

# Canossian Myanmar Mission News Update 29 (July - Dec 2022)



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

*We have come to the end of 2022 and once again our thanks go out to each and everyone of you who support us in so many ways, especially through the zoom prayer sessions*

Our 15 Batch of Educators started on 11 July and they graduated on 10 December 2022.

We have 23 ladies from Myitkyina, Chin State, Phekon Lashio, Hkanti, Pathein Loikaw, Mawlayme and Taunggyi.

They have completed their training and 14 have returned to their hometown to teach, 5 stayed on to teach in Canossa Home and 4 left to learn job skills at SISU Training Centre, at Hlaing Tharyar in Yangon. We are happy to have done our best and we thank God for his blessings.

## 23 Educators from Batch 15 Graduation



Learn



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## Congratulations and Celebrations dear Educators



Receiving certificate



With our certificates. We did it!



Receiving Educator's Kit



Individual blessing  
from our Parish  
priest.



Bring the light of  
Christ and keep  
shining



Thank you for teaching and guiding us 😊



Back to the village to  
teach our children.



Singing Christmas carols



Dancing traditional dance



Performing a value-based roleplay



We design and sew our own aprons



We learn to sew pants as gifts for the poor children



We make beautiful Christmas stars from recycled toilet rolls.



We help to pack food every Saturday for our Beloved Poor!



Celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows with seven days of prayer. Many of us were touched by our friends who shared their personal sorrows during the civil war in their villages



We participated in the sandwich making competition



We thank God for the many Missionaries and mission volunteers on World Mission Sunday





## Christmas at Canossa Home



Christmas Concert for Pre-school children



It's time to enjoy our noodles and juice



Christmas gifts from well wishers for all at Canossa Home



Zoom Carolling with Papango Group on 26<sup>th</sup> December.



Our Emergency Education children's first Christmas at Canossa Home.



Enjoying a delicious Hot-pot dinner donated by our kind friends from Singapore.

Canossa Food Project for the poor



They sat in groups to enjoy their food



Enjoying the meal together



Packing Christmas lunch for the poor



Sharing and packing goodie bags to share Christmas Joy with our brothers and sisters



## St Bakhita Boarding House



Pre-school children enjoying a Christmas story



Rose guiding the children at play



Nolene assisting the children with their school lessons



Srs Magdalene and Anita visited the children at Hopon boarding house to bring them some Christmas cheer.



A group photo of the children after mass at St Joseph Cathedral (Taunggyi) on Christmas Day. Five of them received their First Holy Communion.



Children enjoying their Christmas Party round a blazing campfire



Harvesting the homegrown peanut



## Ngu Chaung Kindergarten



Children listening attentively to their teachers.



Learning lessons through activities



Teachers at Ngu Chaung Kindergarten designed their uniform and poster for the KG

## Canossa Home Children and Teenagers



Learning to play Christmas carols with ukelele



Learning Geometry from Mr Paolo



Children went out for their first outing after two years to visit the Servite Sisters.



Six of the Canossa Home teenagers completed the nurse-aid training course in Yangon.



Amy, Gemma, Theresa and Emily were given scholarships to work as Health Care Assistants in Singapore.



They reached St Joseph's Home on 17 August 2022

## Gate of Hope



Our new Head of Gate of Hope, Elizabeth and her trainers, Martha and Angela



Sisters together with Batch 5 trainees and Elizabeth. They will graduate on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2023.



Trainees learning the importance of quality service.



Learning to make Myanmar traditional food



Short meditation at the start of each day before lessons.



Teaching and caring for the children of the IDP camp at Brother Felice Boarding House.



Parents' Day celebration for the grand parents of the neighbourhood children.

# Canossian Formation House

## PREPARING FOR OUR FINAL VOWS



Tertians together with Sr Juliana (Vicar Provincial), Sr Mary D'Souza and Sr. Esme.

We give thanks to God for giving us the opportunity to do our Tertianship in the Province St Francis Xavier, India Centre, Gyan Niketan, Desur. We began our Tertianship on the 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022 with a Para-liturgy, "Journey of the Magi". For the past three months, it was indeed a wonderful journey of discovering the marvellous and steadfast love of the Lord our God and our Canossian Charism. All the sessions were

so enriching and inspiring. The input sessions and the weekly reflection and interiorization helped us to deepen and integrate our day to day living as consecrated religious.



Visiting the room of the late Sr. Fernanda Riva a zealous missionary from Italy who passed away on 22 Jan. 1956

We visited some communities in the province. Our early missionaries arrived in the 1889 from Italy, and their passion and zeal of making Jesus known and loved can be seen in the many convents and schools started by them. We could feel the spirit of our early missionaries who left a rich heritage for our local Indian Sisters to carry on till today. Our Canossian Charism and Spirit can be felt not only through the theoretical sessions but also through the lives of the Sisters in the Province. We were very touched by their simplicity, humility, hospitality, generosity, and readiness in serving others.



Visit to Maria Nivas Community, Halkarni where our Sisters are ministering to the poor both in education and social work.

The retreat we had with a Carmelite Father helped us not only to understand what being contemplative means but it has also deepened our desire for deep, personal, intimate relationship with the Lord. As the Scripture says, "Taste and See, the goodness of the Lord," we too felt the same way. For three months we had been inspired, healed, awakened and spirit-filled with the marvellous presence of the Lord. Like the three disciples, Peter, James, and John at Transfiguration of the Lord who said, "Lord, it is wonderful for us to be here," (Mt.17:4) we too would like to remain with Him forever.

Like the Magi, after being awakened to the magnificent Presence of the Lord, we are ready to share His incredible love with others.

**Thank you dear Sisters and friends for your prayers for us while we were in tertianship. We also thank our Superiors and Sisters in India for their warm hospitality and especially for sharing their rich experiences of the Canossian Charism with us.**

Srs. Maria and Antonia  
Singapore/Myanmar Province

May our Foundress St. Magdalene of Canossa help us to spread this same love and zeal wherever we go.



Renewal of Vows of Sr Heza on 12 Aug.



On 23 Aug Sr Magdalena and Sr Anita renewed their vows.



Susanna arrived in Singapore on 27 Nov. from Indonesia to continue her formation as a second year novice.

## Gateway project



Visit of Sr Marion and Sr Jacq to Myanmar on 23rd Oct 2022



14 graduates from FED Batch 14 who have been accepted for training in job skills at the Step In Step Up Training Centre, are staying in Canossian Formation House (CFHM)



Visiting SISU Training Centre to thank the CEO, Mrs. Jackie Appel.



A practical session on Infant Health Care. Judith from Batch 14 is seen here dressing a baby after bath.

## News From Volunteers In Singapore

### Reunion meeting with Sr. Angela

Sr. Angela returned to Singapore for a short visit after nearly 3 years. On 9 Oct she had a happy reunion with Myanmar educators: Rosa, Angela Ni, Helen and Genevieve who are working in Singapore and had the chance to assist volunteers in packing Super boxes to send to Myanmar.

On 15 Oct volunteers were very happy to meet Sr. Angela when she gave an update on how our mission is able to move forward in spite of the challenges in Myanmar.



### Visit of Amy, Theresa, Gemma & Emily to Canossa Convent

Amy, Theresa, Gemma & Emily who are working in St. Joseph's Home had their day off on 18 Dec and came to visit the Sisters at Canossa Convent. Mary who is working in Singapore also joined them. Volunteers Selvathi, Emily, Rodney, Anthony and his mother Pauline also joined us for fellowship tea.



## CHARIS Foundation Course 2

was held on 20 August. Anthony & Sr. Janet shared on "Answering the Call to Mission" and the challenge of Keeping Hope Alive in Myanmar during COVID-19 pandemic time.



During the ZOOM Rosary session on 13 November, Sr. Angela updated volunteers and friends on the on-going activities in Canossa Home and Gate of Hope.



**HOT NEWS!**



On 9 Jan we had the joy of celebrating the Final Vows of our first two Myanmar Canossian Sisters: Sr. Maria Ja Awn and Sr. Antonia Mya Mya Lone in Epiphany Church in Yangon. Present for the celebration were our Provincial Leader Sr. Christina Yeo, Sr. Janet Wang and Sr. Marion Liong from Singapore and four Sisters of the community in Myanmar: Sr. Angela Ng, Sr. Heza Zar Zar, Sr. Magdalena Nwey Lay and Sr. Anita Vallence.

Sisters Maria, Antonia and Heza will be in Singapore for the Provincial Chapter Meeting 17 – 20 Jan. 2023. Before their return on 26 Jan, they look forward to meeting our friends and volunteers.

*Dear friends and mission partners, thank you for your support.  
We wish you A Happy Lunar New Year and assure you of our  
prayers for God's blessing on you and your families!*

*Canossian Daughters of Charity, Singapore-Myanmar*