUNTERS OF THE IAM IN PANDEMIC



*For me, the experience in Missionary Childhood was very good because it helped me to get to know God, the Lord Jesus, his life and his disciples better. I really like online meetings because Miss Paola manages to liven them with biblical games, crosswords, puzzles, stories, videos, songs and handicrafts that bring us closer to Jesus.*

*I really enjoy sharing, albeit online, with my friends and Miss Paola, we talk and support each other in times of pandemic.*

*For the same reason we were unable to attend the Missionary Childhood meetings in presence, I hope to return soon with my classmates and our Miss Paola.*

*Antonia Correa  
MC San Lorenzo Copiapó*



# GUINEA BISSAU

## RADIO SOL MANSI

### A VOICE OF PEACE IN GUINEA BISSAU

The Guineense Catholic broadcaster Radio Sol Mansi was born in 2001 immediately after the end of the civil war and has been broadcasting at a national level since May 2008.

RSM is widely listened to in the country by both Catholics and believers of all other religions, especially Muslims. It is recognized as the radio for peace and dialogue. The founder is Fr. Davide Sciocco a PIME father. It is an interdiocesan Radio, Bissau and Bafata, and currently the President is the bishop of Bissau, Msgr. José Lampra Ca.

Sol Mansi means "The sun has risen", a clear announcement of hope for a people who are tired of disillusioned promises.

In Guinea the media, especially radio, play an important role in mobilizing all communities towards greater responsibility and active participation to guarantee the common good and promote sustainable development. Today it is led and carried out by lay Guineans and is

the most listened to radio. It has a series of training programs concerning: health and food education, agriculture, cultural traditions of different ethnic groups, ecology, human rights, the promotion of women and above all, education for peace and conflict resolution.

It broadcasts radio short stories and radio theaters with social themes and a good number of weekly religious programs. There are weekly religious programs for the Evangelical Church and for Muslims run by themselves. Of course, we have news every hour with the collaboration of more than 40 correspondents across the country, as well as sports news. Radio Sol Mansi has 40 employees on site. It has 3 studios: Bissau, Mansoa and Bafatá, and 5 repeaters thanks to which it can cover the whole national territory. The goal, I quote the words of the founder Fr.







Davide: “is to amplify the work that the Church has been doing for years in collaboration with other religions and the living forces of society by closely combining service to development and the proclamation of the Gospel, dialogue with religions and collaboration with public structures to change the evils from which Guinean society suffers from within”.

Radio in Africa is a huge development and training factor: we can prevent diseases, especially in this period of the Pandemic, promote awareness campaigns, encourage new work techniques, educate for dialogue and peace, ecology and denounce the violation of human rights. It is a training tool, in fact radio breaks isolation, bridges of contact are created between the center and the periphery, communication is facilitated between normally ignored and abandoned areas, access to information on what is happening is allowed in the country and in the world. Radio is a precious means for evangelization. We can affirm that it is the “first missionary” that enters all homes and places, even the most distant and abandoned ones.

With regard to programs for children, the project involves the production of a weekly radio program, ‘Bantaba di Mininu’, aimed at children who make up the majority of the population of Guinea Bissau. The aim is to inform and raise awareness among children by facilitating access to basic knowledge of coexistence and harmony

between the various ethnic and religious groups. This year there was also a strong awareness with experts who speak to children to avoid the contagion of Covid-19. The program is held every Saturday and lasts 1 hour, it is listened to and participated a lot in the open line space.

In addition to human formation on the rights of children, we want to help them grow in the Christian and missionary aspect. Despite being a poor country, children learn that it is possible to help others in need with prayer and small sacrifices.

The planned activities, in addition to the broadcast of the

program, are the various outings to meet groups in the parishes and organize activities that will then be broadcast on radio.

A “special HOLY CHILDHOOD” program is broadcast in the months of September-October, for the missionary month, then on the occasion of the feast of the Epiphany, in December and January. The goal is to animate the children at a missionary level with various testimonies, reflections and presentations of the life of the various groups of Missionary Childhood existing in the Dioceses.

*Casimiro J. Cajucan  
Director of  
Radio Sol Mansi*

*Sr. Alessandra Bonfanti  
Coordinator of the RSM  
studio in Mansoa*



# CHAD

## DIOCESE OF PALA



The Diocese of Pala is located in the southwestern part of Chad, towards the border with Cameroon, and includes two large administrative areas (Mayo-Kebbi-East and West), in one of the most populated regions of the country with an important number of children . The latter live in very difficult conditions, due to poverty, malnutrition, high mortality rate and the lack of health facilities. To this are added other worrying phenomena, such as the kidnapping of children for ransom and street children ... These situations aggravate the fragility of children and expose them to many physical and psychological implications. These plagues are challenges to be faced with a view to fulfilling children's dreams.

The general context of our country remains worrying. Political repression, corruption and nepotism have increased, and this situation affects children, a fragile section of society. Chadians seem to resign themselves to this situation and parents do not expect much from the government and try, on their own, to ensure a future and an education for their children.

We are aware that the future of our Church is founded on this age group and, therefore, training children to the Christian life means preparing the future of the Diocese. Most of our Christian communities are young and the presence of children is massive and visible.

They are witnesses of the Gospel through their actions, carried out in the different parishes. Whether it is at the level of commitment in pastoral activities (they are very present in meeting places, in the School of Prayer and during missionary animations) or at the level of responsibility in the Church (offerings for worship, cleaning, collection, etc.), their efforts are significant and their support for the PMS is not to be overlooked. Participation in missionary work also takes place through the celebration of the Christian feasts of Christmas, Missionary Childhood, Easter and with the organization of gatherings and retreats during the Advent and





Lent season, through the animation of the Via Crucis and the organization of friendship camps in the parishes.

Priests also dedicate a lot of time to preparing the various stages and organizing the regular catechesis. The enrollment of children for catechism courses begins in mid-September and ends at the end of October. Many children become members of the Church every year, because our Diocese does not yet baptize newborn babies. This preparation for the Christian life requires a lot of work on the part of carers and catechists of children.

Through the various Catholic movements, especially Kemkogi, the carers also help the children to know their rights and to defend them. Since last year, we have been insisting that all the children's movements in our Diocese become a place for the evangelization of

children through children. The activities carried out by the children attract many people and, above all, other children. During the pastoral year 2020-2021, the theme that allowed us to reflect was the following: "Kemkogi, friend of Christ, let's fight against violence against children for a better life". With this theme, the children were invited to be witnesses of their faith through small daily gestures. Thanks to the presence of the accompanying persons and the light of the Gospel, they gradually understood that they were called to be missionaries to other children through simple and concrete gestures. For example, they were asked to open their eyes and look around to find other unschooled or exploited children. Despite the limitations related to the Covid-19 pandemic, the children of our Diocese carried out activities throughout this year 2020-2021. During the first three months, activities were relaunched in all parishes, through the enrollment and re-enrollment of children. During the time of Advent, retreats were organized to allow children to experience Christmas better on a spiritual level. After Christmas, the children attended meetings in their different parishes. During the second quarter we prepared and celebrated Missionary Childhood Day with some animations in the Basic Ecclesial Communities, in families and in schools to sensitize parents and the Christian community about the importance of the collection in favor of Missionary Childhood. During Lent, the children prepared for the Easter celebration with retreats outside the







cities and with activities to help sick children and the elderly. By doing good deeds to change the environment in which they live, children can thus discover their vocation within the Church. They organized meetings with street children and participated in various raising awareness of children's rights. During the third semester, the groups evaluated and celebrated together what they achieved. All the parishes ended the year with the celebration of the year-end party to give grace to God for all the actions carried out. In many other parishes of our Diocese, Catholic Teaching Day was celebrated.

Despite the difficulties related to the Covid-19 pandemic, children continued to carry out their activities in small groups, thus helping to keep the flame of hope alive in a distressed world. In their own way, they participated in the proclamation of the Good News, as true witnesses of joy and peace in a country that needs it

so much. The animation for the collection in favor of Missionary Childhood was carried out without particular problems, even if the consequences of the pandemic persist.

*Coordination group  
of the Diocese of Pala*





# NIGER

## DIOCESE OF MARADI



The Diocese of Maradi covers an area of 1,000,000 square kilometers and includes 80% of the territory of Niger, namely the regions of Agadez, Diffa, Zinder, Maradi and Tahoua. Catholics are less than 2,000 out of a total population of 13 million inhabitants and there are seven parishes.

The situation of children in the Diocese of Maradi is not encouraging. There is a lack of suitable care for sick children and a lack of food leads to poor child growth and premature mortality. The percentage of children from 0 to 14 years of age constitutes more than 47.5% of the total population, of whom more than 84% live in a rural context. It must be admitted that in Niger, especially in Maradi, not all children have the luck and the joy of going to school or university. The poverty of families is a serious handicap for the schooling of school-age children. Some children abandon the path of education to help their families.

The subsidy we receive from the Society helps us in the animation of Missionary Childhood. Every year a sum is allocated to each parish for the animation of the week of Missionary Childhood and the celebration of the Day. In fact, the week of Missionary Childhood is organized in all the parishes of the diocese during which children animate the rosary and mass. The Sunday of Missionary Childhood Day is an event for all children, a day of celebration. After mass, they stay all day to fraternize, eat together and, of course, have fun! The week is preceded in all the Mission Schools, by a preparation. The Diocesan Director of the PMS sends a letter of convocation to the directors of Mission Schools to invite them to a preparatory meeting for the week of Missionary Childhood in the Mission Schools, called "Week of solidarity in Mission Schools. Muslim and Christian children learn to live together and to cultivate the virtue of solidarity".

All children, both Muslim and Christian, make their contribution in kind or in money, on the occasion of this week. The collection for the Universal Solidarity Fund of the Society of the Holy Childhood is collected during the closing mass. Other activities include support for those responsible for Missionary Childhood and the diocesan director during the various meetings, the organization of visits to other children in orphanages at a diocesan level and the organization of the inter-parish biblical competition.

The National Direction of the PMS, through the National Secretariat of the Society of the Holy Childhood in Burkina Faso and Niger, proposed activities such as, for example, the missionary outings of children: the children of a sector can make a missionary outing to meet the children from another sector on the occasion of Missionary Childhood Week. This activity was successfully carried out.



# INDONESIA

## DIOCESE OF AMBOINA



From a geographical point of view Amboina Diocese covers two provinces, that is Maluku Province and North Maluku Province. Because the area of this diocese is so vast, it is divided into seven representative regions. Each representative region is headed by a deputy bishop. It is intended to overcome transportation difficulties. The Holy Childhood are spread across the seven representative areas. For this reason, we seek to provide guidance for the Holy Childhood based on representative areas. At every representative area the Holy Childhood animators administrator formed, who's given the authority to organize faith development for Holy Childhood in their area.

The Holy Childhood live among a heterogeneous society, both in terms of religion and culture, so that this heterogeneous aspect is always taken into account in coaching.

In 2020, because of the Covid-19 Pandemic, the activities of the Holy Childhood in our diocese was dropped drastically. This epidemic has limited all of our activities, including limiting our mentoring activities for the Holy Childhood. However, there are some things we can do virtually to accompanied them.

The Diocese of Amboina has held the following activities in the period from November 2020 to October 2021:

- ✔ Virtual Song and Motion Contest (November 2020- January 2021)
- ✔ World day of Holy Childhood Celebration, January 2021

- ✔ Participate in the Focus Group Discussion with Commission for Mission of the Bishop's Conference of Indonesia (February-April 2021)
- ✔ Missionary Visit and Easter Service at Diaspora Parish (Bacan) (March - April 2021)
- ✔ Vocational Sunday celebration, in each Parish (April 2021)
- ✔ Making Holy Childhood coaching digital Video (August- September 2021)
- ✔ Distribution of Holy Childhood coaching materials every week via WA during the covid-19 pandemic (October 2020 – October 2021)
- ✔ Training and Coaching for Holy Childhood Animators and Children at Kerlomen Parish (4- 11 October 2021)







Anthonius Giovanni Ohoira

My name: **ANTHONIUS GIOVANNI**

**OHOIRA**, I was born at Ambon, 10 August 2010. I came from Mary Star of the Sea Parish, Ambon – Indonesia.

Response to Digital app recording activity I happy to involved in Digital application

recording activities, because this activity is very good and makes us more trusting and closer to God especially with the characters who are played.

Message: Thank you for the guidance that has been given by the animators to all of us, especially to me and I hope the animators will further improve the guidance for us the Holy childhood.

Suggestion: this activity needs to become a routine activity for the Holy Childhood in Ambon City, so we know our brothers and sisters from other parishes.

Hope: hopefully through this activity, the Holy childhood will grow in the Catholic faith and tradition, be an active and self-confident Missionary Children.



Primus Quintus Idi

My name : **PRIMUS QUINTUS IDI**, I was born at Carlomin, 3 November 2008. I came from St. Yohannes Maria Vianney Parish, Bula –Eastern Territory of Seram Island

Responses to the Training and Mentoring Activities for Missionary children carried out

by PMS of Amboina Diocese.

I am very happy to participate in this training activity, because this activity is being held for the first time

in our parish. We meet new friends from the island of Teor and Kesui. In this training we meet nice and kind PMS Amboina Diocese Teams.

Although Teor and Kesui island are far



Wilhelmus Gustav Putra Atibi

My name : **WILHELMUS GUSTAV PUTRA**

**ATIBI**, I born at Ambon, 16 May 2007, I Came from St. Yoseph Parish, Passo, Ambon – Indonesia.

My response to our 178th anniversary activities which will be held on January 3, 2021:

As the member of Saint Joseph Passo Holy Childhood, I was very happy because I could meet and

reunited with our fellow parishioners in this parish, even though this celebration was held at the pandemic period.

This 178th Holy Childhood Anniversary celebration activity be held to fulfill our longing to meet one and another and as well as be a place increase our faith and trust in Jesus.

During this Holy Childhood Anniversary celebration, we comply with health protocols. As the little friend of Jesus, we must be an example for other friends so that we all may free from the ongoing pandemic. With this pandemic, we are little friends Jesus was taught to appreciate more togetherness time and care for others.

I hope for all of us during this pandemic let us always be grateful to God for what we are facing, and we pray that this covid-19 pandemic will pass quickly so all of us could meet again at activities Holy Childhood 179th anniversary next year without fear and anxiety

away and can be reached by land and sea from Ambon but the Amboina Diocese PMS Team wants to come and invite us to practice songs and motions so it's increase our faith in Jesus.

We hope that this training will not end here, but hopefully the PMS Amboina Diocese Team always pays attention to us so that our knowledge of Jesus remains increases and also the Holy Childhood in the island of Teor and Kesui can develop like Holy Childhood in the other island. We pray that the Lord Jesus will always be with us all.

# MOZAMBIQUE

## DIOCESE OF TETE



Most of the population in the province of Tete makes a living from agriculture. School-aged children are often at home and start working from an early age and in addition there is also the scourge of premature marriages. Education is a great urgency to be addressed.

Missionary Childhood has been very active in the diocese of Tete since 2010. In almost all the parishes of the diocese there are groups of Missionary Childhood, involving a total of about 4,000 children aged between 5 and 17 (childhood and adolescence).

Every year the diocese organizes training meetings for missionary childhood and adolescent animators, providing basic content for missionary animation, formation, organization and cooperation to be implemented with children. At the end of the annual formation the animators undertake a commitment with the groups of the MC "we are missionaries, sent to evangelize".

The diocese also has a Statute of the MC which clarifies the objective of the Society, the working methodology, the organization at the regional

and parish level, the piggy bank of the groups, the "mandatory" celebrations for each group, the anniversary of the group, the lexicon used

### MANDATORY CELEBRATIONS

These are celebrations that all groups should live with love, emphasizing the importance they have for the Society of Missionary Childhood and Adolescence. The celebration can be done at the parish, regional or diocesan level according to reality:

- ★ January 6. World Day of missionary childhood and adolescence.
- ★ May 19th. Anniversary of MC in the world.
- ★ October. Missionary month.
- ★ October 1. Feast of St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Patroness of the Missions.
- ★ Penultimate Sunday in October: World Mission Sunday.





- ★ December 3. Feast of St. Francis Xavier, patron Saint of the missions.
- ★ December 16-25. Missionary Christmas.

### LEXICON

It is important to have a clear reference of some terms to understand each other better and to maintain communion. Therefore, all members should know the meaning of the following words:

- Children: up to 12 years of age.
- Teenagers: from 13 to 15 years of age.
- Assessor: from 16 years upwards.
- Animator: assessors who have passed the Diocesan School for Missionary Animators and have been consecrated with the red scarf.
- Coordinator: assessor who is a member of the Diocesan Team.
- Meeting: weekly time when the MC group meets.

In the year 2021, the Diocese held the following formation meetings:

### 1º MEETING

*Fingoè-Uncanha 3- 8 May 2021*

*Participants: 40 adolescents and young people*

The school holidays, even if in the rainy season, allow us to welcome 40 teenagers and young people from the entire pastoral region of Maravia for a few days of reflection and missionary formation.

Mr Filipe Ernesto and the Sr Esperança Augustus accompanied the days. In addition to the usual themes of youth and missionary formation, the participants asked to be enlightened on the socio-political situation in Mozambique.

Mr. Luis Moyo, lawyer and analyst, spent a whole day talking, listening and answering the questions of the participants.





## 2º MEETING

*Mavudzi Ponte 13- 18 September 2021*

*Participants: 63 adolescents and young people*

It was scheduled during the holiday period in the middle of the year. Undoubtedly, because of the long educational and pastoral “fasting” due to the Covid-19 pandemic, many teenagers and young people arrived in Mavudzi Ponte.

With masks, physical distancing, continuous hand washing ... etc. All the precautions provided. In fact, the conferences have always been held outdoors, in the shade of mango trees. Many children slept outside. The course did not suffer unexpected events, besides normal headaches, malarial fever, adaptation problems ... etc.

The course dealt with missionary formative themes.

Accompanied by Father Vital Conala, deacon Lourenço Silva, and Sister Dulce, director of the local hospital, who dealt with issues relating to health, sexuality, African culture, Covid-19.



In November, the usual Formation School for the Missionary Childhood animators takes place. Calls for registrations usually arrive in advance, and there are always a lot of them. So we decided to have two meetings. One in Tete and the other in Mavudzi Ponte, taking advantage of the school holiday time.

## 4º MEETING - MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD ANIMATORS

*Tete, 8- 13 November 2021*

*Participants: 50 people*

This year, in addition to Sister Arneta Tomo and Mrs. Paula Francisco, we were accompanied by a young psychologist Luisa Luo, who had just graduated from Maputo, and was originally from the Lifidzi mission.

Knowing two mother tongues, she has enriched her conferences with tales, stories and sayings of the tradition of her tribe, remembering when and how much in her village, as a child, she heard from the voice of her grandfather who told, around the fire, to her children and grandchildren.



## 3º MEETING

*Tete 20- 21 October 2021*

*Participants: 68 adolescents and young people*

The Formation School for Missionary Childhood Leaders was held in Tete.

The course dealt with the same formation themes developed in Fingoe-Uncanha and Mavudzi-Chitima.

Accompanied by Father Vital Conala, deacon Lourenço Silva, who dealt with the issues concerning youth ministry, the pastoral commitment of young people, African culture, Covid-19.

## 5º MEETING - MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD ANIMATORS

*Mavudzi Ponte, 22 – 27 November 2021*

*Participants: 57 people*

We repeated the same course in Mavudzi. There were so many members, that we divided them into two groups. The course was directed by the same people who directed it in Tete. The participants from that area were thus privileged, as well as others from Songo and Moatize.

*The Most Rev. Mons. Diamantino Antunes  
Bishop of Tete*





# DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

## DIOCESE OF ISANGI

TESTIMONIES

Overall, the children of the Isangi Diocese constitute a vulnerable and disadvantaged group. The schooling rate is low, while the mortality rate is high due to the lack of adequate health facilities and the evident lack of supply of medicines.

Children are at the mercy of sects and other traditional religions, for absence of adequate education and training facilities.

The year 2020 was really characterized by multiple confinements. For this reason, the implementation of the animation in the Diocese could only take place in the last quarter of the year 2020.

In this year, missionary animation has focused on educating children in missionary awareness and the methods to achieve it in the local churches, as well as transmitting to children the importance of the missionary message and education in the culture of giving.

We discussed a bipolar formation based, on the one hand, on the doctrinal teachings of the Church, and on the other hand, on the means that can help the diocesan leaders of children to better achieve their task of educating the missionary children in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Despite the complexity of almost non-existent road structures and the excessive costs of river

travel, we have completed the animation and pastoral care of young people. We trained the parish educators of our three deaneries, creating 4/5 locations in the deaneries, in order to have a greater number of participants.

Animation and awareness-raising activities were carried out among children, despite the restrictions caused by the rules due to the pandemic by Covid-19.

An open-air mass and a popular mission concluded each formation in every location.



*Fr. Celestin Zabrum Osandu  
Diocesan Treasurer*

*The Most Reverend  
Adeodatus Madrapile Tanzi  
Bishop of Isangi*

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

## BENIN DIOCESE OF 'NDALI



The Diocese of 'Ndali, a diocese of first evangelization, is located in an Islamized region with a very poor population, where the family education of children and attention to them are often pushed to the background or even abandoned. Most of the time these children find a place of attraction or a refuge in the spaces of our parishes. This increases the number of the faithful, giving a flattering and bright future to our churches. In fact, it can be seen that apart from the elderly who participate in liturgical celebrations, the rest of the faithful are mostly children. The presence of children, almost all of whom come from poor animist or Muslim families, is clearly increasing, given the high birth rate in this region.

Aware that the future of the entire society depends on children, the Diocese of N'Dali reserves them a special place in pastoral care. Therefore, throughout the pastoral year 2020-2021, numerous activities were carried out in view of the growth of these children and the evangelization of children by children.

Missionary Childhood brings together all the movements of children of the Holy Roman Catholic Church, such as the Movement of the Apostolate of Children of Benin (Mouvement d'Apostolat des Enfants du Bénin- MADEB), the altar boys, commonly called "Enfants de chœur", the children's choir and devotional movements that bring children together, such as the Notre

Dame Children's Prayer Group.

These different movements of Missionary Childhood carry out various very important activities, with the aim of communicating the joy of the Gospel to each and every one.

In order to bring children to love themselves and to love Jesus Christ even more, our Diocese, as per tradition, has continued to pay particular attention to the pastoral care of children, multiplying the initiatives towards the evangelization of children through the children. This pastoral care becomes even more evident and encouraging during the annual celebration of Missionary Childhood Day and on the





occasion of the great diocesan pilgrimage of children to Bembèrèkè, which brings together all the children of the Diocese.

Here are some of the important activities carried out by Missionary Childhood:

- Participation in the opening session of the Missionary Month;
- Celebration in the parishes of the Nativity of the Lord;
- Celebration of the Feast of Missionary Childhood on the day of the Epiphany of the Lord;
- Organization of a large extended missionary meeting called "Children's Pilgrimage";
- Celebration by the children of the National Tree Day;
- Meeting of the children of the choir at the Marian Sanctuary of Bembèrèkè;
- Participation of the leaders of some movements of Missionary Childhood in the School of Missionary Animators (ECAM).

## **ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN THE OPENING SESSION OF THE MISSIONARY MONTH**

The opening session of Missionary Month October brought together the different social categories of the Diocese. It took place in the Cathedral of St Mark in N'Dali. The launch of the Missionary Month was preceded by the training of some MADEB leaders.

There was the participation of the local ordinary, Monsignor Martin Adjou and, alongside him, the reverend Fathers Cosme Adjomale, National Director of the PMS and Valentin Chabi, diocesan in charge of Missionary Childhood, who exhorted the people of God to a serious awareness of the mission. A mission that is very demanding and must begin first in our families and in our parishes. The celebration was characterized by:

- Procession of members with the colors of each continent, to show the universality of salvation through the announcement and adhesion of all and each to the Good News;

- the delivery of the scarf to thirty-four people who made the promise and received the responsibility of animator of the MADEB. After congratulating them, the National Director urged them to be even more zealous missionaries to the children, whom they will take care of from now on. During the celebration, everyone was amazed by the performance of a 9-year-old girl who sang the speech of the National Director in Yoruba.

## **THE CELEBRATION OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD IN THE PARISHES**

In all the parishes of the Diocese of N'Dali it has become a tradition to organize with their respective children, the Feast of the Nativity of the Lord, in the course of which the attention of the children is brought to the celebration of the mystery of the Incarnation and its implications in their everyday life. Parents too are exhorted to welcome and protect life, because every life is sacred. The children are also called to be authentic witnesses of the Nativity of the Lord to other children, especially their peers. In order to do this, they must pray a lot for themselves, for their parents and for the whole Church, because God willingly listens to the prayers of the little ones. Here are some photos of the Baptism of children on Christmas Eve.





## THE CELEBRATION OF THE FEAST OF MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD ON THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

The diocesan feast of Missionary Childhood on the Epiphany of the Lord was organized at a parish level, as last year, due to Covid-19. The children of the Cathedral of St. Mark in N'Dali, the main community, and those of the neighboring rural communities gathered in the Cathedral to celebrate the feast of Missionary Childhood.

## ORGANIZATION OF A LARGE EXTENDED MISSIONARY MEETING CALLED “CHILDREN’S PILGRIMAGE”

Our Diocese organizes a Marian pilgrimage for children to the shrine of Our Lady of Peace in Bembèrèkè every year. This pilgrimage brings together a large number of children from all Dioceses, Christian and non. This place of meeting and prayer offers children the opportunity to receive a good catechesis and to discover the place that the Virgin Mary occupies in their life as children of God. The pilgrimage is also a privileged opportunity for them to live together happily and testify their belonging to the same family, that of the children of God, through the procession in the city and the various recreational activities, which attract an immense crowd. The last pilgrimage took place from 20 to 21 February 2021 on the theme “For Mary, Mother of the Church, the child proclaims the Gospel in freedom”.

This theme was developed by Michel Ararissounon, responsible of the training in MADEB. In his speech, he urged the children to commit themselves even more in proclaiming the Gospel without letting themselves be intimidated by ridicule and insults. In addition to the pious exercises, the children also performed cultural activities, such as the

traditional batonou dance competition (or dance of the sticks), called “Têkê”. On Sunday, February 21, 2021, His Excellency Monsignor Martin Adjou celebrated a pontifical mass in front of more than 2,850 children participating in the pilgrimage, urging them to be true missionaries for each other through a virtuous life following the example of the Virgin Mary, missionary par excellence. At the end of the Mass, the local Ordinary presented prizes to the winners, in an atmosphere of shared joy.

## THE MADEB DIOCESAN CAMP AT THE END OF THE YEAR

From June 27 to July 1, 2021 the diocesan end-of-year MADEB camp took place in the parish of St. John the Baptist in Biro with 717 participants, during which 27 animators and 14 young companions were appointed. This session featured various teachings on child psychology and child code in Benin. The meeting was also an opportunity for the formators and animators to update themselves. The session ended joyfully.







## OTHER ACTIVITIES OF MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD

### ANIMATION OF THE CHILDREN OF THE CHOIR OF OUR LADY OF THE CHILDREN OF THE CATHEDRAL

The choir of Our Lady of the Children of the Cathedral of St. Mark in N'Dali was formed with the aim of providing a new missionary impetus and a pole of attraction for Missionary Childhood. Through liturgical songs, children stimulate this vocation in the hearts of their peers. The children's choir also serves as a preparation for the youth choir. The Choir of Our Lady of the Children, made up of about thirty children, animates the evening mass every two weeks in various languages.

### CELEBRATION WITH THE CHILDREN OF THE NATIONAL TREE DAY

In Benin, June 1 is dedicated to the celebration of the National Tree Day. For the occasion, the people of the country are called to plant young tree shoots without neglecting the existing ones because: "He who plants a tree has not lived in vain". Strengthened by this African proverb, the children of the Bernardin Cardinal Gantin Catholic school of Biro, on the initiative of the diocesan director (aumônier) of Missionary Childhood, in collaboration with the parish priests, planted several young palm trees in the school grounds. This gesture illustrates and develops the safeguarding and conservation of flora and life in children. Here is a photo of this ceremony.

### MEETING OF THE CHILDREN OF THE CHOIR IN BEMBÈRÈKÈ

The meeting of the children of the choir took place in the parish of Notre Dame de la Route in Bembèrèkè from 30 June to 4 July 2021. 187 altar boys from all the parishes of our diocese gathered. The central theme was "Altar boy, take your academic studies seriously". This theme was developed by Father Camus Tossi, vicar of Bori. In his presentation, he encouraged the altar boys to participate in spiritual, intellectual and even moral activities in order to

become authentic pillars of the Church and of the nation.

Servants of God on the consecrated altar during the celebrations of the sacraments, the altar boys were also instructed on how to hold the ampoules and sacred objects, as well as on how to move during a Eucharistic celebration. These rules are respected by all parishes. After this meeting, the children of the choir of each parish put into practice the new provisions related to altar service, to make it homogeneous throughout the Diocese. Below is a photo of the children of the choir after mass.



### PARTICIPATION OF THE DIOCESE IN THE SCHOOL FOR MISSIONARY ANIMATORS (ECAM)

In order to equip the leaders of the entire Childhood and Missionary Youth movement with adequate spiritual, social and technical means, the School for Missionary Animators was held from 26 to 29 August 2021 in the Guy Riobé center in Parakou, in the homonymous ecclesiastical province, which gathered 105 animators from all over the province. The N'Dali delegation, composed of

sixteen representatives chosen from among the leaders of the apostolate movement and prayer groups such as the children's choir, the scouts, the MADEB, the readers, the altar boys, the prayer group Our Lady of Children and the Devotees Consecrated to the Immaculate Conception (DCI). Numerous enriching themes were developed including the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep, in which the shepherd is sometimes required to trust the other, in order to give a good witness.

On Saturday, August 28, 2021, from 10.30 pm to 12.45 am there was the rite of passage of the Red Sea, which invites us to renounce our sins and to truly adhere to Christ to enter the promised land. The formation course was held by Sister Micheline Towamou, National Secretary of the PMS, in collaboration with the National Director, Reverend Father Cosme Adjomale. The meeting ended in joy and to everyone's satisfaction. Here are some salient photos of this formation

Father Valentin Chabi  
PMS Diocesan Director

# SYRIA

## DIOCESE OF ALEPPO

### WE DRAW A SMILE AND PLANT FOR PEACE WITH MUSIC

Aleppo suffered from the scourges of war, daily bloodshed and devastation. This led to the emergence of great negative effects on the community, especially on children who unfortunately could not live their childhood and suffered from repression and great fear, which led to psychological disorders. Today, we want to render peace to their hearts and teach them love instead of the hatred they have seen for seven years. To meet our goals, we have chosen music because it is the language of peoples and the instrument of peace to forget the horrible past.

#### **SIBLINGS IN A ONE COUNTRY, BELIEVING IN OUR ONE GOD**

Through the massive crises on our beloved country Syria, many efforts had been exerted to turn the crises into a real religious warfare. Not only this ...but also to make a difference between Muslims, Christians, Durzi and many more.

After the militants leave, there was a fear of finding rooted seeds of hatred between people. Though it was so necessary to start thinking and working on projects and programs which can eliminate that fear

from our hearts and to reunite people one more again.

From that point the idea of making the music and singing as a common point between everyone..And the idea of “the voice kids” was born.

Children can open up to all sorts of people, Muslims and Christians. We want to teach them that music is louder than the noises of shelling and shooting. We want these children to rejoice and express their feelings in a civilized way. That’s why we have found out that the international program “The voice kids” (7-14 years old) meets our aims and has a great popularity among the people of Aleppo because it is displayed in a way that appeals the participants and viewers.

It is worth mentioning that we carried out this program in Aleppo city for young people (18 – 35 years old) for two consecutive years 2014 – 2015, when Aleppo city was considered the most dangerous city in the world. However, the program appealed to all people and so many audiences came. Then, we stopped because of the high cost of implementing such projects and the lack of funding.







The teamwork met and started preparing for the program, as soon as they got the approval from the PMS, the team rushed to work under the supervision of the PMS Secretary for the Holly Childhood in Syria Ms. Bredgette Kababeh.

As below mentioned the periods of the program preparation, the launching date, the last show and the award ceremony.

Under the auspices of the Syriac catholic archdiocese in Aleppo represented by the Metropolit Antoine Shahda and supported by PMS for the holly childhood.

The first advertisement was applied on the 8th of January 2021 on the program official page on Facebook added to road advertisement in the streets of Aleppo.

[www.facebook.com/thevoicealeppo](http://www.facebook.com/thevoicealeppo)



1



From 18 \_22 January 2021 candidates registration forms were first received.

2



28th January 2021. The first audition for choosing candidates was done for 72 people, 27 people were accepted to reach the live show on stage.

3



From the 1st of February till the 11th of February was the period of training that the candidates received, they trained on the songs they will sing on the stage in front of the Jury.

4



The first show was on the 12th of February 2021 ,27 candidates were taking part only 19 candidates were nominated to be in the second show.

## 5



*19th February the second show, where 19 candidates took part only 12 of them moved to the final show.*

## 6



*The final show and the awards ceremony was on the 26th of February 2021. In the middle of the show 4 candidates were nominated to the final decision that people will take by voting for the winner of the first prize Christina Marikian and the prize was a song fully prepared (lyrics, music , video clip and recording).*

*In 14/11/2021 the song was ready and the work was done and the song was shown on the Facebook page.*





## WORDS OF GRATITUDE

In the ceremony of launching of "The best voice in Aleppo" program, Mgr. SACCAL Mounir the National Director of PMS in Syria (*We are all siblings – koulana ekhwa - fratelli tutti*) mentioned:

*"What a wonderful phenomenon of having all the siblings together and here we are today gathering as brothers and sisters on our land, Muslims and Christian by the will of our only God, brotherhood, humanity and the nationality. In this program, our children from different religions and ages meet with love and brotherhood as they were meeting with a state of happiness and pure intention reflecting the image of God children, as Jesus taught us that for such are the kingdom of heaven. And our earlier ancestors used to sing with the oud (stringed instrument) and lyre, our children sang with their hearts delighted and thankful. This program helped us to run away from the war in Syria and our children voices covered the sound of the massive war".*

As we would like to thank you for your support in this program, which led us to succeed and met a considerable positive reaction in Aleppo. We were so delighted to see those happy faces between our contestants through their training and their contribution

on the stage and in front of a huge audience, so they can achieve a part of their dreams as they used to watch children from all over the world participating in international programs on TV while standing on the stage. We witnessed the happiness among parents when they saw their children showing their talents in front of the audience.

We are so proud to be the reason of this happiness and the peaceful existence between Muslims and Christians in the frame of this program for two months. We should mention that the syndicate of Aleppo artist, the Maestro Abdul Halim Hariri, a member of the judges jury, had adopted the children artistically and joined them to his private choir. So far, they performed 3 times on the stage of the Aleppo Artists Association and still training them how to sing professionally in order to present more concerts. We would like to inform you that the winner of the program has gained a song with lyrics, music and video clip which would soon be downloaded on social networking sites after finishing the montage, the song will be targeted to the children referring to two problems in society (children abusing / children labour and the deprivation of education).

Wadih Saoud Program director  
Mgr. Saccal Mounir D.N. OPM-SYRIA

**BAKRI AHMAD AL SHEIKH:** *I enjoyed my experience in the program and achieved my dream and the dream of my mother to stand on the stage and sing in front of the audience who came from different parts of the society and I made a lot of friendship.*

*I hope this program continues in the upcoming years for it benefits the society and the young talents.*

**MARITA SANO:** *I had never imagined to stand on the stage and sing in front of an audience. I love singing and I was delighted to be introduced to people through my voice. I wish this program continues, so I can take part again and win.*

## THE SONG

The idea of the song is related to a social problem which is the children abuse (physical and verbal abuse) and the work labor of children which deprives them from their right of education.

*We seek to live*

*When the drowsy leaves on the edge of the road wake up with the kindest heart to search for a brother or a friend.*

*Though we wake up with our burning days, even our smile is stolen ...stop that fire please*

*We seek to live....let the tenderness be back*

*Let the happiness surround us to fill the place ...we understand the language of happiness.*

*We want to grow up, learn and study*

*We want to dream may be one day this place will change*

*Let's plant flowers not stings*

*Our dreams has no limit...we hope with the days coming*

*Our date is tomorrow no doubt with a new dream, holding hands together starting over again.*



Clip link: <https://fb.watch/aPs3R4-458/>

## KOREA NATIONAL OFFICE



The Pontifical Society of Holy Childhood in Korea was established in 1965 and initiated its activities in 1987 by recruiting members and publishing bulletins for children. Since then, by conducting education and distributing materials for mission, the national office has contributed in formation of catechists and pastors, who will accompany children in their journey towards a more mature missionary consciousness. To help children in North Korea, where still there is a division, nationwide tour was held. Also, a group named 'Pilgrimage of Missionary Children' was founded to carry out activities such as Three Kings events, pilgrimages on foot, volunteer works and programs for missionary experiences.



**P. THOMAS SHIN WOO SICK**  
*National Director PMS  
Korea*

Every year the national office organizes a summer camp and invites children from all over the country to encourage them to discover and promote missionary awareness, communion, and spirit of fraternal sharing. Children participating in the camp experience the missionary spirit of apostles who were sent to all over the world, and this brings their attention to Gospel and mission. On

the last day of camp, paper coupons called 'talent' collected by children through programs are exchanged to real money to help children in mission territories. While drawing interests to the needs of children who are materially poor, children practice to carry out inter-exchange of charity and missionary dynamism by opening themselves to one another.





COVID-19 pandemic has impacted the Holy Childhood in Korea by reducing many opportunities of face-to-face meetings for members such as Sunday Schools and camps. However, the national office is seeking ways to renew the Holy Childhood and missionary animation suitable for 'Untact' era (a combination of the prefix 'un' and the word 'contact', 'Untact' is a way of doing things without direct contact with others) by developing digital contents and preparing working methods for constant dialogues with members.

## HAYANG-E OFFICIAL CHARACTER FOR THE HOLY CHILDHOOD IN KOREA



Celebrating 100 years of the elevation to Pontifical of the Society of Holy Childhood, the national office made its own character to promote children's awareness of the society and to increase their interests in missionary work. 'HAYANG-E' by its pronunciation, has meaning of 'pure and innocent lamb loved by God'. The crown on top of the head symbolizes shape of 'children helping children' from the logo of the national office. The logo of the Vatican was also inserted into the chest to give the meaning of the Holy Children, acting at the service of the Pope.

On World Mission Sunday, national director and crew of the national office met children in Guseong parish in diocese of Suwon. A chance for a lively conversation enriched communion by introducing the Holy Childhood to children and sharing stickers of 'HAYANG-E'. Children who were attracted to the charism of the society joined the Holy Childhood,



and promised to participate in prayers and sacrifices for the poor children around the world as missionary children.

By using and placing character in bulletins and media, it is expected that children will actively communicate with the Holy Childhood in Korea with more interest and joy.

## ECO-FRIENDLY BAGS FOR CHILDREN WITH HEARTFELT LETTERS

Although it was not able to hold camp in 2021 due to the prolonged COVID-19, presents with eco-bag and letter from the national office were sent to every member of the Holy Childhood in Korea, so that they could feel the bond with the society and speak about the spirit of the society to their own friends in daily lives.

In the letter, we wrote how much we miss them and that we are looking forward to seeing each other soon. The eco-bag was printed with the logo of the Holy Childhood in Korea to promote solidarity among members.

# LITTLE MISSIONARIES IN...

Also it was noted that we hope them to love and take care of our Common Home while using this eco-bag.

## WE ARE ALL CALLED TO BE WITNESSES

Making efforts to cultivate missionary consciousness in children from their early days to realize the importance of love and universal solidarity, the Holy Childhood in Korea is playing essential roles through many activities.

The bulletin named “Gyohwangcheong Cumnamoo (Pope’s children)” is published and distributed to all members of the Holy Childhood and also to Sunday Schools in each parish of Korea. It carries



stories of saints and news of children in mission territories, which makes children in Korea to imitate saints who witness of faith in their lives and build spiritual communion with children in need all over



the world.

Moreover, children send notes to the national office to share their stories with other friends about encountering and experiencing Jesus in their daily lives. They become ‘witnesses’ and true believers who let the universal missionary spirit grow in their hearts.



We would like to share stories of two friends; who pledged daily prayers and sacrifices to witness Jesus, and whose missionary zeal has been awakened by performing activities in the Holy Childhood of love and service.



It was World Mission Day and I was an altar server. Father Thomas, national director of the Holy Childhood in Korea gave us a homily after the reading. At the beginning of his talk he showed us a video. On the video, a girl was praying in church saying “I hope children living in poor countries have enough food, go to school, and live happily”. And she asked Jesus, “Why do children living in poor countries have to earn a living without being able to eat or go to school every day? Why isn’t God fair?” In return, Jesus told her, “Since we know that there are many friends living such a hard time, why don’t we start with the small things we can do in our daily lives and help them?”

When I heard this message, I promised myself to pray for friends in need and not to throw away foods. Starting with these small things, I will find out other things I can do to help children in need. I wish the day comes when every child in poor countries are happy as soon as possible.

Esther OH Si Young

11 years

Guseong parish, Diocese of Suwon





The Holy Childhood, my first extracurricular activity that I joined out of curiosity, has given me unforgettable memories of my childhood. I have learned and grew up a lot by joining this association.

One of the best memories is when we visited the Latin America Cultural Center. We teamed up with other school students and learned about Latin America's history and culture, and even tasted their traditional food. I was glad to be able to enjoy such an opportunity to enjoy the cultures of distant countries up close.

Also, I was able to have a deeper faith. Thanks to the Holy Childhood's exclusive praying method using the five fingers, I developed good praying habits which are still helping to pray today.

On top of all, I learned how to lead a group as a leader, share thoughts and perspectives with my friends, think about different perspectives, listen to and respect different opinions.

Eventually, the days I took part in the Holy Childhood will always remain on me as a warm, interesting and special memory of my life, and I thank all sisters and friends who made me these precious moments.

*Juliana Park Seo Yoon*  
16 years

*Lycée International Xavier in Seoul*



### THE OFFICE OF STREET MINISTRY

ARCHDIOCESE OF PORT MORESBY

PAPUA NEW GUINEA



“The Office of Street Ministry” does charity work in the Archdiocese of Port Moresby – Papua New Guinea. The Office attends to the needs of disadvantaged children, mainly children from the streets, settlements, the out of schoolchildren and drop- outs.

“The Office of Street Ministry” was founded in 2010 by Cardinal John Ribat. He started the Street Ministry in response to the desperate pleas of the Street boys daily confronted him with pleas for food to satisfy their hunger at his residence along Ela Beach in down town Port Moresby. He realised that hunger was not the only thing the boys were hungry for, but also for hunger of knowledge.

Now the Ministry has two centres ASAC 5 mile and Morata Parish. There are three Religious Congregations, who collaborate in this project.

In year 2021, the Office enrolled 47 children at ASAC and 30 children at Morata, over 20 children are in primary schools and 2 in secondary schools. Office does follow up of children in schools twice a month.

#### Activities carried out with the project:

1. Providing literacy and numeracy teaching for the Street children,
2. Feeding program for Street children.

#### Some missionary experiences of the children:

The children are encouraged to attend Sunday schools in their prospective churches and they report during Monday assembly, also they are encouraged to bring their friends who are lazy to go to church as part of their mission.

The children have chance to collaboration with one other: for example cleaning the surroundings, washing dishes after their meals with the guidance of the teachers.



*Sr. Maddalena Hoang Ngoc*

The children have the intention to help other children, so they are recycling soft drink cans in order to get some coins for other children of the world.







# TO HELP CHILDREN TO LEARN HOW TO LIVE TOGETHER AND BEAR WITNESS TO CHRIST AMONG THEIR PEERS

ARCHDIOCESE OF KHARTOUM  
SUDAN



The aim of the project, presented by Fr. George Duku Thomas, the parish priest, a Combonian missionary priest, is to help children to learn how to live together and bear witness to Christ among their peers. Hence, there is the need to instil in children a sense of belonging to the Church, to the family and the society. The areas concerned are: spirituality through catechism, simple prayers, Christian devotional practices like Rosary, Bible stories, life of Saints and Eucharistic celebrations; service , specially altar services; friendships by promoting communion and companionship through group activities; and development, by helping children to discover and develop their God given gifts and talents through art, music, drawing, painting, singing, sport etc. The project will be executed through weekly, monthly and yearly activities and summer camps...

Training the children to learn how to live together and bear witness to Christ is too



*Augustine George Palayil*

relevant in the civil and religious contexts of Sudan and for the reconstruction of its social fabric. It would also help the children to be Christians more authentically, without losing themselves in words, but rather bearing fruit, without complaining others and the world, but starting with themselves. It recalls the message of Pope Francis, "...they (Sts. Peter and Paul) remind us that God is not to be demonstrated, but shown by one's own witness; not announced with proclamations but witnessed by example". (Angelus of 29 June 2021).

*Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish  
Port Sudan  
Archdiocese of Khartoum*



***I want to be a witness of the Lord in mission!***

*Jesus, my dear friend, I am excited about the idea of living like you.*

*I want to have you as my model so that every day I might become more like you and so closer to God. You lived doing good, revealing the true face of God, showing us how to live by love, helping the needy, forgiving and inviting others to forgive, teaching us how to pray and to call God daddy, reaching the Kingdom of justice and peace.*

*I want to live following your way, give me the strenght to do so.*

*I want to be your witness, follow your footsteps, Jesus my master.*

*I want to be a faithful witness and imitator of your attitudes.*

*I want to be a faithful missionary witness, loving and fulfilling your commandments.*

*I want to imitate you in your gestures of generosity and compassion with a fraternal witness.*

*I want to be a messenger of your words in every space of my daily life.*

*I want to be a witness that proclaims the Good News with my words, my actions and my attitudes in life,*

*with all of my thoughts, with everything I do and say.*

*I want to be your witness, Lord!*

PMS VENEZUELA



**PONTIFICIUM OPUS A SANCTA INFANTIA  
SECRETARIATUS INTERNATIONALIS**