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GRATEFUL FOR ITS BEGINNINGS

The Mother Rivier Home for Children is established by the Sisters of the Presentation of Mary, Philippine Province, through the support of the "Solidarity Project" initiated by the Congregation. This project is a response to the commitment made by the delegates of the Philippine Province during the Inter-Provincial Council of Congregation held in Comas, Peru on February of 2008, with the theme: IN SOLIDARITY TODAY FOR TOMORROW. The development of this home is no doubt the work of God through the interceding power of Blessed Marie Rivier, the Foundress of the Presentation of Mary.



After three years, the commitment has become a reality when a newborn baby boy was found at the Presentation of Mary Rivier Retreat House campus in the morning of January 18, 2011. With nowhere to trace the parents, the Sisters took care of the baby and considered it as a go signal to put up a home for the poor, neglected and abandoned children. Since then, the requirements to establish a center was processed with the Department of Social Welfare and Development Office (DSWD).

The Philippine Province has nothing to start with in building the home which is the first requirement. Like the beginnings of the community of Marie Rivier with her orphans, poverty was deeply felt and experienced by the sisters. On the Season of Lent in 2012, Reverend Mother Angele Dion, the Superior General of the Sisters of the Presentation of Mary, launched a "Solidarity Project", a call for all the friends of the Presentation of Mary (Associates, Consecrated Lay Persons, Educators, Students, Relatives and Collaborators) to help the Philippine Province open the home. Indeed many heeded the call. Finally, the building stands with its simplicity and elegant beauty made possible by God through the generous hearts of people who open their hearts and reach out their hands to give shelter to the children dearly loved by Marie Rivier.



Its been seven (7) years now since the home began to operate. All beginnings were never easy. The sisters who pioneered it offered countless sacrifices in order to sustain this special ministry. This fulfilling yet delicate task of molding the orphans' lives entails a great challenge. As of today, there are twenty eight (28) children who became its clientele, twenty (20) of them were already reunified to their families/ relatives while the rest are still staying in the home being provided with utmost love and care following the example of Blessed Marie Rivier's love for the orphans.

BLESSED MARIE RIVIER'S WORDS

"Oh, my dear daughters, how these children must be dear to us! This work sustains our house and draws down God's graces upon us....This work is the joy of my heart; I hope it will be yours as well."

-Marie Rivier Her Spirit and Virtues p.71-72

VISION-MISSION, CORE VALUES

VISION:

A Home for Loved and Evangelized Children envisioned to become good Christians.

MISSION:

Inspired by the spirit and virtues of Blessed Marie Rivier, the Mother Rivier Home for Children, Inc. commits to:

- foster an atmosphere of care, respect, security, belongingness, and warmth of a family;
- provide loving experiences to facilitate their physical, intellectual, psychological, moral, and spiritual growth; and
- prepare the children for good citizenship through Christian formation and character development.

CORE VALUES:

- Christ-centeredness
 - Charity
 - Compassion
 - Care
 - Competence



THE LOGO

Heart and hand- are very significant symbols for us, they represent Mo. Rivier's heart and hand

Heart- represents our special love for the poor particularly the orphans

Hand- our caring hand that touches the lives of our orphans.

Icon of Mo. Rivier with the Book - our mission of making Jesus Christ known and loved especially to the youth.

Roof- we are not just an institution/ center for children, we are giving them a HOME where they can experience love. We offer them holistic growth.

Windows with the PM logo- symbolizes the aspects that we envision to develop in them while they are under our care. (Moral, Psychological, Spiritual and Intellectual)

Jesus with the Children-we are imitators of Jesus Christ, we are called to love the poor especially the orphans just as He loved them.



IT'S A HOME

MRHC'S PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

A home is where our story begins. It is a place of our comfort where our hearts hold so dear. The Mother River Home for Children, Inc. provides shelter, food and clothing to abandoned/neglected, dependent and orphaned children ages 3-7 years old with emphasis on their social, psycho-emotional, intellectual development and most of all spiritual formation in the formative years of their lives.



BLESSED MARIE RIVIER'S WORDS

"May the happiness that this poor child is surely enjoying be an incentive to you- a stimulus to love and to take good care of my poor orphans despite their faults and frailties. Even if we were to help only one of them attain salvation, we would be overjoyed to be entrusted with such a great and holy task."

-Marie Rivier Her Spirit and Virtues p.71-72

It is a home that aims to provide a loving home and happy childhood experience, belongingness, rhythm of a family where each one is protected, respected and has a feeling of security, spiritual and values formation as they grow and mature, means to become self-reliant, responsible and contributing members of our society in the future.



Homelife and Activities

TASKS

As one family living in a home, each one has its task. The children are given opportunities to learn basic house-hold chores like fixing their beds, washing their own undergarments, cleaning their bathroom, setting the table, cooking, washing their plates, sweeping the floor or even taking good care of their younger companions.



EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Learning is a continuous process. For the children, everyday is a chance to learn. It is necessary to teach them how to think by motivating them to study, encouraging them to read so that they will never stop learning.





BIRTHDAYS

Every birthday is a reminder of the greatest gift that was given to them by God- the gift of life. We celebrate the children's birthday in a very special way to remind them how precious and loved they are.



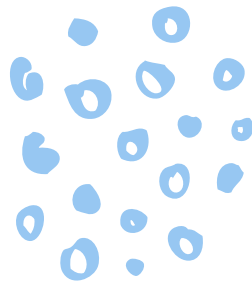
CAMPING

Camping is one of the best childhood memory that each one have. Camping activities are done in order to develop the children's teamwork, leadership, initiative and self-confidence. With this activity, they learn while having fun and adventure. At the same time, they create friendship among themselves.



PLAY TIME

Playtime is a crucial part of a child's emotional, social, and physical development. But it is about much more than having fun. It involves exercise that helps to enhance coordination, build muscles, and gets the heart pumping, helping to keep the body at a healthy weight. Play is vital at every stage of childhood.



CHRISTMAS

Christmas is the most wonderful time of the year. Aside from receiving and giving gifts, the orphans are being taught about the best gift that we receive- the gift of love given by God the Father through Jesus Christ. Beyond the material gifts, the spirit of love and generosity makes Christmas celebration more meaningful.



CLOSER TO JESUS AND MARY

There is no greater joy than seeing the little ones knowing and loving Jesus, Mary and Blessed Marie Rivier. Just as our blessed foundress desired from the very beginning, "I will gather little children and teach them to love Jesus". The Mother Rivier Home for Children gives priority to the spiritual well being of the orphans, molding their hearts not just to become a good citizen of this country but most of all to become good sons and daughters of God through the example of Mary and Blessed Marie Rivier.



They are being evangelized about the Gospel values, the Liturgy of the Church, the different feasts and even the different Church's practices so that they will grow with love, appreciation and richness of our Catholic faith. Marie Rivier ardently desired that these little ones would know the Gospel of mercy and compassion, she loved the poor from childhood and would do everything to make their souls ever pleasing to God. More than anything else, the salvation of their souls are of great importance for those who are accompanying the them.

As much as possible, the children in the Home are taught how to love prayer just like how Blessed Marie Rivier always urge her daughters to value the heritage she left us- the heritage of prayer.



WORD OF GOD

MARK 10:13-16

People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it."

And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.



AMIDST THE PANDEMIC

The year 2020 is quite a challenging year due to the global health crisis we are facing caused by the Corona Virus Disease of 2019 (COVID-19). It greatly affects many government and private institutions including the Mother Rivier Home for Children. Movements and progress have been limited especially in the provision of social services of the center concerning the children's cases as important government health protocols to prevent getting affected by the COVID-19 is observed. The situation also hinders parents of the children to visit them unless it's necessary.



The online and modular education brought by the new normal is challenging as well, since, children has taken much effort in adopting this new way of learning as they were shy in front of the camera. Close supervision with them with the use of computer was made necessary as they tend to easily get distracted or lose focus during classes due to the easy access on Facebook and YouTube. Boredom in the part of the children is another challenging thing as they complained about staying in the center most of the time. There were instances that it affects their behavior and became fussy, quarrelling and teasing each other. To make their days busy and productive, educational and art activities, gardening, washing and play were provided.



WE CARE FOR OUR HOME

"Planting a tree empowers children into realizing that they can make a personal difference for wildlife, our soil and the environment." (www.onetreeperchild.com) The Mother Rivier Home for Children, Inc. participated on the celebration of the Season of Creation. The children were encourage to pray for all creations, they were also being taught of our important role as stewards of creation and their specific role and responsibility in caring our creation even though they are still young.



Last October 3, 2020, the children, staff and the sisters had their tree planting activity. It was held within the vicinity of the Formation House. Before they had the planting, a rosary was said- praying for the healing of our common home. Followed by a short catechism and orientation was given to them in order to make the activity meaningful and fruitful. Every now and then, the children visits to their tree to toil and water them.



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