

Harvesters of Jesus



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The Association of the Harvesters of Jesus was established in order to provide the regular daily spiritual needs of the LITTLE EDEN Society. It is firmly believed that without such support, LITTLE EDEN would wither.

Commitment

Discussion has regularly taken place about the legacy left by Domitilla and Danny Hyams. One of the major elements of the legacy was their example of commitment; consistent to the end.



Many years ago I was asked what I considered the most important thing in marriage; this was after I had been married a good few years! At the time I was at a loss, but have since come to the conclusion that it is probably commitment.

I would say that if you have commitment, you look for the solution in whatever situation you find yourself. Domitilla and Danny were such people, and they had a common mind-set. In the beginning LITTLE EDEN came up against many different difficulties: attitude, financial, legal, recruitment of trained staff to name a few. Once the idea had taken hold, the two of them

remained steadfast in their will to care for people with intellectual disability in their community. What started out with the initial 1,2,3...is now 300. It took many years to get here and we pray and hope it will continue for many more. Otherwise what will happen to the 300 residents?

The COVID-19 scenario is having a global impact in so many different ways and on so many communities. There is an understanding that if we do not act together, this could get way out of hand. I have been amazed how so many nationalities are co-operating to try and control this. Not every one agrees exactly how to do this, however, the need appears to be that we work together and we keep at it – a global commitment if you will.

Often, however, it comes down to the individual level.

With what attitude does each of us fit into this giant jigsaw? LITTLE EDEN has denied access to their facilities for anyone not absolutely necessary. The residents still need individual care by way of food, bathing, dressing, therapy and so on. This care comes from a group of dedicated carers who still have to come and go into their respective communities after each shift. If those communities are not committed to the health and safety of others then all residential care facilities are bound to fall foul of the COVID-19 onslaught.

I have been told that a group of carers walked to LITTLE EDEN one day when the taxis were not operating. That is surely a commendable commitment?
What about your commitment?
And to what?

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Daily prayer for the needs of LITTLE EDEN Society

Jesus, Great Harvester, who desires the salvation of all mankind, accept the offering of my life and work in assisting You to help garner the fields for the harvest. Teach me compassion, understanding and love for those most in need. Bless our Association; strengthen the bonds of love and charity amongst us, so that with hearts united we may say "Thy kingdom come". Mary, comfort of the afflicted, pray for us.

