

Easter, 2021

Antsohihy, Madagascar

Dear members of Little Flower Church,

I am very grateful for everything you do for the Sisters of Divine Providence in Madagascar. Thank you for the Holy Thursday Mass that you are offering for us and know that we will be in union with you on Holy Thursday. We pray regularly for our benefactors. Thank you to the parish council and Father Dennis, your pastor, who have opened the way to educate the parish about sponsoring the children of Pont Sofia School of St. Martin. Thank you for all the activities you are developing within the parish in support of our Mission in Madagascar.

Thank you for the donations you have just sent to help with our new guest house and chapel at Ambondrana. May the Lord give it back to you a hundredfold. The sisters are already using the new chapel. Our next step is to furnish guest house lodgings. It is well situated and looks out onto the sea just a few feet away. Here's an invitation for you to come and stay! The community consists of Sisters Praxède, Josephine and Odile, and a trainee aspirant. There are a dozen children undergoing orthopedic rehab therapies in this residential program. Here is a picture of the nearly completed project.

We entered the second wave of Covid-19 with a variant that came from MOHELI of the Comoros. At the Antsohihy Mission, there are two Sisters and two aspiring students who have caught the virus. But we give thanks to God because they are only healthy carriers, they are not showing symptoms. The government has not prescribed strict quarantines but is encouraging people to wear masks and perform social distancing. The government has registered to request vaccines from the WHO, but for the time being, the COVID ORGANIX, composed of the plants artemisia and ravitsara, is still being used. It seems to be working but lately deaths have been increasing in number.

If you want to come back to Madagascar in 2023 it is still possible on our side, but at the moment we can't project anything because of the pandemic. There are still no international flights.

Yes, we will send your kind Easter wishes to the Sisters in their various households. Thank you for everything you do for us.

Happy Easter!

Sœur Alphonse Marie, Provincial

