“Every life that comes to us deserves acceptance, respect and love.”

“Good, and only good is enough to make us happy forever good.”

St. Antonio Gianelli

“Every life that comes to us deserves to be accepted, respected and loved, especially if it is weak.” Therefore the Pope in his message for Lent 2017, on the theme: “The Word is a gift, the other is a gift”, says not to be money prisoners, that leaves no room for love and prevents the peace.

“We open our doors to the weak and the poor, because the other is a gift: the only way to live and witness to the full of the joy of Easter.”

“The right relationship with people,” continued the Pope, “is to recognize the value of gratitude. Lent becomes a propitious moment to open the door to all those in need and to recognize in him or her the face of Christ.”
VOICES FROM THE MISSIONS ....

A work done by many hands

Antonio Gianelli Social Center - Brazil

"Out of the impossible, it is necessary to do everything ... favoring with zeal and commitment the best inspirations"

A. Gianelli

The Antonio Gianelli Social Center (GASC) plays an important role in the Rincão communities, especially in the Marianite Loteamento and in the Sertão II settlement. It was born from the request of communities with high social vulnerability in order to promote nationality, providing socio-educational support, information and opportunities to become an area of inclusion.

Before the opening of GASC, this territory was characterized by extremely poor housing, high levels of poverty, high incidence of hunger, malnutrition and epidemics such as hepatitis. There was a predominance of unemployed or working people, with no formal limitations or protection.

The educational work of the CSAG is basically oriented to the construction of peace, through the exercise of nationality feeling and non-violent resolution of conflicts.

“We are going to open ourselves to the current challenges and the new forms of poverty, with the change of mind, giving priority to family and youth ...”

GASC beyond numbers is a dream come true, because we always dream of something that can help our children, adolescents, young people and families to discover their dreams, sometimes hidden by the difficulties of life.

GASC is a “human work” and addresses the difficulties, it has limits, it requires the work of many people and the solidarity of all; But it is also a “divine work,” so, we believe, will always be blessed, have the grace of God and produce good fruits in the lives of people.

Sr. Raquel Peña Pinto

Center for Women Empowerment

Sr. Clotilde

The center was inaugurated by the Gianellina Sisters two years ago in the heart of the Mpasa II neighborhood in Kinshasa (DRC), with the aim of offering young women the opportunity to become the protagonists of their own life and that of the community. In this center are already active, courses of literacy, sewing and creation of natural cosmetics. Through the 12-month tailoring course, girls have the opportunity to learn a trade that, in addition to being useful and necessary in the community, gives them the opportunity to be financially independent and to create small local businesses.

The idea is to provide the foundations of this office through the teachings of competent teachers. During the theoretical / practical classes, girls will have the first task of making school uniforms for the children in the neighborhood, which will be sold at a moderate price for families who can buy them and will be delivered to the majority of children aged between Ages 5 and 18, this allows all children to have their own uniform.

From this income and from the sale of other types of dress materials, we will try to put in place a virtuous circle in which to ensure the sustainability of the sewing course in the coming years through the sale, in places made available by sisters of clothing.

We take this opportunity to sincerely thank Bishop Pietro Brollo, archbishop emeritus of Udine, the nuns and laity of the province of Genoa, for their valuable contribution to the realization of our dream.
“Let the children come to me.” Papua

In our parish here in Malala, Papua New Guinea, there are many children and young people - intrinsic characteristic of this beautiful country - but they do not have a suitable place for development. Therefore, to satisfy this need, in our community was created the group of altar servers, as many have shown interest in this service. By 2016, the Group had approximately 100 children aged between 5 and 18 years. The group meets on Sundays After Mass, in order to provide them with comprehensive training, through games, activities, songs, ... Last year, the children had the opportunity to participate in a two-day retreat in Alexishafen: for many of them, it was the first time they had left their villages. Another proposed activity was to celebrate Children’s Day, another opportunity to feel appreciated especially in the community. The experience with the guys is unique. During the year they have opened up a lot with us: from the expressions of affection to the confidence to speak and act. At Mass in the beginning of the new year, they read for the first time before the community: they are all small and significant steps in this task of building a living community of faith. This year we will continue to work and grow together. It remains a challenge, but we are sure that God accompanies us on our journey and our Mother Mary bless us with the hand of her son Jesus. Thank you for accompanying this mission which is the whole of our religious family.

Sister Sheridan

Children home Navjeevan “new life” – India

With a heart full of gratitude I would like to present the situation of a street child, Rajesh, suffering from a rare disease called hemophagocytic syndrome. On January 13 afternoon, he suddenly found his nose and mouth bleeding and was soon rushed to a nearby hospital; It happened at 7:30 p.m., when all the children had gathered for the evening prayer, so they continued their prayers for Rajesh. There was no improvement in the hospital and the bleeding continued. So the doctor suggested the transfer as soon as possible, at the hospital in Indore. It was thanks to the divine providence of God Almighty that a gentleman from an NGO, Catalyst for Social Action (CSA), present on our arrival at Hospital, made sure we found an emergency doctor to visit Rajesh. After seeing the child’s condition the doctor took him immediately to the ICU. Now it is still under treatment and every 15 days it takes to make the follow-up visit. He still needs support in prayer. They are heavily indebted, with all the sisters from neighboring communities for their constant accompaniment through prayer. Last but not least, thank you P. Jolly John for his recommendation for granting therapy which could have cost almost Rs.100000 / -, but that was for free. God bless you for your kind and noble heart. He embodies the words of our Founder: “Call me to the Father: I will have and inevitably I will be the Father, and the Father all the more good, the most supportive, passion ... for you, because you are dearer and Beloved heavenly Father who gave his Divine Son to you ...”

Sr. Roshini Panna

All the children of our missions, from the Congo to Brazil, passing through India want to thank all those who help us to support them to have a better Future. Many thanks!
Volunteer Space

In our magazine ... only a rectangle, despite the expansion! But in the world, Volunteering has no limits: “Follow your heart, where there are people to listen, understand, love, serve, grow, where there are values to defend or promote, where imagination, creativity, enthusiasm Volunteers for a moment or all of life, as you can, as it should be to your own conscience ... in freedom! “The poor are always with you” (Jesus “We need those who are small, the vulnerable. Maybe we need the poor to discover our poverty. “(Jean Vanier) Volunteering is the result of love.” Love your neighbor as yourself “: from” freely some of you to those who, even if you do not love them. They ask, the help they need. “The need to provide suggested ...”, said Antonio Gianelli when he founded our Institute, and since then we sisters are called to “give” anywhere, for life.

Where?

In ITALY:
• In our Shelter Homes: Bobbio, in Cerreta
• In our nursing homes: in Carro, Arcevia, in Serra San Quirico.
• Summer guest: Udine, Tolmezzo, Piacenza, Piazzetta, Chiavari, Rapallo, Ventimiglia, Rome, Marina di Minturno

THE HOLY LAND:
• Summer camps with the pilgrimage of the Holy Places in Gianelliana
• Olive harvesting in ORTAS in October and November, preceded by the pilgrimage.

IN INDIA:
• With street children in Khandwa.

IN BOLIVIA:
• Al Ospedale “Daniel Bracamonte” in Potosí.

IN THE REPUBLIC OF CONGO:
• At the clinic and / or The maternity Mpas II.

If alone, or with your friends, decide to donate a few weeks or a month to those who may need your help, please contact us before next May 1, so we can build together a personal project that take in consideration:
• age, professional and linguistic skills, desires and attitude, availability of time, links to the place where nuns live, mission or No previous volunteer experience.

The project consists of:
• Preparation (setting your expectations with those of the chosen mission of your missionary spirit with ours, your skills that are required ...)
• In the eventual inclusion In a group of volunteers
• Accompaniment on the site
• Evaluation and communication of the experience realized.

Please consult with the sisters you know, or directly to the Sr. Cristina Gallucci.

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