



MOC

The Military Order of the Collar of Saint
Agatha of Paternò

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The past year has been a difficult year. During 2020 we have not been able to visit any projects, most of us has been confined to our homes during long periods. However, we have managed to run a surprisingly good level of activity despite the circumstances.

The gratitude we are shown when we visit the different projects are 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.

The distributed amount during 2020 was 95.700 EUR (2019 - 130.050 EUR)





International Project – Blind Relief Association

The project – to be shared by all jurisdictions of the MOC – to provide the furniture for the new BRA Ladies' Hostel was put on hold due to issues related to the design of the building, not taking into account the need for special windows with safety features for use by blind people, but also waiting for the monsoon season to come to an end. At ground level it is open to keep the play area unobstructed, as the upper floors are supported by pillars. The ladies' hostel will be a self-contained area on the second floor. The Trustees of the English Tongue agreed to set aside the sum of 7.500 GBP / 8.800 EUR as a contribution to this project until the current financial year when it would be revisited. The Trustees of Terra Nordica has set aside 14.000 EUR.



Then the Coronavirus struck. India and particularly Delhi were very badly affected. All the students were sent home where at distance learning has been put in place. The Braille and audio textbooks which the MOC facilitates have been of invaluable assistance in this regard. But the workers on the new wing were also sent home so that work stopped on it completely. It is hoped that the students and the workers will return this month, whereafter we hope to be able to report progress.



The Grand Priory of Terra Nordica

Distributed amount: 53.000 EUR

Annai Home for Children is an orphanage located in Tamil Nadu in south eastern India. The orphanage is run by a local organisation called People's Service Trust and the day to day Director Fr Francis Jeyabathi. Annai Home has around 250 children, mainly girls. We are financing the construction of a building with 20 toilets and 20 shower rooms. 20.000 EUR





Mental Wellbeing Project, Vavuniya, Sri Lanka

This project is aimed to build up the self-confidence and to handle the effects of the war and the years in the camps. The area is isolated, not walking distance to the next village, and when they started to build up the village there was absolutely nothing. Slowly they are starting to build up a life outside the camps. They get counselling both on an individual level and in groups, both children and families are included.

The project is designed for 2 years as this mental health response process is a series of actions to recover the people from the traumatized status. Initially the budget is proposed for a year and then decisions will be taken for a possible second year. The project has been delayed due to the pandemic. The amount of 10.000 EUR for the second year has been reserved to paid early 2021.



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. 3.500 EUR.



The Blind Relief Association in New Dehli 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 to secure employment for its trainees. The project is primarily meant for finding jobs for eligible blind trainees graduating 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. 3.000 EUR.



Covid19 support to Parrocchia San Niccolo on Sicily Catania

On a request from our Grand Master HRH don Francesco we have supported the Parrocchia San Niccolo on two occasions during 2020. The parish has distributed food and necessities to families in need due to the pandemic. 5.000 EUR



Sorelle for Sri Lanka – Micro Credit & More

MOC Terra Nordica cooperate in this project with **Rockids Foundation**, from the Netherlands, that supports underprivileged children and their families in the Vavuniya province in Northern Sri Lanka.

Together with our local partner organisation Caritas, we support a micro credit & buddy project entitled 'Sorelle for Sri Lanka' (Sisters for Sri Lanka). In a second phase our partner has selected another 17 economically vulnerable but enterprising women, who after a training 'entrepreneurship' receive a micro credit to start or expand their own business. The ladies will have 1 year to repay the loan. In previous projects this has been achieved in 98% of the cases. This makes it a sustainable investment, because the pot is filled over and over again and lent out under the guidance of our partner organisation. 3.000 EUR



At **Eppawala**, where we previously have helped financing construction work at a school, we have this year helped funding some sewing machines and the furniture needed for the rooms. Part of the school can be used for this purpose after school and women/parents of the children learn tailoring in order to make clothes and sell them in the local community. 3.000 EUR.





Colombo, Sri Lanka. The Salesian Sisters are running a school and a pre-school at Slave Island in Colombo. Here we have helped funding computers and technical equipment for the children. They are also used for English classes for older children. 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





The Grand Priory of the English Tongue

Distributed amount: 29.547 GBP / 33.600 EUR

The Blind Relief Association (BRA), New Delhi, India

The Blind Relief Association (BRA), Delhi runs a school for 200 children with visual impairment. Our Foundation supports two projects at the BRA. Funds were granted for continuation of ongoing projects supporting the production of braille and audio text-books and for the running of the class for children with multiple disabilities. In common with other jurisdictions of the MOC we have earmarked funds to help furnish the Ladies' Residential Wing as a common project of the MOC but building work has been delayed by the pandemic and so no funds have been called for as yet. 10.000 GBP / 11.400 EUR.



Basic Healthcare, Rajasthan, India

Basic Healthcare Services is a registered nongovernmental organization in India running clinics in rural areas in southern Rajasthan. It concentrates on providing preventive, promotive and primary curative care to the deprived tribal communities. Funds have been provided to give access to tuberculosis treatment and nutrition rehabilitation for 150 deprived patients, including children, adolescents and pregnant women. Aiming to increase the sustainability of nutrition support, funds are also being used to cover the costs of setting up 75 Kitchen gardens and backyard poultry for 75 households.

5.155 GBP / 5.900 EUR. (Picture above right)



Richard House Children's Hospice, Newham, London

Richard House is the only Children's Hospice in East London and has provided care to children with life-limiting conditions and their families for 20 years. Its services are available free of charge to around 300 families each year. Our Foundation has granted £1,829.34 to fund specialist equipment needed at the hospice for provision and management of patients' care and also financial help to assist in keeping the Hospice running during Covid-19 pandemic.

3.829 GBP / 4.300 EUR



The Leprosy Mission, Rangpur, Bangladesh

The Leprosy Mission is an international development organisation with its central office in the UK. It works for the diagnoses, treatment and offer of specialist care to leprosy patients. Resources provided by our Foundation cover costs of medical staffing and support the implementation of a range of vocational training courses for young people. 3.963 GBP / 4.500 EUR. (Picture below left: Hands disabled by leprosy. Credit: Tom Bradley)





HCPT (Handicapped Children Pilgrimage Trust), Group 181, UK

HCPT is a UK registered charity offering pilgrimage to Lourdes in the south of France for disabled and disadvantaged people from around the UK and further afield. The Trust was unable to organize the travel to Lourdes this year because of Covid-19. The funds were provided to help organise two days of activities for the children in replacement of the planned pilgrimage 600 GBP / 700 EUR. (Picture above right)



Ebbw Fawr Learning Community, Wales, United Kingdom

This is a project aiming to support young students from deprived backgrounds in Ebbw Vale, Wales to achieve their potential. A set of three interrelated projects have received funding. The first involved resources for the purchase of books to be part of an accelerated reader scheme. The second supported participation of students in summer school. The third provided resources for the establishment of a “foodbank”, the EFLC Food Bank Project – that, in addition to nutrition, also provides uniforms, school and sports equipment and books for the students.

Responding to the COVID 19 Pandemic

In light of the Coronavirus and as a means of assisting those in need during the Global Pandemic, the Design Department at Ebbw Fawr Learning Community manufactured safety masks, door stops and button pushers for local care homes. As a direct result the average daily production consisted of 150 masks per day with over 650 distributed to date. The masks have been distributed to key workers within the local area, including for use in the learning environment and Learning HUB. 6.000 GBP / 6.800 EUR.





The Grand Priory of Italy

Distributed amount: 3.350 EUR



National Civil Protection Anti-Covid19 Emergency. 1.000 EUR



Ospedale Civile Rovigo. Contribution to families in difficulty. 600 EUR.



Protezione Civile Nazionale emergenza anti Covid 19

Ospedale Civile di Rovigo per contributo famiglie in difficoltà



Moanstero di Clausur serve del Signore e della Vergine di Matara. Monastero delle Grazie in Velletri 500 EUR.



Caritas Collection Centre. Forania di Latisana. 600 EUR.



Mpnastero di Clausura Serve del Signore e della Vergine di Matarà Monastero delle Grazie - Velletri

Centro raccolta Caritas Forania di Latisana



Commune di Venezia Emergenza. Aqua Alta. 200 EUR.



Ass. A.V.A.P.O. Voluntary assistance with cancer patients. 350 EUR.



Comune Venezia emergenza "Acqua Alta"

A.V.A.P.O-volontari assistenza malati oncologici



Fondazione "Salus Puer" Ospedale Univ. Pediatrico di Padova. 300 EUR





The Grand Priory of Terra Danubica

Distributed amount: 6.358 LEV / 3.250 EUR

Because of Covid19 the Bulgarian Parliament and Government has declared a State of Emergency from the 8th of March up to 13 of May 2020. After that it has declared Emergency epidemic situation until 31 of January 2021. Many heavy restrictions and lockdowns have been imposed and most of them are still in force. This caused personal, social and economic difficulties and crisis. The resources for our charity activities became very limited and at the same time the demands became greater.

We have decided to focus our activities on our national Projects and to work for responding the situation by addressing the identified new needs.

As a response to the Covid-19 situation we were keeping close internet and telephone contacts among the members of MOC informing ourselves about the health statuses and occurrence of personal problems.

MOC Members has organized the production and the distribution of medical protective shields as well as disinfectors. Individually many of us have participated in charity activities and actions.

Covid 19 situation has identified the necessity:

to focus the charity priorities on national problems

to follow the developments of the problems and signals of critical situations and to analyze them

to identify on time the problems and the possible MOC reactions and activities

to encourage MOC members to be active in their personal charity initiatives and participation.



Finance donation to **High Vocational School “Velizar Peev**, town of Svoge, District of Sofia, Bulgaria – 400 LEV / 205 EUR



Medical protective shields to **Aye Clinic “Den**, Sofia – 300 LEV / 155 EUR



Union of the blind in Bulgaria – Easter food packages – 500 LEV / 255 EUR



The High School for Stonework, Kunino village, District Vratza

- Food supply 400 LEV / 205 EUR
- Donation of collection of books 700 LEV / 360 EUR
- Donation of collection of 330 books and computer configuration to 3.403 LEV / 1.735 EUR



The Sociocultural centre – chitalishte “Saint George – 1999. Sofia, Bulgaria
Christmas gifts and food packages 655 LEV / 335 EUR



The Priory of Saint Peter Nolasco in the United States

Distributed amount: 3.000 USD / 2.500 EUR

Hospitaller report for the year 2020

The Covid-19 pandemic of 2020 has impacted all of us in many different ways. In our Priory, it became necessary to waive oblations for some of our members due to financial constraints. Hopefully 2021 will allow everyone's lives to return to normal, and that we will be able to gather for fellowship and charitable fundraising.

Despite the inability to gather this year either for fundraisers or for a Gala, the following charities benefited from the ongoing efforts of the Priory of Saint Peter Nolasco during the year 2020



St. Mary Roman Catholic Church Food Pantry

The St. Mary Food Pantry services more than 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. During some months of the pandemic the Food Pantry has combined its efforts with the First Presbyterian Church in South Amboy, as well as the South Amboy Office of Emergency Management for city-wide consolidated food distribution.

1.000 USD / 835 EUR



Triad House – Ewing, New Jersey

The Triad House, a subsidiary of LifeTies, nurtures wellness and self- sufficiency 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.

1.000 USD / 835 EUR



Madonna House – Neptune, New Jersey

Madonna House Inc., founded by Rebecca Blonski in 1987, is dedicated to serving infants, children and women by providing clothing, juvenile furnishings, toys, infant formula, diapers, small household items and other necessities to impoverished and needy families free of charge. Even during the pandemic they have continued to provide these services to the needy.

1.000 USD / 835 EUR



The Priory of Saint Stephen in Austria

The past year was an extraordinary year where members of our Grand Priory "Terrae Imperii" had to fight for their existence and still have to. It was and is the most important to stand up for each other and support as much as possible. What more is important than our own family, close friends and our members in a world which suffers from tumbling in one lock down to the other, with fear of losing the elder, parents, grandparents and to live with laws that forbid to see them?

I wish we could say that we are all fine and could support our projects and donate in due form, as we have all in our mind and heart. But to be honest, for 2020 the view was limited to the borders of our families, friends and our Order inside. In addition, as we all had to live with, there was not even an informal meeting possible, as most of the members were cautious to meet in a larger circles or - when we had planned to meet in November 2020, again the lock down made it impossible.



After the month of March 2020 the Grand Priories and the Priory of the USA and Austria has not had any possibility to arrange fundraising activities with a few exceptions in Sweden. We hope that we during the second half of 2021 will be able to go back to some kind of normality and arrange new activities. They all 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.

2020-02-05. The day of Saint Agata
Don Anders Blomqvist
Grand Hospitaller MOC



Generous Giving Awareness Assistance Moral Care Aid Mission
Helping Services Respect Together
Charity Life Volunteer Time
Community Rescue Support Donations
Adult Assisted Hope Teamwork Person

