
"Let the holiness of God shine forth" (cf. Mt 5, 16)

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a Pallottine response to the homeless

Situated at Dornahalli village in a quite remote area about 30 kms away from Mysore city in Southern India, Pallotti Shantidhama is far away from the main road and connected with a motorable narrow road. Pallotti Shantidhama is a home for the aged and the destitute persons irrespective of gender, caste and creed. Inspired by the words "Caritas Christi urget nos" – the motto of St Vincent Pallotti – the home is managed by the Pallottine Fathers and Brothers of Assumption Province, Bangalore.



The aged and destitute persons who are accommodated in **Pallotti Shantidhama** are picked up from the city streets when they are found to live as unwanted human beings in situations where nobody cares for them. They carry on with their lives on the streets in filthy surroundings with inadequate rest, minimum food and unclean clothing. To satisfy hunger they depend on the generosity of local good Samaritans.

With the starting of Pallotti Shantidhama at Dornahalli by the Pallottines of Assumption Province, the old and the destitute persons are able to get a home where they are cared for and their basic daily needs, health and cleanliness, are met. In the home they get regular nutritious food, clean and decent clothes, medical care, occupational therapy, adequate facilities to live in a peaceful and hygienic environment. The home presently takes care of eleven aged and destitute persons. In the coming months, the number of inmates is expected to gradually increase to a minimum of 40 persons.



Based on an agreement signed between the Provincial of ABVM Province, Bangalore and the Superior General of the congregation of Helpers of Mount Rosary, the Sisters of the congregation assist the Pallottine Fathers of Assumption Province, Bangalore, in caring for the inmates in Pallotti Shantidhama.

The construction of a spacious building for Pallotti Shantidhama is the result of collaboration between the Assumption Province, Bangalore and the Heart of Jesus Province, Germany.



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how seed money is helping

The grant that allowed Urban Seed to provide more meals for the needy in the city was like “all our Christmases come at once”, the group’s chief executive says.

The community organisation received a \$14,750 grant from the Feed Melbourne Appeal to refurbish the kitchen of the Credo Café, in Baptist Place.

The café offers healthy lunches every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for the homeless, mentally ill, disabled and addicts.

Urban Seed chief executive David Wilson said the organisation regularly had between 20 and 80 people for lunch and aimed to build a community. “We want to work with people who are marginalised, to walk with them to normalise life,” he said. We do that through hospitality, through arts programs, and through recreation and sporting activities.”



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Mr Wilson said that there were about 140 people sleeping rough in central Melbourne on any given night.

But there were many other people struggling for accommodation.

Urban Seed started almost 20 years ago when Collins St Baptist Church churchgoers were stepping over people sleeping rough.

Thirty four charities will share in more than \$500,000 thanks to the 2014 Feed Melbourne Appeal, an initiative of Leader Community Newspapers, FareShare and the Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation.

In the six years it has run the Feed Melbourne Appeal has raised and distributed \$2.4 million to more than 150 charity and community groups.

This is enough to pay for more that four million charity meals.

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