

## Presentation Response to COVID -19 in Thailand

The Presentation Sisters at Fang, in Thailand, work in collaboration with the Sacred Heart of Betharam priests, through the Diocese of Chiang Mai. We work for the development of the most needy and marginalized people who are tribal immigrants from Myanmar to Thailand. The mission promotes the Gospel values of Love, Justice and Peace through its activities.

We would like to share some of the glimpses of our efforts in responding to COVID- 19 in our Diocese, parish and in the surrounding villages. At the wake of the outbreak of Corona virus in Thailand, the Church in Thailand invited the faithful to follow the rules and regulations of the National Public Health agency to control and prevent the infection for COVID -19.

The Health commission of Chiang Mai planned meticulously activities in creating awareness on measures to prevent the viral infection. We, the Presentation Sisters supported the activities of the Diocese and carried them out in our local area for the tribal groups of Akha, Lahu, Thaiyai and Karen.

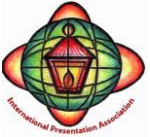
On World Health Day, the HEALTH TEAM of Chiang Mai Diocese gave awareness on COVID- 19 and treated people for other illnesses. Sr. Jancy Selvaraj is one of the team members in the Health Commission and providing care.



Dr. Decha, one of the Health Commission Team members explains about the COVID-19, while Sr. Jancy and the volunteers hold the posters on control measures.

Sr. Jancy Selvaraj assists in providing medicines for people in Pang Thong Karen village at Chiang Mai.



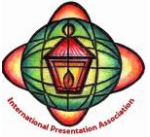


Fr. Peter Mayae, the parish priest of Epiphany Parish, Fang, along with Srs. Anice George and Bina Yousuf visited and distributed a small amount of donation to the disabled and the aged people.



Fang parish provided face masks for the people in different villages and Mrs. Budae Mayae, the village leader took the responsibility in distributing them to the people.





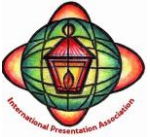
The Fang parishioners were monitored for temperature by Sr. Jancy Selvaraj and provided alcohol based hand rub and masks prior to the participation of Sunday liturgy.

We are in solidarity with people, who are vulnerable in our ministry areas, by supporting and involving ourselves in partnership and collaboration with the mission of the Church in Thailand. In responding to the Pope's invitation and to the call from our Congregation, the priests, sisters and the staff prayed together for the special intention of COVID-19.

#### [Presentation Response to COVID -19 in Western Australia](#)

Iona Presentation College is a Pre-Kindergarten to Year 12 Catholic School in the Presentation tradition located in Mosman Park, Western Australia. Our College has initiated a number of justice-focused responses during the Covid-19 pandemic and below are a brief summary with attached images of some of the different ways we have responded so far.





### **Donation to St Patrick's Community Support Centre, Fremantle 'Doorstep Dinners' Program**

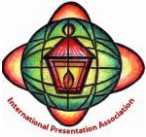
The St Patrick's Community Support Centre Doorstep Dinner program has been initiated during Covid-19 to assist vulnerable members of the community who are socially isolated and have limited access to income and food. **SDG2: Zero Hunger**

### **Letter Writing to the Elderly**

- Our students have been writing to the elderly and then posting the letters to various Catholic organisations in the community to distribute to help combat loneliness. **SDG3: Good Health and Wellbeing**







## Iona Care Christian Service-Learning Program (Year 7 – 11) has been taken online

- Generally, the girls would either perform service at school or in the wider community but due to Covid-19 restrictions and their online learning, this has not been possible.
- Christian Service Learning has been reenvisioned to activities that can be done from home but still help the marginalised in the community.
- See the attached image called “Iona Care @ Home” for some of the activities that the girls are completing. There are some environmental focused ones and ones focusing on women and children.

**Instructions:**  
 This Iona Care Checklist is available for you to complete during the Online Learning Period only.

1. Complete as many activities as you like from this list.
2. Get your Parent or Carer to sign off your completion of the activity by signing their initials on this page.
3. Staple this page into your Iona Care Book to be counted towards your Iona Care completion requirements. \*If you want to print off several copies and complete the activities multiple times, that is permissible.

Please ensure that you adhere to all Federal Government restrictions at this time.



Donate 5 non-perishable items at your local IGA collection point (15 mins)

Wash your parents' car (1 hour)

Make a meal for your family to share. (1 hour)

Clean out your family pantry (1 hour)

Plant a Vegetable Garden at Home (1 hour)

Clean out your wardrobe out put aside clothes to donate (1 hour)

Create a set of Gratitude cards (5) to images and text and post them to family members with a nice message (30 mins)

\*Make a [Tote Bag](#) that we can donate at a later stage (1 hour)

\*Make a [Tie-Blanket](#) to donate at a later stage (3 hours)



## Iona Care @ Home How will you continue to go **One Step Beyond?**

\*Click on the Hyperlink for more instructions.

Weed the Garden (30 minutes)

Write a letter to an elderly person in your family (15 mins)

Record a video to send to a friend or family who lives alone (15 mins)

- Additionally, the Staff have been encouraged to join in. See document “#makingadifferencetogether”

For any questions please contact Gemma Thomson, Dean of Mission and Catholic Identity

## #makingadifferencetogether How will you go **One Step Beyond?**



Donate to [Fueling the Frontline](#) - Your donation will help the AMAWA bring a coffee to a WA frontline health worker. Show your appreciation by shouting them a coffee!

\*Prepare baked goods (slices, biscuits, muffins) to donate to [The Shipwreck](#). Additional donations needed are: 2 minute noodles, cans of meat (spam), cans of vegetables, pasta. Delivery can be between 9am - 3pm to Damian at 170 Whatley Cres, Mt Lawley

\*Purchase non-perishable items and donate to [St. Patrick's Community Support Centre](#) in Fremantle or donate online by clicking [here](#).

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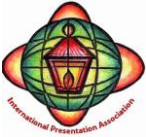
Write an email to the Presentation Sisters living at the Convent to say hello. Please email to Gemma Thomson to pass on.

If you sew, create some tote bags or blankets that can be passed on to various Catholic organisations at a later date.

If you are going outside for a walk, consider taking a rubbish bag with you to pick up some loose rubbish.

Please ensure that you adhere to all current Federal and State Government restrictions.





## SDG4: Quality Education, SDG3: Good Health and Wellbeing, SDG1: No Poverty

### Regular Online Prayer – Staff and Students

- This is being conducted and led online for the staff once a week by myself.
- The Students pray each day but in addition to this, our Liturgy Captain will be supplying some visual reflections to help students enter into a prayerful space during this uncertain time.

### [Presentation Response to COVID -19 in Ireland](#)

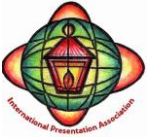
Sr. Maureen O’Connell has been communicating with the twelve Irish MEPs (Members of European Parliament) and with the local politicians concerning the need to learn lessons from the current pandemic so that our leaders do not take us back on the unsustainable path of ‘business-as-usual’ (and reminding them of the SDGs which countries signed up to in 2015). She even invited them to read Dr Vandana Shiva’s article, “Ecological Reflections on the Corona Virus”, so that they could see an alternative analysis and maybe approach their role in formulating policies and making decisions from a different perspective when things *go back to “normal”*. She has had several replies thanking her for contacting them and a few mentioned being impressed with Vandana’s analysis!

Enhancing local biodiversity, she has planted wildflowers in their garden to assist pollination in attracting bees.

“In our local parish I have taken advantage of the use of a notice board (window) in our *Care of Creation Hub* to draw attention to important messages and currently I have placed there some posters on our need to recognize our interdependence and inter-connectedness with all creation – using quotations from scripture and from Thomas Berry.” (Photo attached)



As a community we pray every day for those worse affected by the virus and for those who are working to help them.



## [Presentation Response to COVID -19 in California, US](#)

“Like most schools, we have been forced to close the doors to our Learning Center for the remaining school year in order to protect the health and safety of our students, volunteers and staff.

We have been challenged to live as people of light as Nano Nagle did, and we are proud to share that our community has answered the call.<sup>[L]</sup><sup>[SEP]</sup>A coalition of volunteers and students has joined in making protective masks for themselves, local hospitals and vulnerable citizens in our community. Over 1,000 masks have been delivered to local hospitals. More to come!<sup>[L]</sup><sup>[SEP]</sup>Our social outreach group is busy knitting hats and scarves for our local convalescent home, caps for newborns and children with cancer and blankets for patients at County USC Medical Center.

The Center staff is in constant contact with our students, volunteer teachers and associates. Our adult ESL students are encouraged to continue learning at home with PBS programs and online videos. Most of them are busy helping their young children with homework.<sup>[L]</sup><sup>[SEP]</sup>GED and U.S. Citizenship students have had tests postponed but will use these extra months of self-study to be ready for testing!

Our parish school is distributing 150 lunches for families in the community, and donations received by the Center are being used to purchase food and help struggling families, many of whom have no work at this time.” Sister Jane Bonar, Sister Catherine Burke and Glendy Aguirre



**Pictured above are members of our Social Outreach Group sewing masks and knitting hats, scarves and blankets.**

