

Sr Angela

Serving with: Canossian Daughters of Charity (FDCC)

Location: Thanlyin, Myanmar

Mission: Make Jesus known and loved, especially among the poor in Myanmar

Educator above all

As a Canossian Sister, I cherish my charism of making Jesus known and loved, especially among the poor in Myanmar. I have taught for 35 years at the Canossian Convent in Singapore and my mission in Myanmar is an extension of my lifetime 'career'.

Our style of education is both promotional and preventive. It helps our trainees understand that they have an important role to play, especially in boarding houses up north where children and youth are exposed to human trafficking and consumption of drugs.

Challenges

I first went to Myanmar in 2002. In 2008, the Canossian Daughters of Charity started a training programme for young girls to prepare them to take charge of the children living in the boarding houses run by the Catholic Church in Myanmar. For me, this mission is both an exciting and challenging one. We have seen God's hand at work and in His time He has led us to do something special for the poor. Following the footsteps of our Foundress, St Magdalene of Canossa who in her day started a Country Teachers' Training, we started the Formation of Educators' Training in July 2008 and to date we have trained 96 educators. Currently the fifth batch of 24 educators are doing their practicum in boarding houses in the rural areas.

Throwing Seeds

I do not consider my work in Myanmar as anything extraordinary. God is the hero and we are throwing seeds only. Doing missionary work requires a lot of humility and mutual sharing. In Myanmar it is most important to be patient and sensitive about the feelings of those we are helping. Mission work is a good place to count our blessings.

