



**MOC**

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**The distributed amount during 2018 was 85.150 EUR (2017, 45.000 EUR)**

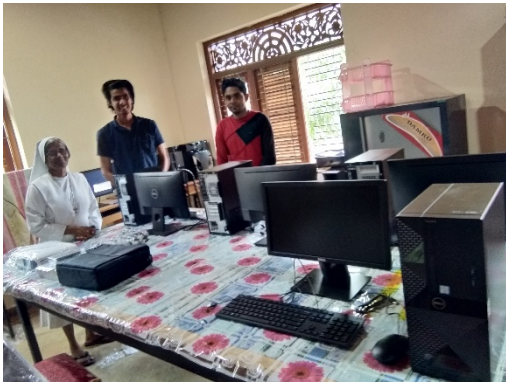
During 2018 visits have been made to some of our far away projects. Don Stephen Screech and Don Jose Martines visited BRA in India and Don Anders Blomqvist and Don Ramon Anthin have been touring Sri Lanka and visited both old, present and future projects in Sri Lanka. We have all been welcomed in an overwhelmingly positive way. This is a way to thank **all** of us who are working and contributing to these projects. This should be communicated to all our knights and dames around the world. It should also be a reminder to us all to have a collection at all our events, grand or small. All contributions count.





## International Project – Eppawala Sri Lanka

The continuation of the International project has been a **computer training center and a compound wall and gate at the Meth Sewana Pre-School in Eppawala**, (now extended with the computer training center) situated 30 km from the Salesian Center in Nochchiyagama. The computer training center was completed during the autumn 2018 and the compound wall and gate will be ready during the spring 2019.



The Vice Grand Hospitaller Don Anders Blomqvist and Don Ramon Anthin visited Eppawala, Sri Lanka during the summer 2018. Visits were also made at Nochchiyagama and Thirukkovil. The projects have been completed in a good manner and the first constructions from 2015 are still in a very good shape. 9.300 EUR.





## The Grand Priory of Terra Nordica

**Distributed amount: 35.000 EUR**

**The Blind Relief Association** has received a donation to continue the Job Placement project. With the establishment of training programmes, each year, more and more blind persons come out from these training courses. The Association has started a Placement Project for securing employment for its trainees. The project is primarily meant for finding jobs for eligible blind trainees passing out of the Association's various vocational training programmes. The project also helps blind persons approaching the Association for jobs from other places in the country. The project was visited by the Grand Chancellor Don Stephen Screech during some weeks in the beginning of 2018. 3.000 EUR.





**Catholic Cathedral Parish in Stockholm** has received a donation for Youth Activities and open house activities for the unemployed and others who somehow live in isolation. The open house activity is a very popular activity especially for those from other countries who have difficulty finding new friends or employment in their new homeland. There is also an activity that make home visits to elderly and sick that are unable to get out. 2.500 EUR.



**The Bridgettine Sisters of Bethlehem** have received a donation to help poor families with food and medicine packages. The Sisters also sponsor some families so that their children can go to school by paying their fees. 3.000 EUR



**Vailla Vakinaista Asuntoa Ry in Helsinki, Finland** is an organisation founded by homeless people for homeless people. A donation was approved after the investiture in Finland and it will be aimed at the night center Kalkkers, open during the winter, it functions as a crisis center for all the homeless. 2.500 EUR.



**The International Rotary Club in Tallinn** is running a project aimed at poor and large families in the countryside in **Estonia**. Funds collected are used to repair buildings and to provide winter clothing. It was approved to give a donation after the investiture in Helsinki. The amount has been used to repair windows for one of the families. 2.500 EUR.



**Processkedjan** have received a donation. The work is supported by the police and aims to help young people who have turned to crime and / or drug addiction or risk ending up there. Those who work at Processkedjan have themselves lived a life of crime, drug abuse and have experienced the negative consequences. They have personal experience of absent parents, parents with drug and alcohol addiction and a distrust of all that comes from the establishment. 3.400 EUR.



During a tour to different locations in Sri Lanka the Vice Grand Hospitaller Don Anders Blomqvist and Don Ramon Anthin visited **Caritas Valvuthayam (CV) in Mannar, Sri Lanka**. We were taken on a two-day tour to some villages in the neighbourhood of Mannar at northern Sri Lanka. Father Anton of CV explained that this was former war territory. The Sri Lankan army had cleared the whole area and all the inhabitants had either run away or been placed in camps. The CV has during the whole period from the war and onwards helped the inhabitants of the area. After a number of years in the camps the families have now been given areas where they may start to build up new villages. In Paalaipermalkaddu we met and talked to some teenagers that asked if we could sponsor some sport clothes and shoes, since they were not able to take part in the teams if they did not have the equipment. This donation was approved in the autumn and has been distributed. 600 EUR.





**St. Kizito Matany Hospital in Matany, Moroto Diocese in Uganda.** The hospital is a Missionary hospital serving the Karamoja Region in the centre of the Moroto Diocese. St. Kizito Hospital has tremendously contributed towards awareness programmes to reduce HIV/AIDS spread and prevention. In order to keep the admitted patients in a clean and safe environment there is a need for an industrial **Hospital Washing Machine**. The total investment is 23.592 EUR. A contribution 8.250 EUR was collected during a charity dinner at Trolleholm Castle in September. During the first days of 2019, one of our knights in Denmark has donated the remaining amount privately. This project was recommended and handled by Archbishop Eugenio Sbarbaro. 8.250 EUR.



## **The Grand Priory of the English Tongue**

**Distributed amount: 30.000 EUR**

The major project is **Blind Relief Association (BRA) in New Delhi, India**

The BRA was founded in Delhi in 1945 aiming to integrate visually impaired people into the community. Without it hundreds of young people would be left to fend for themselves begging, rather than being trained for a job. We have supported the BRA since 1997. Over the years, we supported the BRA to produce educational materials in Braille and electronic media (CDs, flash drives), the running of a special class for blind children with multiple disabilities, with computing equipment for training and a vehicle for essential transport needs. 11.000 EUR. (Picture below left)





### **Basic Health Services in Udaipur, India**

Young men from the age of 14 onwards in search of work migrate from rural India to cities. Young, poorly fed and in insalubrious accommodation, they frequently catch tuberculosis. In poor nutrition and without access to treatment, their health quickly deteriorates. Unable to work they return to their village. Their families exhaust scant resources on attempting to treat the disease while running the risk of being themselves infected. BHS aims to identify these youngsters in the community, provide counselling, treatment and care. The patients can then be taught basic vocational skills, such as in tailoring, enabling them to obtain employment locally, or to be better prepared and stronger if they have to return to the city and get a job. 5.200 EUR. (Picture above right)



### **Leprosy Mission at Premananda Hospital in India**

We supported The Leprosy Mission (a UK charity) to be present at job fairs in India whereby graduates from their vocational training scheme who had suffered from Leprosy meet potential employers. We also provide an Eye Care Doctor and an Eye Technician as part of the outreach work being done by the Premananda Hospital, also in India, which provides health care, diagnosis and treatment particularly for Leprosy patients in a particularly remote part of the country. 2.300 EUR. (Picture below left)







### **Hosanna Children's Pilgrimage Trust (HCPT), GROUP 21**

HCPT, Group 21 raises between £12000 and £15000 annually from various sources to fund the cost of a pilgrimage to Lourdes for people with life limiting conditions, severe physical disabilities, learning difficulties, those who have suffered a bereavement or other traumatic life events or children living under other grave hardship conditions. In 2018 Group 21 took eight such children and one vulnerable adult. We funded four of these children. The pilgrimage itself is the central feature of a year-long programme of events leading up to and after the pilgrimage which itself gives the family of the guest children a much needed break. 3.300 EUR. (Picture above right)



### **Cardiff University Catholic Chaplaincy/ Cardiff Oratory**

We assist with the funding of seminary tuition and the provision of books for Brother Ambrose Jackson who is in training for the Roman Catholic priesthood at Oscott Seminary. Brother Ambrose is based at the recently formed Oratory / University Chaplaincy in Cardiff where Fr Sebastian Jones is a Chaplain of ours and where we have had an Investiture and where we shall return in April 2019. 3.300 EUR.





### **The Priestly Fraternity of Saint Peter (FSSP) Seminary Nebraska, USA**

This grant helps to fund the training for the priesthood of Matthew Palmer a seminarian from Wales. As an adolescent he served Mass for our chaplain Fr Thomas Regan with whom he discerned his vocation. Matthew awaits his 7<sup>th</sup> and final year of training for the priesthood at the FSSP seminary in Nebraska. Our hope is that after Ordination he would return to minister in the UK. 4.900 EUR.



### **The Grand Priory of Italy**

**Distributed amount: 6.700 EUR**

**Parish Church of Latisanotta.** Contribution for the festivities of Saint Agatha. 300 EUR.



**Parochal Children's Home in Latisanotta.** Contribution to support urgent management expenses. 640 EUR.



**The Church of S. Antonio in Latisana.** Contribution for Silver Candelsticks. 250 EUR.



**Church of S. Geremia e Lucia in Venice.** Contribution to works of charity during the Chapter and Investiture. 500 EUR.



**H.E Mons Eugenio Sbarbaro for charitable works in Africa.** Amount collected on the occasion of the Chapter of Venice. 1.430 EUR.



**Mons. Don Carlo Fant Abate, Pievano di Latisana.** Contribution for families in difficulty. 1.000 EUR



**Associazione di Volontariato AVAPO Onlus de Mestre.** Amount collected on the occasion of the Agape of the Order on 14 October in Latisana. 550 EUR.



**Parish of Latisanotta.** Contribution to the nursery. 500 EUR.



**Italian Red Cross, delegation of Portogruaro (VE).** Contribution for purchase of groceries. 500 EUR.



**MOC International Project in Eppawala, Sri Lanka.** Contribution to the wall project. 1.000 EUR.



## **The Grand Priory of Aragón y Catalunya**

**Distributed amount: 5.500 EUR**

**The Orphanage of San José de la Montaña, in Madrid, where they receive children without parents until they are 18. 1.000 EUR.**



**The Orphanage School of the Spanish National Police. Supported for children who lost their parents during service in the National Police. 1.000 EUR.**





**The School of Maria Immaculada in Salamanca.** The school receive boys and girls without the possibility to study due their parents' financial situation or being orphans. The school is run by chaplain Don Blas Rodriguez , who officiated our Mass in Alcala de HERNARES. 900 EUR.



**Father Miguel Angel de la Madre de Dios, Jubilee of Santa Teresa in Alb de Tormes.** Supporting pilgrims from all over Spain to go to the jubilee. 1.000 EUR



**Donation** to an organization to help dumb and disabled children. 200 EUR.



**Monasterio De Las Carmelitas Descalzas De La Purísima Concepción.** Contribution to works of charity during the Chapter and Investiture. 1.400 EUR.



## **The Grand Priory of Terra Danubica**

**Distributed amount: 4.500 EUR**

The main project during 2018 has been a contribution to the **XII Diagnostic and Consultative Center, Liulin district of Sofia** with two different donations. A collection of 300 books to the “House of the books” with free access of the patients, the medical staff and the doctors to the library and a donation of

equipment – transducers for the Eccographic cabinet in Base II of the Center.  
2.250 EUR + 1.050 EUR.



A donation to the High School Vocational School “Velizar Peev”, Svoge,  
District of Sofia, Bulgaria. 600 EUR.



A donation to the National Gallery, Sofia, Bulgaria. 600 EUR.



## **The Priory of Saint Peter Nolasco in the United States**

**Distributed amount: 3.450 EUR**

**St. Mary Roman Catholic Church Food Pantry.** The St. Mary Food Pantry services 135 families in South Amboy, New Jersey, through their once monthly distribution day. For more than a decade they have provided sustenance and some emergency services (for example, electricity bill aid) to those most in

need. Their vast network of food contacts and the great generosity of St. Mary parishioners ensures their shelves are always full. 1.150 EUR.



**Triad House, Ewing, New Jersey.** The Triad House, a subsidiary of LifeTies, nurtures wellness and selfsufficiency in vulnerable youth, young adults and their families. Triad House services youth aged 14-21. It is only one of the few homes in the United States to provide services for the LGBTQ youth population, who remain at risk in this country. 1.150 EUR.



**Madonna House, Neptune, New Jersey.** Madonna House Inc., founded by Rebecca Blonski in 1987, is dedicated to serve infants, children and women by providing. 1.150 EUR.



During 2018 the Grand Priories and the Priory of the USA have arranged a number of fund raising activities. All these activities contribute to our collection of funds to distribute. It is interesting to see how much can be collected with just a few words of our aims during a dinner.

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