

Vocations

Religious Life is central to Zambia society as much of the services to the poor are carried by the Religious. This is especially so in work with the Home Based Care programmes found throughout Zambia, in every Parish, rural or urban one finds the sick visited regularly, orphans and vulnerable children assisted with school fees and a multiplicity of educational programmes offered to care for and promote value of life. Zambians are deeply religious people and missionaries are highly respected and trusted. For this reason, Religious Sisters hold a powerful place in the family and in society through the vigour and excellence of their life, work and prayer.



Jean Langley and Vocation members, Day of Prayer, August 2012

Certainly the missionary vocation is especially challenging and to leave one's home and country even more so. To reach out to our brothers and sisters as Francis and Clare did in and prayer, calls for courage. To enter such an adventure calls for an ingenuity to translate "Good News" in today's society using a language of love, in a deep love for Christ. So let us pray for our young African Sisters as they assume greater responsibilities for our FMDM life in the future.



Rogita and friend, Kasanka, Home Based Care.

Having said that, vocation work these days in Zambia is increasingly challenging, and our Sisters engaged in promotion of vocations in Kitwe, Lusaka and Luapula are working hard especially as our older Sisters leave Africa.

Sisters Jean Langley and Blessing Ujah are in touch with a number of young women in Lusaka and here we have Sr. Jean Langley during the recent school holidays with a small group at a Day of Prayer held at one of our Lusaka convents, "Rieti."



Thola and Mary, Day of Prayer Kitwe, September 2012

The community in Copperbelt are especially focused on Vocation work as we are relatively new to Kitwe having but recently moved our Postulancy there.