

Harvesters of Jesus

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The Association of the Harvesters of Jesus was established in order to provide the regular daily spiritual needs of the Little Eden Society. It is firmly believed that without such support, Little Eden would wither.

No one would choose a friendless existence on condition of having all the other things in the world – *Aristotle*

We were not created to be alone in this world. Imagine waking up tomorrow and being the only person left on earth. You can live anywhere you want, spend all the money you want, drive the car you've always wanted - but you have no one to share it with...

I had a chuckle when I recently heard how two of our little ones, whose beds are next to each other, "chat" for hours after they have been put to bed – to such an extent that they keep the other children awake! How I would have loved to hear and understand their "conversation!"

The reaction of some of our residents upon returning to the Home after a visit to their families, says it all: they are happy to be back amongst their friends!

It is easy to underestimate the strength of the friendships and bonds that our residents form with one another, the staff and friends of LITTLE EDEN. However, they too, feel the value of companionship and sharing our lives.

As we will soon be celebrating Easter, I am reminded of the special relationship that God intended to have with each of us. When relationships fail, or loved ones pass away, His unfailing love and constant companionship will still be there to comfort and strengthen us.

Think of those in your life, who are precious to you, and say a prayer for them today; appreciate that gift of friendship.

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Daily prayer for the needs of LITTLE EDEN

Jesus, Great Harvester, who desires the salvation of all mankind, accept the offering of my life and work in assisting You to help garner the fields for the harvest. Teach me compassion, understanding and love for those most in need. Bless our Association; strengthen the bonds of love and charity amongst us, so that with hearts united we may say "Thy kingdom come". Mary, comfort of the afflicted, pray for us.

