



MOC

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of Saint Agatha of Paternò

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The past year has been another difficult year. During 2021 we have not been able to visit any projects; most of us have 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 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.

The distributed amount during 2021 was 88.950 EUR (2020 – 95.700 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 have set aside 14.000 EUR and the Trustees of Terra Imperii have set aside 2.000 EUR. The funds will be transferred in early 2022.





The Grand Priory of Terra Nordica

Distributed amount: 52.500 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. The project was completed in early summer of 2021. Due to increased prices and delays we have added 7.000 EUR.



Mental Wellbeing Project, Vavuniya, Sri Lanka

Another project that has been delayed due to Covid-19. The project is aimed at building up 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 help people recover from 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. Reserved funds have been released during 2021.



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 graduate 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.





Sorelle for Sri Lanka – Micro Credit & More

MOC Terra Nordica cooperates 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).

Due to the success of the initial micro credit fundings a new project has been arranged and is called Sorelle Advanced. It is aimed at the women who started up companies successfully and now need to expand their businesses. This is a sustainable investment, because the pot is filled over and over again and lent out under the guidance of our partner organisation. 4.000 EUR



Project Hope, Faith and Future. The orphanage JU Dom Rada Vranjesavic is located in Banja Luka, Bosnia and Herzegovina. The project is aimed to assist the orphanage in the basics of daily life. There are 90 children and youth among many with special needs. Some need wheelchairs and others are in need of special medical assistance. 5.000 EUR.



Project Scholarship Sarajevo. A cooperation between our foundation, the University of Sarajevo and the Embassy of Bosnia and Herzegovina in Sweden. The aim is to give possibility for persons with special needs and in a problematic social and financial situation to continue to study in an academic environment. An applicant was selected in the autumn and the scholarship was paid in late 2021. 3.600 EUR.



ALEF Uganda. Adult Learning and Empowerment Facilitators is a Swedish association active in Uganda since 2013. The project is supporting educational leaflets to create small libraries. Mothers will take them home and read them together with their children. This is most important since the pandemic has made traditional teaching difficult. 2.400 EUR.



Caritas trafficking Project, Stockholm. A project for exposed women and children. Trafficking is one of the most degrading phenomena in our modern time. Caritas is running a protected residence with room for 41 women and 62 children, Most of the women have a foreign background and have in many cases been invited to come to Sweden with promises of studies or work. Some have been sold by their own family members. Through this residence they are offered counselling and help to find their own accommodation. Caritas has applied for a support of 10.000 EUR. The amount has been paid in two parts during 2021.



Repair of various boreholes, Mangochi Diocese in Malawi. Clean water is one of the most important issues in these areas, and even more now with Covid-19 but also other infectious diseases. Instead of digging new boreholes at a cost of up to 5.000 Euro each, with the same amount spare parts could be bought to manage up to 100 boreholes. The cost of all these repairs is approximately 5.500 EUR.



Lepro project, Mangochi Diocese in Malawi. The Utale II Mission is running a project to help crippled lepers who have no relatives. An entire year's supply of food, like grain, rice, beans but also such as meat fish and vegetables for these 30 individuals would cost 5.000 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. 4.000 EUR.



L'Aventura Musical. A cooperation with The Arts Society Nerja and Caritas in Nerja, Spain. A program of music dance and video workshops and scholarships for three children to enable them to play a real instrument and to go to Conservatorio, the Music Academy in Torre del Mar. The Festival was held in September with the presence of two delegates from MOC. 2.000 EUR



Project Rotary, Kenya. Through one MOC member in Rotary Stockholm, we have decided to support their project Maseno Food for Life run by Emulua Child Development Project. A food project for children under five years of age in western Kenya, by Lake Victoria. 1.000 EUR



The Grand Priory of the English Tongue

Distributed amount: 24.551 GBP / 28.500 EUR

Our Activities

The foundation operates as a grant giving organisation in the areas of poverty relief and education in less developed and developing nations, as well as those closer to home in the United Kingdom. We assist charities, primarily involved in the welfare and well-being of children and in the emergency services sector.



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

The BRA, Delhi provides education for 200 visually impaired students. Some have associated conditions or disabilities and need special training and individual care. To meet these needs, the BRA runs a programme in the unit for visually impaired children with multiple disabilities (mental, psychological, physical). The main objective is to develop possible academic skills and independent living skills among these children to rehabilitate them into mainstream society.

10,000 GBP (11.950 EUR) is given towards the support of the unit for visually impaired children with special care and the production of Braille and audio books..





Basic Healthcare, Rajasthan, India

Basic Healthcare Services (BHS) is a registered non-governmental 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. The Charitable Foundation has supported BHS for the past five years. The first years of support saw the establishment of crèches for young children of very poor families – allowing mothers to take paid jobs and older siblings to go to school while the young ones were fed and cared for. After the demonstration of the success of the crèches local funding has been provided for their maintenance and expansion. £6071 has been approved for the project titled “care, counselling and nutrition: a multi- pronged approach for insulin-dependent diabetes in tribal regions in southern Rajasthan”.

6.071 GBP / 7.250 EUR.



Richard House Children’s Hospice, Newham, London

We support Richard House London which provides professional care and support for babies, children, and young adults with life shortening, life-limiting, or complex health conditions. Services are available free of charge to around 300 families each year in this deprived part of London. We have supported Richard House’s projects since 2019. 3.900 GBP towards the purchase of the requested ventilator.

3.900 GBP / 4.650 EUR



The Leprosy Mission, Rangpur, Bangladesh

Since 2013, our Foundation has been supporting The Leprosy Mission through the funding of specific projects. The Leprosy Mission is an international development organisation that diagnoses, treats and offers specialist care to leprosy patients. As well as healthcare, they provide rehabilitation, education, vocational training, small business loans, housing, fresh water supplies and sanitation for thousands of people in 11 countries across Africa and Asia. £3747 for the Education package which comprises of higher education school and exam fees; educational materials; uniforms, schoolbooks, and shoes. £389 for doctor's fees, medical supplies, and vitamins and £444 for computer costs, including ink and stationery, internet, and phone charges. The total approved was 4.580 GBP / 3.850 EUR



Our Mission

“The relief of poverty and sickness, the advancement of education and the preservation and protection of good health.”



The Grand Priory of Italy

Distributed amount: 3.450 EUR

2021 was also like 2020, a particularly difficult year. There were serious difficulties in organizing meetings and fundraising opportunities.



OPERATION "Face Masks"

In the months of November and December 2021, the Hospital Service has distinguished itself in an initiative that we will call "operation masks". From a report of the Red Cross of Portogruaro, it has been identified, in addition to the school institutions, a considerable quantity consisting of 190,000 anti-covid face masks, and they could not find a correct way of distribution. The material was abandoned and there was a risk of it being damaged or worse destroyed. Thanks to the prompt interest of Don Sergio Basile and Lady Da Rosanna Girardi, the material found the destination in a short time. With their own cars, the material found a secure warehouse and immediately activated the distribution. The MOC Hospital Service of the Priories of Friuli Venezia Giulia and Veneto thank the distinguished individuals who have worked with sacrifice and good will, to identify, store, control and distribute correctly all the material.





Contribution to the new priest and MOC ambassador Don Luca Chirizzi.
300 EUR



Contribution for expenses incurred to the Church of S. Antonio di Latisana
200 EUR.



Protezione Civile Nazionale emergenza anti Covid 19

Ospedale Civile di Rovigo per contributo famiglie in difficoltà



Expenses incurred meeting of the 5.0. of the Priors of Veneto and Friuli
250 EUR.



Contribution to the Choir "Virgo Melodiosa" of Latisanotta
400 EUR.



A.F.V.G. Onlus Project
2.300 EUR.



The Grand Priory of Terra Danubica

Distributed amount: 2.900 LEV / 1.500 EUR

During 2021 Bulgaria was in pandemic, social and in economic crises. Many restrictions continue to be imposed. This caused severe personal, psychological and economic problems. The resources for our charitable activities became very limited.



Donations of funding to the **High School for Stonework**, Kunino village, District Vratza
2.100 LEV / 1100 EUR



Donation to the **Bachkovo Monastery**
300 LEV /150 EUR





Donation to **the Patriarchal Cathedral of St. Nedelya in Sofia**
500 LEV / 250 EUR



The Priory of Saint Stephen in Austria
Distributed amount: 2.000 EUR

In 2021, due to an almost complete lock down in Austria during the year, we only made the donation of 2.000 EUR for the international project in Delhi run by the Blind Relief Association. We are happy to be able to do this under these sever circumstances.

We now hope for some normality and that it will be possible to hold our investiture in June.



The Priory of Saint Peter Nolasco in the United States

Distributed amount: 1.000 USD / 900 EUR

Hospitaller report for the year 2021

The Covid-19 pandemic has impacted all of us in many different ways. In our Priory, although oblations were reinstated for most members, some of our members still struggled due to financial constraints. It is our ardent hope that 2022 will allow everyone's lives to return to normal, and that we will be able to gather for more fellowship and charitable fundraising. In 2021, a small number of members of our Priory (plus a few guests) gathered for a dinner in November in the hopes of re-starting our charity fund-raising efforts. Although only about \$1000 was raised at the event, disbursements to the following charities were made from the Priory of Saint Peter Nolasco for 2021



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.

500 USD / 450 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

500 USD / 450 EUR



Madonna House – Neptune, New Jersey

Founded by Rebecca Blonski in 1987, Madonna House 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.



The past year has been very badly affected by the pandemic. A few fundraising activities has been held during the autumn, Terra Danubica, the English Tongue and Terra Nordica managed to hold investitures, however a bit limited. It has also been possible to arrange a few dinners. 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. Let's hope for a brighter 2022.

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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

