

Harvesters of Jesus



Society for the Care of Persons with Mental Handicap

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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.

Our residents' smiles portray the real meaning to Christmas giving

In a month where a very different and difficult year comes to an end, many of us are feeling fatigued and frayed, or uncertain about the future. December is a time when our fast-paced lives reach a limit before it suddenly becomes a slow dance that eventually leads to rest and re-energizing for the next year.



The Christmas Season of giving and receiving usually brings great ambivalence. It is known for celebration with loved ones, but could also be a source of great sadness and loneliness. Most of all, the Christmas Season is a period of spiritual renewal when we, through initially observing Advent, have time to celebrate the significance of Jesus Christ being born as man to become our Saviour.

But, regardless of beliefs and emotions attached to this season, it is fitting to ponder on what Christmas really means to me and to you. When asking myself this question, I always remember how our residents portray Jesus' love through their lives! It is their distinct purity and unique lifestyle of gratitude that continuously spark my gratitude for the small and big things in my life.

With all the frantic rush of Christmas giving at this time, our residents remind me that I am more blessed in giving gifts than in receiving them! They also teach me that a physical gift is not always the most suitable to give. These *angels* can never repay anyone for investing in their lives, nor offer them eloquent prayers or uplifting words, but in their simplicity and innocence they are close to Jesus who hears their prayers of absolute love and appreciation. One thing that never changes – in and out of the Christmas season – is their gift of unconditional and unaltered love, wrapped in a smile, any time they see you.

I end 2021 with a grateful heart for every smile of love I received throughout this year from my LITTLE EDEN family. What are **you** grateful for this Christmas Season?

Annalie Anticevich 

Daily prayer for the needs of LITTLE EDEN Society

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.