

Harvesters of Jesus

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The Association of the Harvesters of Jesus was established in order to provide the regular daily spiritual needs of the Little Eden Society. It is firmly believed that without such support, Little Eden would wither.

Have you ever watched a fire and couldn't take your eyes off the constantly changing shapes?

Light symbolises goodness, hope and truth. Darkness in turn is often associated with evil, despair and death. Worries and problems always seem worse at night. Daylight brings perspective and chases away the fears.

For believers, there is perhaps another great significance of light. Fire is a symbol of the Holy Spirit. Jesus Himself said that He is the light of the world.

At the same time, He commands us to shine in this world so that others may see our good works and give praise to the Father (Matthew 5:14 – 16). How do we shine? Through the light of salvation that came to us through Christ Jesus.

When we light a candle in church, we are aware that the candle is symbolic of ourselves and the light that we shine. The candle is also a reminder of the flame of the Holy Spirit who dwells in our hearts.

Having worked in the non-profit as well as in the corporate sector, I was struck by the difference between the two. I found the corporate environment barren, lacking in morals and values which I've held dear throughout my life. Too often, what is good is compromised for something more worldly.

LITTLE EDEN to me is an oasis, a relatively small place of light in a great big world full of darkness. A place where God lives. A place where our 290 children and adults with mental handicap show us the way and lead us closer to God.

The next time you light a votive candle in church, or hold a candle while singing Christmas carols, won't you say an extra prayer for LITTLE EDEN? A prayer for the Society to keep on shining its light for the world to see, so that more people will seek and find the true meaning of life and shine their light.

Hanneli van Rensburg

Daily prayer for the needs of LITTLE EDEN

Jesus Great Harvester who desires the salvation of all mankind, accept the offering of my life and work in assisting You to help garner the fields for the harvest. Teach me compassion, understanding and love for those most in need. Bless our Association; strengthen the bonds of love and charity amongst us, so that with hearts united we may say "Thy kingdom come". Mary, comfort of the afflicted, pray for us.