

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.

## A love for all seasons

The Bible is filled with rich and meaningful stories, but none more so than John 3:16. This verse succinctly shares that God loves the world, and in doing so he gave his only Son, Jesus as a sacrifice. We know from this that God has a special interest in every person, and that He desires for us to have eternal life. This passage is meant to serve as a reminder that God is always looking out for us, no matter what, and tells us of God's love for all of humanity. By accepting this message, we can gain a greater understanding of God's love, the power of redemption, and the hope of eternal life. This passage also serves as a reminder that God will always be present in our lives, no matter what may come our way and that God loves us, the way He made us, despite our imperfections. In His eyes we are perfect and, most importantly, we are worthy of His undying and eternal love.



In Domitilla's diaries we are led to understand that we are all "perfect", and that although we cannot understand why the LITTLE EDEN residents are created as they are, they are to be treated with dignity and respect. The Founders of LITTLE EDEN, Domitilla and Danny Hyams, lived their lives with *Respect, Sanctity of Life* and *Love & Care* and 56-years later these values are etched into the everyday work of service that is carried out at LITTLE EDEN.

Our *angels* have intellectual and physical disabilities, and as such each and every one of their lives is precious and should be valued. Moreover, they deserve to be loved and given this love freely from our hearts. Our residents evoke feelings of joy and peace in all who are lucky enough to get to know them. They have a light within them that transcends their physical limitations, and it is truly a privilege to be in their presence. The look of love in their eyes, the energy of their big smiles, fill us with joy and remind us that there is something bigger in life than our everyday struggles.

So, as we celebrate the month of love this February, demonstrate different ways love can be presented, outside of our own relations and celebrate it wherever we find opportunity to do so.

Gaahele Mokgoro

### 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.*