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Sparks of life of children in movement

CHILDREN ARE THE PRESENT OF THE WORLD

We often speak of children as "the future of humanity", but they are, above all, "the present". The Midade sees children as an integral part of today's society and wants them to be recognized as part of their commitment to their rights and potential. In this issue, they give live testimonials.

The General Secretariat

NEWS FROM ALL HORIZONS!

GABON: Mwana, solidarity for a better world

The CV-AV of Gabon has just launched the year of their 75th birthday. Not a moment of assessment but a moment of thanksgiving for all the life developed by the children.

"To give to a child is to give oneself to oneself ... Then, he can push straightforward and his roots will be deep, strong. What is given to a child, he will return it one day. And what we do to him, he can do also it. If one inflates his young sails with the breath of strength, courage and righteousness, then he sails and knows how to face the storm. Life is only won if we love. "

On this occasion, the Gabonese movement has just launched a newspaper, "Mwana", which describes the actions of children in their teams throughout the dioceses of the country. Mwana, let's stand together for a better world! Stories, stories, topics of reflection, games that will interest the CV-AV Gabonese.

Ask to discover the history and news of the Midade in Gabon: please contact bncvav@yahoo.fr



ISLAND IN REUNION: getting organized to live your dreams

In our various discussions, the participants of the A.C.E of Chaudron emphasized that children from modest families



have little access to exceptional leisure. They expressed their desire to be able to do an activity they never did: they wanted to "ride on a horse". It was a question of knowing whether this desire was realizable or not. So they organized themselves to finance this dream. The mobilization of families, the presentation of the action to the parish priest, the parishioners and the homemade cakes sold at strategic moments (sessions, outings of Mass) allowed them to concretize this desire.

Other children were interested in visiting the wastewater station. This made them discover the importance of properly sorting waste in their own home so as not to send anything into the pipes...

SEYCHELLES ISLANDS: Rodriguais and Seychellois together

On December 5th, the Port Victoria Children's Pastoral (Seychelles) hosted a delegation of 8 children and 8 companions from Rodrigues Island. On their arrival, a group of Seychellois children welcomed them with a welcome song in our beautiful paradise, flowers in hand: our visitors felt welcomed. The purpose of their 10-day visit to Seychelles was the exchange of experiences to discover other realities and live a moment of conviviality. In 2014 a group of Seychellois children and companions went to Rodrigues for the meeting of the Indian Ocean.



A highlight that we lived together: the Eucharistic celebration of the 125th anniversary of our diocese. Their joy was manifested through the expression of their faces during the Eucharist as well as during traditional dances organized after Mass. In addition, we had a Eucharistic celebration with all the children of the Seychelles pastoral ministry, their parents and their companions. This mass was considered as the children's Christmas.

Our guests were able to visit the "village president", a government structure that deals with chil-

dren with socio-familial problems and also homes of old people and children held by different religious families. We left each other hoping to continue our exchanges.

SENEGAL: denounce child abuse

The Senegalese movement has adopted a three-year plan 2015-2018. At the end of the second year, the national council took responsibility to implement the main objectives to adjust the action plan. Here are briefly:

Fight against violence and exploitation of children. The persons concerned by the violence suffered or exercised are well identified and actions have been taken with the parents, the children themselves ... However, we deplore too light commitments from the companions;

Promoting spiritual and civic values: it is undoubtedly the action that knows the most actions through recollections, times of sharing, pilgrimages, night walks ... Sometimes we lack time for preparation and companions are absent

The training plan: in camps, training is given to accompanying and leading children. Participants are satisfied, but there is a desire for more consistency between the various programs and more participants;



Financial and material autonomy: this is a new important activity. The imagination worked (sale of objects, dinners with old ...). Inexperience has hindered efficiency.

Preservation of the environment: the trees planted in the first year have been well maintained. Children wanted to discover new practices such as aquaculture, sorting waste, cleaning public places ... A way to fight against insalubrity.

In conclusion: the leaders emphasize the urgency to redouble efforts for certain objectives (abuse and financial autonomy) to achieve the expected results.



MAURITIUS: the need to be respected

On December 2, children and supporters of the ACE / ACA movement in Mauritius celebrated the Convention on the Rights of the Child. Gathered in Pailles, the children were provided with their panels which showed their words, the drawings of their life in relation to their rights and their responsibilities.

To arrive at this day, the children had prepared their reflection using the pedagogy of Catholic Action.

See: Do you know your rights? Are they respected?

Reflect: Why are they respected or not? Is it good or not?

Act: What can you do to be respected for you and for all children?

Children have a thirst for living well with their families and having a quality education. They denounced their suffering, their discontent but also shouted loud and clear their responsibilities and duties. They are aware that they have a choice in their words and deeds, as the chaplain said so well during the celebration.

Their answers will be sent to the people and bodies concerned



SWITZERLAND: A million stars

Solidarity is a key word in MADEP. The apostolate is going out of the walls, it is going towards the other, it is acting with the other.



This year, for example, we take the path of SERVICE, HOPE and TENDERNESS, as advocated by Pope Francis.

In this dynamic, 10 years ago, we joined forces with Caritas-Vaud through the action "1 million stars". From the St-Laurent square, to the cathedral and finally on the steps of Notre Dame de Lausanne, year after year, braving the cold, the snow, the children do not miss this appointment. It is in the MADEP teams that the fresco takes shape and is reproduced. This year, to mark the 75th anniversary of CARITAS-VAUD, it was chosen to write CARITAS in full, which means LOVE. For each candle there is a thought for the poor. For those who

will remain alone during the holidays, to say "I think of you", to illuminate the heart of those who lack hope, to thank the volunteer who puts his time in the service of the one who suffers ... 1 million stars, it is also 1 million and more prayers and thanksgiving that go up to God.

Passers-by were able to discover the fresco on the steps of Notre Dame in Lausanne.

GUINEA CONAKRY: do not abuse the digital!

The ambition of MIDADE GUINEE during this jubilee year is to make it a reference organization in Guinea: to make children actors of their own development by promoting their rights and duties. For this he promotes essential values:

- **Joy:** respect for oneself and others, team spirit and respect for diversity.
- **Valour:** to give oneself without counting by the service rendered to the weak, to value the complementarity.
- **Charity:** knowing how to give what is beautiful and to share one's life, one's daily life ...

The events concerning children are occasions for the movement to come forward: MIDADE party, children's month, African child's day ... Finally, in 2017, the movement helped children to use and not abuse digital technologies ...



PERU: testify to our commitments to François



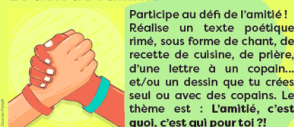
After local assemblies, the Manthoc National Assembly was held from 9 to 14 January. Its subject was: "Focus on 42 years of reflection, action and role organized since the experience of NNATS (Child and adolescent workers) and in favor of all childhood". We have made it a training space, sharing our experiences and cultures of each of our realities; we evaluated, planned our actions and chose our new national delegates and collaborators ...

Working children and adolescents had the great pleasure of participating in various meeting places with Pope Francis on 18, 19 and 20 January. We were able to deliver our letter to convey our feeling as Manthoc and to know our pastoral mission as a movement.



NEWS FROM EVERYWHERE

Le défi de l'amitié



Participe au défi de l'amitié ! Réalise un texte poétique rimé, sous forme de chant, de recette de cuisine, de prière, d'une lettre à un copain... et/ou un dessin que tu crées seul ou avec des copains. Le thème est : L'amitié, c'est quoi, c'est qui pour toi ?

Les créations sélectionnées (textes et dessins) seront publiées dans un livret qui sortira en septembre 2018. L'idée est de montrer à un maximum de personnes, enfants, jeunes et adultes à quel point vos amis sont importants dans vos vies.

Alors mets-y tout ton cœur et propose à un maximum d'amis de relever le défi ! Chaque participant au défi recevra un petit cadeau surprise 100% amitié.

from France

What is friendship for you? ACE is appealing to all children to take up the challenge of friendship by writing a poem, a letter to a friend, a drawing, a song or even a ... cooking recipe. And if you participated? Send your proposals to sgmidade@gmail.com who will forward ...

from Brazil



The Movement of Children and Adolescents (MAC) has published a collection of the history of the movement since its inception 45 years ago. "Popular education and liberating evangelization with children and adolescents". A very beautiful way to transmit these experiences to the children of today ...



from Québec

The children of Saint-Sauveur Parish celebrate Christmas. They come from families in the Middle East



The picture of Corea

we were to publish in issue 9 of December 2017.

A happy mistake of photography has allowed us to discover that there are still seeds of Midade in Vietnam, in the diocese of Da Nang. We had no news for more than 40 years!

The picture of the youth of the Diocese of Da Nang



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