



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- ✚ COVID-19
- ✚ LAUDATO SI
- ✚ VTC



DIRECTOR'S NOTE

Dear Sisters,

As we look at the world today and visualize the situation of the poor and the downtrodden, mixed feelings of uncertainty, sadness, fear and trepidation seem to overtake us. We are faced with a herculean task of standing by them in solidarity to infuse hope and do what we can to lift them up to a level of decent living with trust and hope.

These past two months we have experienced the generosity of Divine Providence through people of good will, our benefactors and compassionate individuals and agencies who came forward to give their mite in alleviating the hunger of thousands in our working areas and neighbourhood.

We are aware that people all over the world are still battling with the deadly pandemic and more so in India and no one can predict for certain what the future is going to be. People still need our "food kits" for sure and above all they need our moral and psychological support to raise them up from the gloomy situation and find new ways of building their lives.

The year of "Laudato si" is urging us to listen to the cry of mother earth and the cry of the poor, compelling us to take a U turn, if need be, and take new paths to come to terms with the reality. We are urged to adapt a simple life style, to follow the path of interconnectedness, solidarity, communion, harmony, deeper spirituality, and a new way of educating and integrity of life more than before.

Even at this painful situation there are many in our country who are engaged in spreading the virus of prejudice, hatred and communal polarization through social media, talk shows and writings. They pollute the atmosphere with prejudice and hatred which are more poisonous than Covid -19. China doesn't seem to sit quiet but is provoking our nation. War is in the offing... We need to work for peace, for unity, justice, above all for love. .

NIRMAL JYOTHI ANNOUNCES

24 Account Executive students and 18 Fashion Designing students who appeared for NSDC exam (National Skill Development Corporation) have secured 100 percentage results.

KUDOS to you dear Sisters and staff who worked hard.

I am glad that our 4 VTC centres have started well the online training and are on the run on equal footing with other centres and companies. At this time of lockdown to find students for this training is not that easy. But our sisters did it. Kudos to them for their enterprising and persevering spirit! I wish to express my sincere thanks to you dear sisters and congratulate you for your challenging spirit, hard work and determination to go ahead responding marvellously to the signs of the time. May the Lord bless you dear sisters and strengthen you in all the ways that you will succeed to empower the young people who come to you online.

This issue of our newsletter will give you proof of the hard work done by all of you in your communities in these past two months. God be praised!

Let us carry on with greater enthusiasm and passion our mission as new members are added to your community.

Good luck! God bless!

Sr. Rosy Lopez

NB: I will be sending you a page bi-monthly, with suggestions for concrete action for your community as well as for your recipients to which you may add your own creative way of responding to the challenges of “post-covid period” and “Laudato Si’”, in your locality. A report of what you do with nice photos will be your news for the next issue of CDEW Times.



Distribution of food to Migrant workers waiting for their travelling pass at Avalahalli Police Station



WALKING THE TALK

Around 30,000 people including migrants were supported with Food kits, Breakfast packs and snacks. Thanks to Divine Providence that came by way of cash and kind through our generous benefactors, well wishers, NGOs, friends.



I never ever experienced and expected in my life a total lockdown. The COVID-19 pandemic is unprecedented. At the beginning of the lockdown I didn't feel much, but as the days went on, I was thinking of the daily wage earners around us, especially the street vendors, people staying in the temporary sheds near the construction sites and road sides.



LOCKDOWN DID NOT DISCOURAGE THE ENTHUSIASM OF THE ELDERLY OR SICK.

Sr. Constance Gomez and Sr. Mary Scaria busy like bees

repairing all the broken chairs and torn nets in Puthiyathura.

Those who want can hire them





Navajevana Chamrajpet

Maria Niketan Chandur

Do unto others as you would have them do unto you

Grama Vikas Center Hassan

Sneha Kiran Thope, Kollam

"Our generation has the ability and the responsibility to make our ever-more connected world a more hopeful, stable and peaceful place."

Natalie Portman

Mala says: "Sisters had given during this corona lockdown period so many things needed for a family. In this lockdown period no work, no money, yet we received many helps. I learned from this incident that what we have we should share with others and help others".



Auxilium Yeleswaram

Auxilium Angamali

You make a life by what you give

Maria Nikethan Vazhichal

Nirmal Jyothi Bannerghatta

Maria Nivas Nandigama

"Still many of our beneficiaries really need support to keep away from starvation. I met so many children, pregnant women and elderly people in all the villages and I feel for them. They remain unsafe due to lack of awareness and resources. I am happy that I could do something for my fellow beings in their difficult times.... and I want to continue this mission as the situation is becoming worse day by day." Mini Sebastin



Provision distribution at different villages & slums in Bangalore

People's needs are many and varied. We may help them with food stuff for two weeks or a month and it may give them hope for a short period. However, what they will value more is our presence by their side in these moments of crisis.

Time for Nature...

Embrace Nature !

Laudato si' is a prophetic document of Pope Francis that reminds us that everything is connected and interdependent.

Let's grow together in contemplating and giving praise for our common home, in creative and courageous solidarity, in the commitment to listen to the cry of the earth and of the poor.

The food we eat, the air we breathe, the water we drink and the climate that makes our planet habitable all come from nature.

To care for ourselves we must care for nature.

It's time to wake up.....

To take notice.....

To raise our voices.....

Yet, these are exceptional times in which nature is sending us a message:

It's time to build back better for People and Planet. Let's rise, begin our work.....

Using Shakespeare's words we invite all of you to say:

*"Under the greenwood tree,
Who loves to lie with me,
Come hither, come hither!"*

Laudato Si - initiatives of CDEW Society & Sacred Heart Community



Medicinal Herbs Garden



Vegetable garden



Azolla cultivation



Fruit garden



Flower garden



Hassan

Karunapuram



Navajeevana Secunderabad

Vaduvanchal



Thiruthiparambu

Varakkadu

Wyra



Chandur

Guduvanchalli



Kattappana

Mittappally

Nandigama



Navajeevana Secunderabad

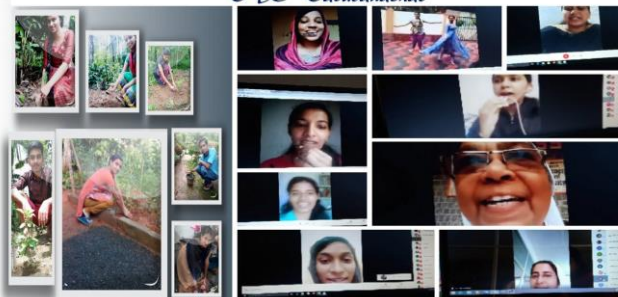
Vaduvanchal

Angamali



Our 4 VTCs began the new batch of ONLINE SKILL TRAINING in May 2020 in collaboration with Quest Alliance & Tech Mahindra

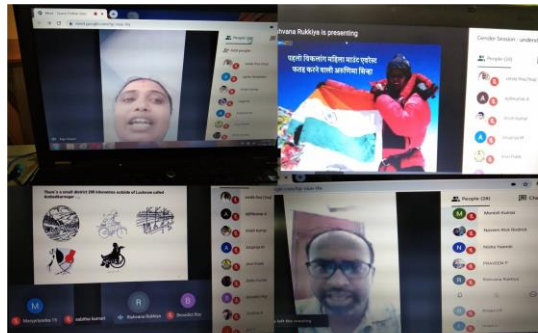
Online Environment Day & Cultural Day programmes of VTC Vaduvanchal



Vaduvanchal organized "Online Cultural Day". Wonderful! The students entertained one another and the staff of their centre sitting at their home. Congrats dear students for your performance.

From the book "Understanding the world around you" Quest Team enlightens the students of FIDES.

Through various activities they brought home to the students the reality around us and how it can be changed.



Adieu!!

After 3 years of service Sr. Praveena leaves Puthiyathura centre. The centre organized online Send off to thank their Facilitator for her enthusiastic and dynamic presence and novel initiatives that brought about real transformation in their lives.

Wishing you all the best for future endeavors!



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Ever Onward..

In tune with the times..



A Guest session on Future of Work and Self Learning organised for students of Puthiyathura. Guest Speaker was Mr. Ajeesh from Quest Alliance.



Miss. Rishvana & Mr. Jijeesh from Quest Alliance with the students of Puthiyathura on an Interactive session on Gender. The session was very interesting and students listened very attentively. A very sensitive subject but handled with real time example, so learners could understand better. Thanks to Rishvana and Jijeesh.

