

FRIENDS OF ALLAMANO-:-THE YOUTH IN THE DISABILITIES MINISTRY



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There is an old story that has been told and retold, no one alive knows for how long, but they say and tell us that it is true...*******"ONCE UPON A TIME"**—so it begins—"in a far away land, there lived a group of midgets: ...*a boy, and a gloriously young beautiful girl, they were walking on the road: **the SUN was in the SKY**. *Then they saw a GOAT with a COAT, and a conversation ensued...**"

"Where are you going my little goat? The girl asked. "I am going to market to buy a new coat" so answered the little goat. The young boy not to be outdone picked up on the young goat. "A coat for a goat, can a goat have a coat, people will laugh at a goat with a coat".

Most of us a life today may have heard different versions of the story, we had to commit it to memory and recite it, at the risk of the stroke of a teachers cane plus some punishment. But, not all could recite it instantaneously and that meant trouble. Our Parents and our teachers, and especially our "MOTHERS" who birthed us into the world, promised not to give up on us all, they knew we were all born, "dimwitted" - if you will excuse the language, and finally we learned it. They refused to give up on us all and **"THEY ALL WORKED TOGETHER AND MADE A DIFFERENCE IN OUR LIFE"** ._____

"Every child, every person needs to know that they are a source of joy; every child, every person, needs to be celebrated. Only when all of our weaknesses are accepted as part of our humanity can our negative, broken self-images be transformed."- Jean Vanier- Becoming Human

AD MAJOREM DEI GLORIAM-It is a summary of the idea that any work that is not evil, even one that would normally be considered inconsequential to the spiritual life, can be spiritually meritorious if it is performed in order to give glory to God..

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FRIENDS OF ALLAMANO SPECIAL SCHOOL:-“A MOTHERS LOVE”:-A MATTER OF FAITH & DESTINY

Across the ridges, valleys and plains of the Savanna grasslands and the desert:-A mother gives birth to a child, wraps it up in warm rags and a woolen knitted blanket, wool from a sheep or camels hair the works of her hands during her nine months ordeal: she places it on the side of the road near a public building or a church, or a garbage damp, or by a riverside water drinking spot where shepherds will surely come by to drink their flock:-and she leaves it to fate and destiny. **No one knows for sure why.** Yet another mother wraps up her child after secretly giving it a painful life birth, unassisted, places it alive in a cradle and floats it on a flotilla. WHY? We ask. **“IT’s Yours STRANGER”**

“LORD”- the young mother cries out- “WILL YOU SAVE THIS ONE FOR U and ME”

One of the babies is picked up by a dog and placed among its puppies the other is salvaged by a passing stranger. Yet another mother LOCKS her child-away from the close scrutiny of a hostile culture in a world that glee and groaches at persons with disabilities, groping in the dark for answers. **“What did we do to GOD to deserve such a child”**-a young boy/girl asks their mother? **“With God nothing is impossible”** Answers yet another mother to a journalist’s question. “There is **HOPE”**- she says:-
IN TEARS. It was a CNN documentary, televised worldwide “LOCKED and FORGOTTEN”

A WORD -:-A CODE OF HONOR and A PROMISE

THE CHILDREN OF Father Antonio Gianelli IMC

“Who will take care of my children when I am no more?”



“God will not abandon you in your hour of need” Pro

Ecclesia Et Pontifice gold medal award at Allamano special school for the mentally handicapped children 1999 .Some of those who were born in, or live in “developed or developing” countries or cultures may find the above scenario difficult to comprehend. **Society has protected us from such shocking IMAGES. Such children used to be eliminated at birth in this traditional culture**:-“WHY WOULD or SHOULD ANYBODY IN HIS RIGHT MIND SUPPORT A PROJECT FOR THE MENTALLY AND PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED?”-**Ref: ANONYMOUS-2002**

“We Kept our Promise”-

“TO GOD BE THE GLORY” AMDG

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