

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.

Generally, it is the children who bury their parents! Here at LITTLE EDEN our residents do not reach a 'ripe old age', nor do they have the means to care for their parents. So we see many parents who make the choice of asking 'us' to care for their child – most times a very emotional choice. There are some children here who have no parents to care for them, and are placed here by Social Services. For those of us who do not have to care for a child with disabilities in our family, do we really understand what it is like?



How are one's expectations adjusted on discovering the disability? What about the effect caring for this new tiny one will have on the resources of the family? What effect is there on the siblings and extended family? Occasionally a child's disability develops later in life as a result of an accident or sickness or abuse. How does that alter the family? Many of the children are not robust and their life expectancy is much lower than the general population. So can we say then, that the family is really waiting for their dear one... to die?

We acknowledge that it is not easy; that some families have more burdens than others. How do we respond to these needs of others?

Domitilla Hyams, our founder, saw their hardships and answered what she understands as a calling, her vocation. She saw that a family with a child, who is disabled, experiences additional difficulties.

In her words so many years ago "we are the hands".

In the process of reaching out, she has gathered about her many people who now share in this caring. Something has been started that would be a real shame not to be able to continue.

How can the community get involved? How can each one of us get involved?

How do I get involved?

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.

Photos off the internet.