



NEWS OF PEACE AND GOOD

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Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Community - Itinga

Life brings us surprises and moments of joy, if perceived and experienced as a gift from God, who surround us with daily affection and tenderness.

From April to June our Community was enriched with experiences of coming and going. Sister Vandete went for the Assisi Experience and Sister Goretti, who with a great generosity came to make up the community with Sr. Amelia of being happy, cheerful, and relaxed.

We were blessed with a tour of the Conference of Religious of Brazil, Aracuaí Nucleus in Porto Seguro. It is a beautiful land, where we had the opportunity to know the tourist places, places that belonged to the indigenous that were taken from them. There are beautiful beaches and a very welcoming people who treated us with great affection. Going back to our home we entered the routine of life, committed to pastoral work and the housekeeping.

In this period after Easter we had the experience of performing with the People of God, "The Way of Light", (Via Lucci). Sisters Goretti and Amelia were present in two Communities: Our Lady of Help and St. Jude, where they made the 14 Stations of the sacred way, with Jesus and his disciples after his resurrection. The novena was then conducted in preparation for the Coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

Sister Goretti returned to São Paulo and Sister Vandete arrived home more enchanted by what she experienced, "drinking" from the Franciscan Fountain. In this Franciscan vigour we started the preparations for the feast of our Patron Saint Antony, which was very lively. Much work, mixed with a good relationship with the People of God and Father Adilson. Sister Vandete made the beautiful ornamentation in the church, from Pentecost to Corpus Christi.

We are also engaged in pastoral work, animating, advising and seeing this People of God who are often returning to the Church with all the baggage that the Pandemic has provoked in some of us. The Family Pastoral Program, Catechesis, Youth, Formation for Choirs and Altar Boys, visits to families, especially the most vulnerable (Bereaved, sick and depressive).

We are also present in rural communities, as well as in the parochial headquarters, forming the living church in the St. Jude Community, where God's Providence has graced us through Sister Janet, with resources for the construction of the local church. We have much gratitude to the Congregation for the help so that this resource reached us.

This month we began again with the face-to-face meeting of the Diocesan SAV (Vocational Animation) group in Itaobim. We are hopeful that we can do a good job of vocational animation in this piece of Minas Gerais. In October we will celebrate in the Parish the 100th Anniversary of the foundation of our Congregation.



Mass e Vestiture of new Acolytes



Visiting an elderly woman in Campo Queimado



Meeting of SAV (Vocation Animation group)



Catechism class - Our Lady of Aparecida community, Planalto



Regional Meeting of pastoral team in Itaobim



Meeting with youth of the parish



Visita e comunhão

Assis,

Sem palavras para expressar
Tamanho alegria de ver e sentir
Os caminhos por onde percorreu são Francisco, Santa Clara, seus
companheiros e tantos outros Santos...



Caminhada penitencial com os Jovens da Matriz



Missa e festejos do Padroeiro Santo Antônio, em todas as comunidades Urbana

Irmãs Amélia e Vandete.

Vocational Space

Vocation means calling, and it is God who calls each one of us. Our first vocation is to life. It is good to stop and think about what our response today is to the vocation we have received through Christ's call.

Sometimes we have doubts whether it is really for this life that the Lord calls us. But, certainly, only having an experience of love with Christ through personal prayer, and when we are open to understanding and putting into practice what the Lord tells us and that we will be able to give an open-hearted and gratuitous response, without expecting anything in return.

When we talk about vocation, the first thought we have is a priestly and religious vocation. Nevertheless, there is also familiar vocation from where the other vocations are born. Another important point for religious life is to put ourselves available to help those who need and in a special way, to help young people who we meet in our journey.

On June 4th we had a vocational encounter in which we had the presence of two young women from the Queen of Peace Community, the Parish of St. Teresa of Calcutta and four young people who study at our FransCarmo School. It was a blessing to see how happy they were having a different day than they always have. They enjoyed having conviviality with the Sisters of St. Francis of God's Providence, which was very gratifying for all of us. We should encourage each one to pay attention to God's plans in their lives, whatever, that God calls them, for marriage or religious life.



We are instruments of connection between God and the Human Being. Many times we are seen as: "person who is closer to God", and we are to become a witness of our Poor and Obedient Christ, who cares, who protects and who always ready to protect all those who turn to Him. Therefore, we need to be coherent between what we talk about and live.

Peace and all good!

Sister Deise

Member of the Vocational Animation Team

Birthdays and Feast days:

01 – S. J. Lora - Feast day

06 – S. Althea Anne - Birthday

08 – Ir. M. José Torres - Birthday

26 – S. M. Eliana - Feast day

31 – Ir. M. Elenice Birthday

Pope's Intention

Elderly

We pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people; may their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility.

For peace, for all situations of conflict, especially for the struggle of indigenous peoples.

For all the sick, especially for our Sisters.