# Canossian Myanmar Mission News Update 28 (January - June 2022)



# Dear Sisters, Friends & Mission partners, Greetings from Myanmar!

# Thank you for praying for us and we are truly grateful for the monthly rosary prayers.

Our 14th Batch of Educators started the Formation of Educators Course on 18 January and graduated on 18 June 2022.

We have 23 ladies from Myitkyina, Chin State, Phekon, Pathein and Yangon.

Besides learning to teach children they were also invited for a learning journey to SISU Training Centre at Hlaing Tharyar in Yangon. They were introduced to skills in administration, hospitality, nursing and first aid, banking and sewing. 9 out of the 23 chose to continue their training in the above job skills after their graduation. After a 6 month training, they will be guided to choose one for their career.



23 Educators from Batch 14

Meeting with Ms Vanessa Chan, our Singapore Ambassador and Ms Jackie Appel, the CEO of Step-In Step -Up (SISU) Vocational Training Centre.





**Learning journey to SISU Vocational Training Centre** 



We learned the skills of a good story teller.



We can recycle used facemasks into small pouches.



Learning to draft a pattern before sewing.



Baking a simple sponge cake with the help of a cake mixer.

Celebrating the Feast Day of our Foundress, St Magdalene of Canossa, with prayer and sharing her life story in Burmese.





# Celebrating our Batch 14 Graduation Day on 18 June 2022











...Let the Light of Christ guide you in your journey...









Sr Heza and educators preparing Food for the Poor, for 165 children and some of their parents, every Saturday

# Canossian Educators teaching, caring and spreading the love of God to children left without schooling



Cecilia from Myitkyina teaching a small group in her home.



Taking care of the IDP children



Educators from Ngu Chuang ran a summer camp for children and taught them English, Maths and Faith Education.



Enjoying a Feast Day meal at camp



Thank you for the lovely cards made by the Catechism children of Risen Christ Church.



We made Thank You cards for you!

# **Canossa Home Children**





13 of our school going children started going back to school on 1 June.



Agnes 9 and Faustina 8 are newcomers



Our 6 teenagers completed their 3 month Nurse Aid course at Mya Thukar Medical Centre which is near our Formation House.



Thank you for the lovely bags and umbrellas. We are protected by our Canossian Saints.

# **Canossa Pre-School**



Counting and Sorting buttons of different colours.



Do you like our home-made Canossa Pre-School?



**Feast Day celebration of our Foundress** 



This is fertile soil and we can start growing our vegetables here.

We thank our donors and everyone who have contributed to this lovely building of St. Magdalene Pre-school in Ngu Chuang Village and we welcome all the 36 lovely children who will be starting to use the new school on 4 July.



We thank our donors for all the gifts (rice, provisions, stationery, clothes, etc) we have received, and we thank God that we are able to share with many others too.





# **Canossian Formation House**



Susanna leaving CFH in Yangon on 27 Feb to join the Novitiate in Indonesia.



Our Novice Susanna with the 2 Indonesian Novices.



Boys from Sr. Antonia's Class are happy with their gift of new shoes from the super boxes sent by Sr. Janet.



Celebrating our Foundress Day Mass with our Lay Canossians on 8 May 2022.



We concluded the day with a Feast day meal with our Jesuit Priest friends.



Sr. Maria renewed her vows on 26 Feb.



23 May: Celebrating Sr Antonia's birthday



**Sisters of Myanmar community** 

## Sr. Susanna's Sharing of her Experience in Indonesia

#### Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always. (1 Chronicles 16:11)

I am Susanna Than Aye, a novice from Myanmar and currently I joined the novitiate in Indonesia with two Indonesian novices. I have been here since 27 February, 2022 and it has been four months here. I can never say thank you enough to God who always has the best plan for my life. It is a great opportunity to join the Novitiate here in Indonesia. Furthermore, I am moved by the grace of God day after day and experiencing his presence by realizing and accepting my limitations, weaknesses and emptiness in my daily life. God's power is over me every single minute when I surrender myself to him totally. All the small crosses which come in my daily life enable me to be attentive to the love of Christ shining from the Cross which can penetrate and brighten the darkness within me. In addition, the community life is the main core that helps my spiritual and physical growth: such as mutual understanding, respect, love and care. Life is beautiful when we are open and accept the life and cultures of others, but better still, if we can share the sufferings, joys and love of each other in the community.



Having vocation promotion with Canossian Sisters and Xaverian Missionary Brothers at a School in Jakarta.



Back from Church after Palm Sunday
Mass with Canossian Sisters, novices
and a postulant.



Easter celebration with Canossian Sisters from the community of St. Magdalene, St. Bakhita and Novitiate community Jakarta, Indonesia.

## **GATE OF HOPE**



Monthly rice distribution for the poor



Saturday afternoon lessons with the neighbourhood children and the IDP children of Brother Felice Boarding House



Teaching and caring for the children of the IDP camp next door.



Playing a guessing game during our English lesson.



Our Batch 4 Graduates: Agnes, Hilary and Adler from Gate of Hope are now working in Wyne Hotel in Yangon.



Rosy, a graduate from Batch 4 is currently working as a housekeeper in Amazing Hotel in Nguang Shwe.

### **News from Volunteers in Singapore**







24 April 2022, Sr Joana DS met volunteers in Canossa Convent during her stopover in Singapore from Myanmar to Timor Leste.

Margaret, Veronica & Anthony @ Feast Day Mass of St Magdalene on 7 May.







Anthony and Mary Therese sharing with youths at Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Parish on 18 June.



Volunteers Mary Chye, Mary Lai, Yvonne & Dominic packing boxes for Myanmar



KEEPING HOPE ALIVE: Meeting and praying the Rosary over Zoom with Sisters, educators and children in Myanmar on every 1<sup>st</sup> Friday and 13<sup>th</sup> of each month.

We pray daily for all our benefactors, volunteers, supporters & friends, asking God to keep you and your families safe and healthy.

We hope we will be able to meet face to face again in the not too distant future!

Thank you for your love and support for the Myanmar mission!