

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.

“The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing.”

(Attributed to Edmund Burke, in a letter to Thomas Mercer: ± 1790)

I was privileged to attend the opening of the Cause for Beatification for the *Servants of God*, Domitilla and Daniel Hyams. This took place at the Johannesburg Cathedral and was officiated by Archbishop Buti Tlhagale. It would normally have been an occasion for all the parishes in the diocese to participate; but because of COVID-19 the church had many vacant pews.

It got me thinking that we were here to celebrate a couple whose “lives were worth living”, an example, and yet the participants were few and far between. Their goodness needs to be shared and encouraged.

So where am I going with this?

Graphically their lives could be considered a jigsaw; and many of us hold a piece of that jigsaw. We have been blessed to be able to experience and treasure the piece of jigsaw we hold. But now we are asked to place as many of our jigsaw pieces onto the table, to share their example, and thereby assist with the Cause Inquiry. The more pieces on the table, the clearer will be the final image. Some may consider their jigsaw piece too small, too insignificant, too much like someone else’s. So, we need to bear in mind that until all our pieces are on the table and on display, we cannot know whether any of the pieces are much like anyone else’s. Also bear in mind that each of our pieces fits in its own specific place, no two pieces fit on top of one another; there are pieces in the middle, on the sides, at the corners, some are bright, others dark...



The quote at the top of the page may seem somewhat disconnected with what I have written here. All too often we will get to hear “bad news”. Our jigsaw piece should be a light in the dark, to be shared and not kept to ourselves. Yes, it may be personal.

So, I encourage you to share your jigsaw piece and pass on this message to anyone you think may be holding another piece of the jigsaw.



Record and share your jigsaw piece, by email, with Luigi Slaviero (postulator@domitilladannycase.org), or be in contact with me. I have included a prayer created by Fr Joe Leathem, a confidant of Domitilla and Danny.

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Intercessory prayer for private devotion

Lord God and Father, inspired by the example of the power of prayer in the lives of Domitilla and Danny in which they lived the Christian virtues of Faith, Hope and Charity, and, through the example of their lives of Christian service to our neighbours with intellectual disabilities, confidently and humbly we beg through their intercession *(state the request)* if this be your sovereign will, through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever
AMEN.

In conformity with the decrees of Pope Urban VIII, we declare that there is no intention of anticipating in any way the judgement of the Church, and that this prayer is not intended for public use.