

NISANSALA 1990-2015

25th Anniversary



BROTHERS OF CHARITY-NISANSALA

TRAINING FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS WITH A LEARNING DISABILITY



Message from His Eminence Malcolm Cardinal Ranjith

Archbishop of Colombo, Sri Lanka



It is with great pleasure that I send this message of felicitation and blessings to the [Brothers of Charity](#) on the occasion of their Silver Jubilee Celebration (1990-2015) of Apostolate Service to differently abled children and young adults in Sri Lanka.

The Brothers of Charity was founded in 1807 by [Rev. Fr. Peter Joseph Triest](#), who was born in Brussels in 1760 and ordained during very turbulent times – in the region that is known as Belgium today. The Church was also facing difficult times after the French Revolution, and young Father Triest was forced to live in hiding from 1797-1802, performing his priestly duties, clandestinely. This period however turned out to be very fruitful, since it was precisely around that time that he developed the desire to help other people. Moved by our Lord Jesus Christ's words: [“Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.” \(Matthew 25:40\)](#), he started devoting more and more of his time to the poor and outcasts. As a result, he founded his first Congregation of the Sisters of Charity of Jesus and Mary in 1803 – with the prime duty of caring for outcasts and poor children. [In 1807 he founded the Congregation of the Brothers](#)

[of Charity – with the primary duty of nursing impoverished elderly and mental patients.](#)

The Archdiocese of Colombo is therefore privileged to have two Training Centres in Tudella (Ja-Ela) and Negombo, run with dedication by the Brothers of Charity – providing support, training and care for 170 children and young adults with a learning disability, and their families. I am pleased to note that the training program is comprehensive covering diverse areas such as – Literacy / Numeracy, Health & Hygiene, Music & Dance, Social Skills, Self-help Skills, Hand-eye Coordination, Handicrafts, Cooking Speech Therapy & Physiotherapy, Swimming, Vocational Training, Computer Education/Training, Home-making and Home-sharing Skills, Training & Community Integration Programs, etc., and wish to express my sincere appreciation of your untiring efforts.

May your lives be blessed abundantly, and may the Good Lord be your strength and guide in all your endeavours - so that through your works of mercy you may bring all those whom you meet and serve, closer to the Lord Jesus.

Malcolm Cardinal Ranjith
Archbishop of Colombo
21/07/2015



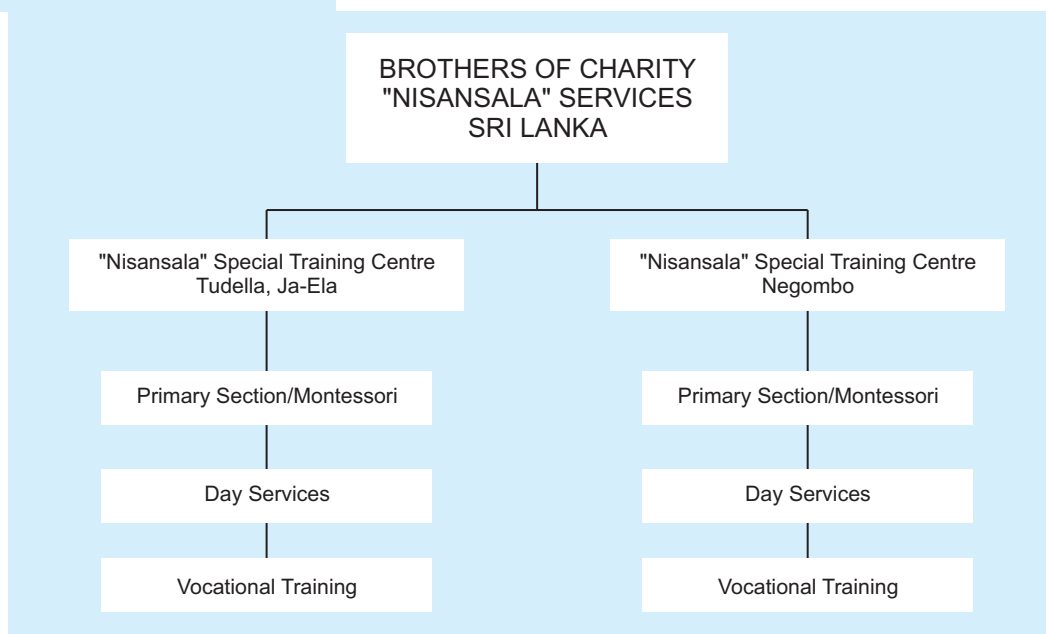


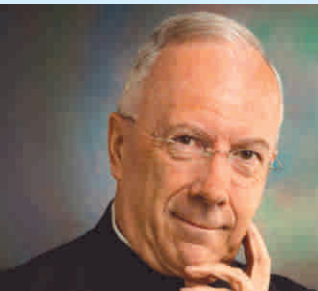
○ Our Mission:

Our mission in the Brothers of Charity Nisansala Services is to facilitate people to develop to their full potential within their natural support networks, secure in the knowledge that they are treated with love and respect at all times.

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○ Our Training:





Message from the Superior General

We are very pleased that we may congratulate the management team and all the staff of Nisansala at the occasion of the jubilee of the centre in 2015.

Indeed, it was in 1990 that the Brothers of Charity has taken the decision to start with a new mission in Sri Lanka, and that on the request of the Sisters of Charity of Jesus and Mary. This new mission was entrusted to the Saint Joseph Province of the Congregation, the brothers from Ireland and the United Kingdom. The Provincial Superior at that time, Bro. Alfred Hassett and the former Provincial Superior, Bro. Peter Sheehy took immediately the mission very seriously and dedicated themselves with many brothers and co-workers in order to start up the new mission in Sri Lanka. The model that was developed in Ireland in the field of the care of people with a mental disability and that was very progressive, was imported and adapted to the local situation and culture of Sri Lanka, and as a result a nice new center raised in Ja Ela, we can say really as a model for the whole of Sri Lanka. There in Ja Ela, many should learn how to educate children with special needs, and after starting with a Montessori and a pre-vocational training program, afterwards also a vocational program should be introduced and developed. Thanks to the good relations of the Brothers who came to Sri Lanka, many specialists in the field would come and introduce their knowledge through important training sessions. We can really speak about a success-story and we are very thankful for the many brothers and staff members who came to Sri Lanka from Ireland and the United Kingdom in order to support the development of the center.

When the development of the mission was full of success, the development of the congregation as such was less successful. Several young men came to join the congregation, but left afterwards. So the continuing of the whole project became very critical around the year 2000, and from the side of the congregation, the question was posed what was the perspective for the future, at the moment that the support from the Saint Joseph Province should go down. It was by Providence that many events happened, and we mention here

with a thankful heart the name of Bro. Bavo, the then Provincial Superior of Asia, who was ready to come to Sri Lanka in order to enforce the group, composed by Bro. Gregory Boyle and Bro. Noel Concorran. With the amalgamation with the local society of the Brothers of Saint Joseph in 2004 the perspective changed substantially and now we have several communities and pastoral projects all over the country.

Most important is the fact that the mission of the Brothers of Charity as translation of the charism of the Congregation is so alive in the care for people with a mental disability here in Nisansala. The work in the field of education is done in a highly professional way, but founded in real love. And that is the basic of charity, always a process of love, compassion and concrete care for the persons who need our help and support. They are open for the future in looking how they can develop new initiatives to help also those clients who are becoming older. We are very happy with the new branch that is starting this year in Batticalao, as a real jubilee present, and let us hope that more new branches can be opened in the future.

25 years is at the same time young and old.

Young, yes very young and enthusiastic are all those who are involved in the working of Nisansala, and in name of the Congregation of the Brothers of Charity I like to thank and congratulate all of them, and that also in the name of those you, we are serving.

25 years is also old, but then in the field of good practice and the readiness who is always present to share it with others and the openness there is for collaboration with other groups: all this is so typical for what is happening in Nisansala.

Let us hope that, with God's blessing, Nisansala may continue to grow and to be a place of real charity, of real service, of high quality, in a good environment, with a adapted organization structure, with other words totally in line with what our beloved founder the Servant of God Father Triest should describe today as his translation of a real work of charity.

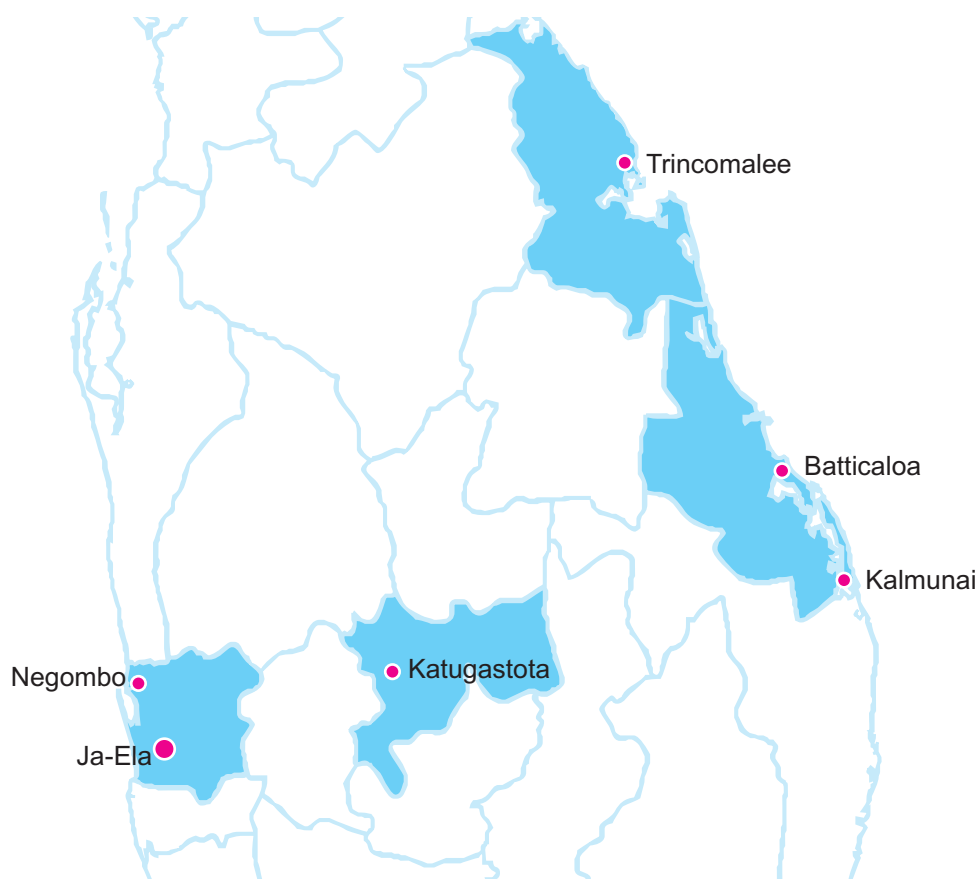
Ad multos annos.

Rome, May 10th 2015

Bro. Dr. René Stockman

Superior general Brothers of Charity

Brothers of Charity - Sri Lanka



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Batticaloa

BROTHERS OF CHARITY, Govington Road, Batticaloa.

Kalmunai

BROTHERS OF CHARITY, Carmel Fatima Road, Kalmunai.

Trincomalee

BROTHERS OF CHARITY, St. Joseph's Technical Institute, 345, Power House Road, Trincomalee



Message

from the Provincial/Regional Superior Asia/Sri Lanka

Message on the occasion of the Celebration of the Jubilee 25th years of the Brothers of Charity by the Saint Joseph Vaz Region.

The occasion of a Jubilee is a time of celebration and thanksgiving. Celebration of the great and dedicated service given by so many brothers and co-workers in the past and present situation.

Specially a moment to think at the beginning when the first Brothers of Charity from Ireland and the United Kingdom, who started as pioneers here in Sri Lanka a special care and mission in the field of the learning disabilities in Ja Ela- Tudella and later also in Negombo.

Thanksgiving for the graces which have been bestowed on the Congregation during this 25 years. Our gratitude and appreciation must be extended to the St. Joseph's Region/ Ireland & U.K. for their continued financial support and encouragement to the Nisansala centre which they founded.

Indeed during my stay or visits in the Community House "Our Lady of Lanka" Ja Ela, it's for me always a good occasion to feel and see the big "family" who is build up in the centre "Nisansala". Our mission of the Brothers of Charity is visible in the field of education. To love God and the neighbour: here than specially the love given to the disable children and the adults in the vocational training by the whole team and the families.

Real Charity in action. when I see Mr. Lucian Ranasinghe the General Manager and his whole team on all the levels in their high professional way in the field of the special education of the disable children. An example of the mission of the Brothers of Charity.

I see and meet the children and the adults starting their new day in the morning with "the smile", to feel at home and to be respected in their dignity. I respect the cooperation with the families in loving their disable children and to be present in many activities: the vocation training, the Christmas gathering, the yearly thanksgiving Mass, Cricket champions program, Children's Day outing, Annual Sport meet and so many

other activities. One heart, one love, one action in all this activities.

A big family who understood the Christian values: "to see the face of Jesus in of every human being", whose vision is to provide services which support people's individuality, rights and dreams, their race, religion, gender, disability, age or ethnicity. We are all brothers and sisters who share love and care.

All are living and working together as people of "goodwill in building a better world"; with a good organization structure, high quality of care, professional education, a beautiful environment and accommodation but all given with love and happiness, to put the children and the adults central in the whole education and in their respect as human beings, who needs love and at the same time we receive much love form them all.

By this charity all they have changed their lives, and find back their place with respect in the society with their own capacities.

On the wall painting, Our Father Triest the founder of the Congregation of the Brothers of Charity, is looking and accompanied them all every day with his watchful eyes.

We pray and hope, that God may bless the country Sri Lanka with new vocation as a brother, by seeing this beautiful charity and apostolate work, so that further new branches may grow and be developed.

Thanks also to all the other brothers who are giving witness in the other places in Sri Lanka towards the young and the sick people.

Thanks for the Fathers and sisters, the parish who are supporting the brothers and the whole team in spreading the good new "that God is love" in a humble and joyful way together.

Brother Godfried Bekaert.

Provincial- Regional superior.
Brothers of Charity

Our last exhibition and sale was held on 29th and 30th November 2014 at K-Zone, Ja-Ela. (Public shopping mall). It was organized as an event of raising public awareness about the children with learning disabilities and special needs, in the larger community as well as to find an outlet for the productions of our children.

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Exhibition



Holding a public fair together with parents, children and staff of Nisansala.

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Message from the Regional Superior Brothers of Charity - Ireland & UK

As we celebrate the 25th anniversary of the arrival of the Brothers of Charity in Sri Lanka I am delighted to have been asked to contribute a short article for the Commemorative Magazine.

In 1986 the Superior General, Bro Waldebert Devestel, asked Bro Peter Sheehy, the Provincial Superior of St. Joseph's Province (Britain and Ireland) to consider opening a Service for young adults with an Intellectual Disability in Sri Lanka. In late autumn of 1988 the new Provincial Superior, Bro Alfred Hassett and his Council agreed to accept the invitation to establish the project and three Brothers were chosen from amongst those who volunteered for the task.

Bro. Peter Sheehy (RIP), Bro. Martin O' Neill and Bro. Michael O'Malley spent some time preparing themselves for their new task. They left for Sri Lanka in November 1989 and were accommodated by the Sisters of Charity of Jesus and Mary in their house at Rhineland Place Colombo.

It had been agreed that as a first step a suitable site would be identified on which to construct a small complex for the initial provision of a service for adults and as a location for the training of the first members of the staff team. Eventually a site suitable for the purpose was identified at Tudella near Ja-ela and purchased. The first sod was turned in 1990 and construction commenced of what was to become known as Brothers of Charity Services Nisansala. The clear objective was to provide an example of a good standard of service from a small central base supporting a number of initiatives located within the wider community. From small beginnings when the first service users were accepted in 1991 the service has expanded over the years both in the local community and in the Negombo area.

When I first visited Sri Lanka in 1992 I was very impressed with the development and with the dedication of the Brothers and their lay colleagues. The Sisters of Charity had assisted with the selection of suitable young men who had expressed an interest in

joining the Religious Life and the formation programmes for the first groups were conducted in Ireland. Unfortunately when the young men returned to Sri Lanka they gradually decided that Religious life did not suit them.

During my visit in 1992 many experienced Sri Lankan Religious expressed the opinion it may have more appropriate that young men do their initial training in their home country. The Provincial Council accepted the advice and a house was purchased in Katugastota to serve as a Novitiate and I was appointed Novice Master. Thus began fourteen very happy years serving in the "Land like no other", Sri Lanka. In 2004 the Brothers of St. Joseph amalgamated with the Brothers of Charity thus increasing our numbers and expanding our Services.

While I lived almost all those years in Katugastota during my visits to Nisansala I was always impressed by the dedication and devotion of our lay colleagues. This dedication has continued despite the fact that since 2009 there have been no Brothers involved in the management of the Services for people with an intellectual disability. I believe this is due in no small measure to the leadership of the Manager Mr. Lucian Ranasinghe.

My heartiest congratulations to all the Brothers in Sri Lanka and their very dedicated colleagues on the Silver Jubilee of the arrival of the Brothers of Charity in the country and I pray that the Lord will bless everyone associated with all of our Services now and in the years to come.

Bro. Noel Corocoran

Regional Superior,
Brothers of Charity – Ireland & UK



Our Service Provision Today

Today we provide support, training and care for 170 children and young adults with a learning disability and their families in our training centres in Tudella (Ja-Ela) and in Negombo.



Our Day To Day Training Programs Consist Of

Literacy/Numeracy, Health & Hygiene, Music & Dance, Social Skills Self-help Skills, Hand-eye Coordination, Handicrafts, Cooking, Speech Therapy & Physiotherapy, Swimming, Vocational Training, Computer Education / Training, Home-making and Home-sharing Skills Training & Community Integration Programsetc.

Every year we organize a number of events to create greater public awareness and promote a better understanding of people with a learning disability. These events include:

- Annual Sports Meet
- Way of Cross' Celebration
- Sinhala & Tamil New Year Celebration
- VESAK Celebration
- Public Exhibitions
- Christmas Celebration / Annual Concert
- Annual Thanksgiving Mass
- Staff training and work shops
- Parents awareness program

Participating in events to which we are invited by other organizations.

The Brothers of Charity Services provide professional support to a number of other organizations, including the provision of a number of staff training opportunities.

Since 2012 we have been providing a series of Parents' Awareness and Education programs.





Message

from the Director of the Services
Nisansala Special Training Centre Sri Lanka

We are very happy to celebrate 25th Anniversary and this is a special occasion for all of us.

This book is published for the celebration of our Silver Jubilee. I wish to mention that we faced some difficulties to publish all our actions in this publication, but we tried our best to publish the most important areas.

“NISANSALA” Special Training Centre in Tudella, Ja-Ela was set up by Brothers in 1990 as the first service in Sri Lanka and later on in 2000 the same service was expanded to Negombo area. Today we provide services for about 170 children and young adults with a Learning Disability / Special needs and there 40 staff members in both services.

There are many inquiries every year for admission of new children. Only in the year 2014 there were over hundred inquiries. Due lack resources as well as to keep the quality of service we are unable to accommodate every person. We believe the government will pay special attention to improve the services for the children and young adults with special needs in Sri Lanka.

For the present we are in a discussion of setting up a Social Enterprises which will provide young adults to find employment opportunities.

I also take this opportunity thanks Congregation of Brothers of Charity and especially St. Joseph's region – Ireland and UK for their ongoing support since 1990.

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සෑම වසරකම අළුතින් ළමුන් ඇතුළත් කිරීම සඳහා විශාල වශයෙන් විමසීම් කරනු ලබයි. 2014 වසරේ පමණක් එම සංඛ්‍යාව 150 කට අධිකය. අප සතුව පවතින සම්පත් අනුව සහ අපගේ සේවාවන් හි ගුණාත්මකභාවය රඳවා ගැනීම සඳහා එම සියළුම පිරිස් ඇතුළත් කර ගැනීමට නොහැකි තත්වයක් පවතී.

එමෙන්ම ශ්‍රී ලංකා රජය ඉදිරියේ දී මෙම ක්ෂේත්‍රය වෙත වැඩි අවදානයක් යොමු කරනු ඇතැයි අප විශ්වාස කරමු. මෙම විශේෂ අවස්ථා සහිත පුද්ගලයන් වෙනුවෙන් රැකියා අවස්ථා වැඩි සටහනක් පිළිබඳව මේ වන විට අප අතර සාකච්ඡා වෙමින් පවතී.

1990 සිට මේ දක්වා අපට සහයෝගය ලබා දෙන දයාවේ සොහොයුරන්ගේ සංවිධානයට හදු පිරි කෘතඥතාවය පළකිරීමට මෙය අවස්ථාවක් කර ගනිමි.

Lucian Ranasinghe

ලුසන් රණසිංහ

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Brothers of Charity - Sri Lanka



Annually we take all our children for an outing both younger and older children separately. It is common sight to see the happy faces of all our children during such a outing.

කුඩා දරුවන් සහ වැඩිහිටි දරුවන් වෙන් වෙන්ව ඔවුන්ගේ වාර්ෂික වාරිකාවට සහභාගි වන අයුරු



NISANSALA

Brothers of Charity - Sri Lanka



Introduction To Brothers Of Charity Nisansala Services

In setting up the Sri Lanka Mission in the early 1990s the objective of the Provincial Council of St Joseph's Province was clearly not to try to set out to meet the support needs of every person with a learning disability in Sri Lanka. The aim was to provide supports to individuals and families that would be in line with the local culture and with best international practice. This was to be achieved through enriching the personal life of each individual that was supported by offering real choice and real control over their own lives and by showing love and respect in our every action as inspired by the Christian Gospels. In this way it was felt that the service would be able to provide concrete examples of best practice in a Sri Lankan environment. The Regional Team of St Joseph's Region has consistently complimented the Nisansala Services Management Team for their success in achieving these aims to date and encourages them to continue to pursue these goals by assuring them of an on-going commitment to support them in doing so.





First Steps - Day & Residential Services On The Tudella Site

Brother Peter Sheehy (R.I.P.) and his fellow Brothers established the first day and residential Services on the Tudella site for a number of adults with low to moderate support needs in the newly constructed building at Tudella in the early 1990s. They ensured from the beginning that they gave practical witness in their work to the spirit and values of the Congregation.

Diversifying In The Community – Providing Models Of Best Practice

Since then the Management Teams, led by Brother Gregory Boyle and since 2007 by Lucian Ranasinghe, have gradually and professionally expanded the remit to include early intervention, preschool and school age services as well as vocational training, social enterprise and coaching in the skills of daily living. The emphasis has shifted away from residential and towards providing support to families in facing the daily challenge of ensuring that their family member with a learning disability is facilitated in living as full a life as possible in his or her local community. At all times, however, the spirit and values of the Brothers of Charity have been maintained and actively promoted throughout the Services. In the midst of the many needs crying out to be heard the objective is to maintain the focus where it should be by continuing to demonstrate, in a culturally appropriate way, new and simple ways of supporting people with different levels of support need in line with best international practice.

Building The Confidence & Competence Of Families

Nisansala Services have an important mission in helping to build the confidence and competence of parents and members of extended families in meeting the support needs of their family member with a learning disability. Provision is made for parent meetings and courses from time to time that help in this development. Families need encouragement and help to develop the skills to advocate effectively for their own support needs and for the support needs of their family member with learning disability at the local, regional and national levels. When they are made aware of the many different ways they can help the Services to support persons with learning disability, families tend to make a more effective contribution at the appropriate levels.

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Photo Collection



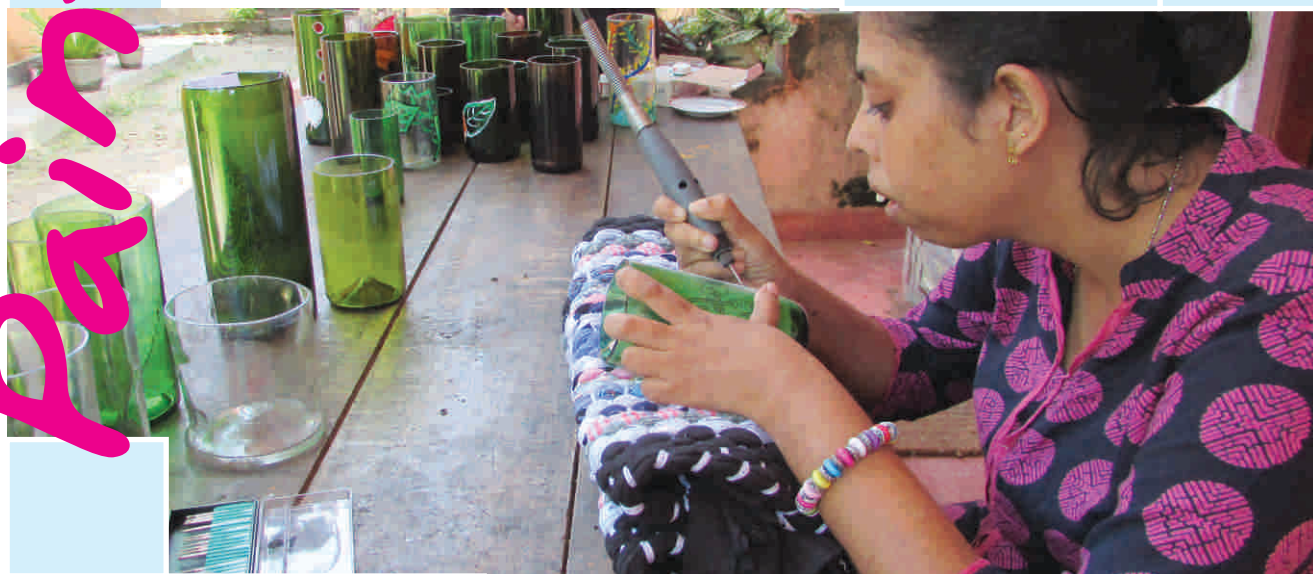
Vocational Training Activities

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| Glass painting and carving | වීදුරු පින්තාරු කිරීම සහ කැටයම් කිරීම |
| Exercise book making and binding | අභ්‍යාස පොත් නිශ්පාදනය |
| Carpet making and sewing | පාලිසි සෑදීම සහ මැනුම් කටයුතු |
| Carpentry work | වඩු වැඩ |
| Cement work | සිමෙන්ති ආශ්‍රිත නිශ්පාදන |
| Gardening / Agriculture | ගෙවතු වගාව/කෘෂිකර්මය |
| Broom making | කොසු, ඉදල නිශ්පාදනය |
| Animal farm | සත්ව ගොවිපල |

Painting



Book Making





Carpet Making



Sewing



Music

සංගීතය සහ නර්ථනය



Dancing

We have given a priority for the music and dancing practices in Nisansala Training. As a result of our training there is a western and an eastern musical band as well as dancing groups. Such groups have represented us at many public functions including those held by government offices. Annually all our children take part in our grand Christmas concert.

අපගේ පුහුණු වැඩසටහන් තුළ සංගීතය සහ නර්ථන පුහුණු කටයුතු සඳහා ද ප්‍රමුඛතාවයක් ලබා දී තිබේ. එම පුහුණු කටයුතු වල ප්‍රතිඵලයක් ලෙස පෙරදිග සහ අපරදිග තුර්යවාදක කණ්ඩායමක් මෙන්ම නර්ථන කණ්ඩායම් ද නිසංසල තුලින් බිහි වී තිබේ. මෙම කණ්ඩායම් රාජ්‍ය උත්සව මෙන්ම වෙනත් ප්‍රසිද්ධ උත්සවයන් නියෝජනය කර තිබෙන අතර සියළුම දරුවන් අපගේ වාර්ෂික නත්තල් විවිධ ප්‍රසංගයට සහභාගී වේ.



ක්‍රීඩා *Sport*

Sports activities are very important for both physical and mental fitness. Our children have a time for the sports activities within our day to day training programs. Everybody has a chance to participate in our annual sports meet.

ශාරීරික සහ මානසික සුවතාවය සඳහා ක්‍රීඩාව ඉතාම වැදගත් කාඩ්කයකි. අපගේ දෛනික පුහුණු වැඩසටහන් තුළ දරුවන් හට ක්‍රීඩාව සඳහා කාලයක් වෙන්කර තිබේ. එමෙන්ම සෑම දරුවෙකුම අපගේ වාර්ෂික ක්‍රීඩා උත්සවයට සහභාගී වේ.





Vesak Celebration

අපි කිසිදු හේදයකින් තොරව ප්‍රධාන ආගමික උත්සව සමරමු



We do celebrate the major events of all major religions, Christians without discrimination.

Thanks Giving Mass

තුනි සිද්ධිමේ දිව්‍ය යාගය



First Holy Communion

ප්‍රථම වරට දිව්‍ය සත්ප්‍රසාද ලැබීම





Building A Better World Together

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We want to contribute to the building of a better society in Sri Lanka

- In which we live as brothers and sisters in the great human family respecting our differences
- Where we seek to build a better world for all, especially for those around us who are weak & downtrodden
- Where we join with all people of goodwill in this challenging and rewarding task
- Where we seek to 'create a new heaven and a new earth' for all to enjoy
- Where we search for new meaning and relevance in partnership with others

Seeking To Be Person Centred At All Times

We seek to be person centred in everything we do

- The task of all of us who work as colleagues in the services is about really getting to know and support one another & the individuals we serve at a deep level
- Really taking the time to appreciate & support one another in our joys & sorrows, fears & wants, hopes & dreams, strengths & weaknesses
- Becoming true brothers & sisters, sharing families & friends, sharing skills and experience & encouraging one another in our mission
- Appreciating one another in our work situation as much for the qualities of the heart as for our capacity in carrying out the mission



සාමූහික නව ලොවක් ගොඩ නගන්නට

ශ්‍රී ලංකාව තුළ නව පරිසරයක් ගොඩ නගනු පිණිස අපගේ දායකත්වය ලබා දෙන්නට....

මිනිස් සමාජය එකම පවුලක් ලෙස සලකා සෑම විවිධත්වයක් තුළම
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පුද්ගල කේන්ද්‍රීය දර්ශනයක් තුළ රැඳී සිටිමු.

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ඒ සියළු දෙනා හට හැකි සියළුම සහයෝගීතාවය වෙනුවෙන් කැප වන්නටත්,
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The Founder

The Founder Peter Joseph Triest



Peter Joseph Triest was born in Brussels in 1760. When he was ordained, the region that is known as Belgium today was living through very turbulent times. One regime followed after another, and after the French Revolution the Church was also facing difficult times. From 1797 until 1802 young Father Triest was forced live in hiding, and to perform his priestly duties clandestinely. However, that period turned out very fruitful, since it was precisely around that time that Triest developed the desire to help other people. Moved by Jesus' words: "In truth I tell you, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me" (Mt. 25, 40), he started devoting more and more of his time to the poor. Having been transferred to the parish of Lovendegem in 1803, he founded his first congregation within the first few months after his arrival: The Congregation of the Sisters of Charity of Jesus and Mary. Their duty was to take care of outcasts and poor children.

In 1806 he was appointed as member of the Poor Relief Committee in Ghent. It was in that function that his pastoral inspiration started to really grow. He devoted practically all his time to the elderly, the poor, the mentally ill, and to foundlings or, in other words, to those in whom society did not seem to take any interest. In 1807 he founded the Congregation of the Brothers of Charity. The Brothers' duties consisted primarily in nursing the impoverished elderly and mental patients. In 1825 he founded the Brothers of St John of God who had to nurse the poor in their homes. One year before he died, in 1835, he founded the Sisters of the Childhood of Jesus who had to look after foundlings.

In the course of that 30-year period during which Triest helped to organise poor relief in Ghent, he had started a veritable revolution. One of his more remarkable was certainly when he had the mentally ill who were locked up in Gerard the Devil's Castle delivered from their chains. But according to him it was essential to deliver God's message of Redemption and Salvation to the people whom he met along his path of life. And he would do so by giving them signs of love. His efforts turned out successful. Peter Joseph Triest, Canon of St Bavon's Cathedral in Ghent, died in 1836. His last words were: "Give and it shall be given unto you," which is a nice summary of his life, which had been one great gift to the people of God. In 2001 the Process of Canonisation was started.

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