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INTRODUCTION

Dear Readers,

Welcome to the latest edition of our Newsletter. In it you will meet some wonderful people. You will hear about some of our students and their families. We hope you will be delighted to read about the books and educational toys we have distributed to several schools. If you feel like going on an outing to "BENTENG VREDEBURG" Museum read about the outing on August 25th 2025. Finally, we have a new initiative to share with you. In line with the call of the Church and World to take care of our wounded planet we have begun to offer recollection days to children and young people. These days of reflection and action help students to see and appreciate the beauty of the earth and encourage them to protect and care for it. We have had a great few months but none of this would be possible without you. Thank you so much for your continued interest and generous support.

Alindi Putri Christiani

Let me introduce myself. My name is Alindi Putri Christiani, I am usually called Alindi. I am a student at Berbudi 1 Vocational School, Yogyakarta, majoring as a Beautician. I live with my parents in the bustling and densely populated hamlet of Pilahan, Yogyakarta. My father's name is Darmaji. My mother's name is Silvi.

My father works as a construction worker. His income is not enough to cover the family's living expenses. My family is very grateful because the scholarship assistance from the benefactors through the FCJ Sisters' Charity has eased the burden of my school fees and has become an encouragement for me to study.

We pray that the FCJ Sisters' Charity will always be full of blessings in accompanying students to achieve their dreams.



Jonathan Christian

I'm Jonathan Christian, usually called Jo. I'm a student at Berbudi 1 Vocational High School Yogyakarta, majoring in Computer Engineering. I enjoy participating in various photography competitions. I live with my parents and older sister in Imogiri Hamlet, Bantul, a green place near a river.



To make ends meet, my parents opened a small business producing various kinds of snacks. The business experienced ups and downs; several times the merchandise was stolen by vendors and not paid for. My father remained patient. Then, to overcome fraud, he now delivers the snacks directly to vendors in the markets.

I also help deliver snacks to market stalls. My sister and I study diligently and help our parents. My family is very grateful for the scholarship given to help ease the cost of school. I want to continue my studies, planning to major in Photography. My family regularly attends church, praying for the smooth running of school, for our business, and for the benefactors who help us through the FCJ Sisters.



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Ega Satria Pratama

My name is Ega Satria Pratama, I am usually called Ega. I am an alumnus of Canisius Pondok Primary School in Berbah, Sleman, Yogyakarta. I live in Karang Hamlet, a green and quiet area, with my younger sibling and my parents, Mr. Kristianto and Mrs. Endang. I have now graduated from primary school and I have moved to junior high school.



While still at Canisius Pondok Primary School, I actively participated in taekwondo extracurricular activities. I trained diligently, winning two medals in the Sleman Regency taekwondo championship. In addition to diligent taekwondo practice, after school, I also diligently helped my parents prepare the necessities for selling fried catfish.



My father, Mr. Kristianto, is grateful that my younger sibling and I study diligently and also help our parents. Three years ago, they had to stop selling due to the Covid-19 outbreak. In the past two years, our parents' business has become increasingly popular. My family diligently prays together in church, offering all our hardships to God. My mother is very grateful that I receive a scholarship from the FCJ Sisters' Charity. Thank you to the donors who have helped with my educational scholarship through the FCJ sisters.



Andilah Enggit Putri Refidenso

My name is Andilah Enggit Putri Refidenso, I am a student at Canisius Kalasan Junior High School in Yogyakarta. I'm usually called Enggit. I live in Wonocatur Hamlet, Banguntapan, Bantul, Yogyakarta, with my mother and younger sibling. We live in a densely populated area. I study hard and diligently practice cooking.

My mother, as a single parent is responsible for providing for our family. My father left our family seven years ago. He returned to Papua, and remarried without providing any support for our family. To make ends meet, my mother sells food and takes orders. My family and I are very grateful that I receive a scholarship from benefactors through the FCJ Sisters' Charity. This scholarship helps to ease the burden on our family and it brings us joy.





Gloria Valentina Kristeva Thomas

My name is Gloria Valentina Kristeva Thomas. You can call me Gloria or Ellen. I am the second child of three siblings. I am now in 9th grade. My talents are drawing and playing music. I play the violin, and the keyboard. I am actively involved in my local parish community and active in school and in catechist. I participate in Wolowona Church, as a singer, a conductor, and a violinist, and I am also involved in Missionary Children (Sekami).

I attend Junior High School at SMP Negeri 1 Ende. I am ranked first in class. When I was in primary school, I participated in a storytelling competition held by the librarian. I told a story about shallots and garlic, and won First Runner-up. In Junior High School when I was in the 8th grade, I became a Literacy Ambassador, because I often visited the library to read books. I often got first rank in class both in Primary School and Junior High School. Since childhood, I have had a talent for drawing and painting. I also practice playing the violin, guitar, ukulele, and organ. I once performed playing the violin during the Flag Ceremony at my school, and in the pulpit exchange event in the Sekami Activity at the Saint Martinus, Roworeke Parish Church in Ende.

I am also active in the choir in our Basic Ecclesial Community. Sometimes I even get the task of being the conductor and also a psalmist. Now, I have finished taking the Final Level Exam and I will be registered in high school. The educational scholarship assistance really helps me and hopefully I can continue to a higher level. Thank you FCJ sisters and all parties who have helped me by giving me a scholarship.



Lodovikus Sambi



Let me introduce myself, my full name is Lodovikus Sambi. My nick name is Lutvis. I am 18 years old and currently a 12th grade student at Senior High School at SMAK Negeri 1 Ende. My hobby is playing indoor football. I am the 4th child of 7 siblings. Let me give you some information about my parents and family.

My mother passed away on January 12, 2024 due to illness. My father works as a farmer. Economically, before my mother passed away, my mother supported me because she helped the family financially by selling vegetables at the market. Since my mother passed away, my family's economic situation has become more difficult. Currently, I live with foster parents.

I will explain my daily activities as a student. I usually wake up at 05:30 in the morning. I start the day by praying. After that, I do my morning routine, such as making the bed, washing the dishes, and cooking rice for breakfast. I go to school at 06.30 am and start my school activities at 07.15 am. School finishes at 13.30 pm. After my activities in school, I have lunch and take a rest until about 3 pm. My activities in the afternoon before doing homework are going out to exercise with friends, playing football three times a week, and participating in extracurricular martial arts (taekwondo) at school every Friday and Saturday. I attend the worship activities of the Holy Trinity community at St. Joseph Freinademetz in Mautapaga Parish Church every Saturday with my foster parents. I also attend Mass every Sunday.

Every day I fulfill my responsibilities at home, such as cleaning the house, sweeping the yard, mopping the floor, watering flowers, and feeding the pigs. In May, during the month of Mary, at 7 pm every evening, I attend the Rosary prayer in our Basic Ecclesial Community. Usually after dinner, I study and go to bed at 10.00 pm. I am grateful for the kindness of the FCJ sisters and the benefactors who support my study.



Canisius Kadirojo Kindergarten

Schools Welcome Donations of Books and Educational Toys with Great Joy

We are delighted to share this good news with you, our readers, that your generosity has enabled us, the FCJ Charity Project, to once again provide books and educational toys to schools. Two Kindergartens, namely Canisius Kadirojo and Canisius Pulutan, and three Primary Schools, namely Canisius Sorowajan, Canisius Condong Catur and Canisius Pulutan received the donations with great joy because the books in their libraries had not been updated for a long time. We provided various types of books, including children's storybooks, folk tales, encyclopaedias, atlases, and dictionaries. Some libraries do not even have educational toys, so these donations are something new for them. The students representing the schools that received these donations looked eager to start reading and playing.

We hope that these new books will encourage children to read more, to improve their cognitive abilities, to enrich their vocabularies and communication skills, and to develop their imagination and creativity. Equally important is the development of empathy and emotional intelligence. The educational toys will also improve children's intelligence, provide a fun learning experience, develop their senses and motor skills, and encourage them to physically play with their friends.

On behalf of the schools, we would like to express our sincere gratitude to the donors who have faithfully supported the gift of books and educational toys to their students.

Agnes Dini, FCJ



Canisius Sorowajan Primary School



Canisius-Pulutan Primary School



Canisius-Pulutan Kindergarten



Canisius Condong Catur Primary School



Pangudi Luhur Boro Elementry School

Promoting Laudato Si Recollections to Catholic Schools in Yogyakarta.

Since August to October 2025, Sr. Meita, fcJ and I collaborated with Catholic Schools to introduce Pope Francis' Encyclical Laudato Si to students and educational staff. In August, we gave a recollection to 252 students from Canisius Kalasan Junior High School, consisting of 7th, 8th, and 9th graders. In the middle of September, we also gave a recollection to 21 teachers and staff from Canisius Kalasan Junior High School. In October, we were asked to give recollections to 58 students from Pangudi Luhur Boro Primary School, 75 students from Canisius Bantul Primary School, and 115 students from Canisius Kadirojo Primary School.

On the 8th October 2025, we presented Pope Francis' Encyclical Laudato Si to a further 58 students from Pangudi Luhur Boro Primary School in Yogyakarta. In the letter, Pope Francis invites all people of good will to join in caring for our common home. He states that the earth is God's gift to us, it is increasingly damaged by human actions and he reminds us that we are responsible for taking care of it.

This recollection was held in a hall near the school. One of the outdoor activities carried out by the students was observing the surrounding environment. Using magnifying glasses they observed trees, flowers, leaves, cacti, grass, rocks, soil and insects. They paused for a moment to really pay attention to the other creatures of God in detail. This activity created a sense of awe and gratitude in them. Until this point in time, they had not paid much attention to the environment around them.

As a real action to take part in caring for the earth, we worked together to turn household organic waste into a useful product called eco enzyme. Eco enzyme is a mixture of fruit peel, molasses and water. It is fermented for three months and is very useful as an organic fertilizer that nourishes the soil and plants, helps clean water quality, it can be used as a hand sanitizer, to clean vegetables and fruits from pesticide, as floor cleaning liquid, and even for treating wounds as a substitute for betadine. Eco enzyme is also used as one of the basic ingredients for making environmentally friendly bath soap and laundry soap.

We hope the Laudato Si Recollections will raise the awareness of young generations and encourage them to take care of the earth, OUR COMMON HOME.

Canisius-Kalasan
Junior High SchoolPangudi Luhur-Boro
Primary School

Canisius-Bantul Primary School



Canisius-Kadirojo Primary School



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OUTING WITH PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES AND FAMILIES AT "BENTENG VREDEBURG" Museum

The families with disabilities we assist always look forward to group activities, especially the annual outings. These outings provide an opportunity for them to meet other families with members with disabilities. They also encounter people who truly accept and love them for who they are, including both old and new volunteers, as well as the FCJ Sisters and Companions in Mission.

This year, we held this outing on 25th August, 2025, by visiting "BENTENG VREDEBURG" museum. "BENTENG VREDEBURG" is a museum and cultural heritage site founded in the 17th century. The families we support not only enjoyed the beauty of the place but also learned about some of our national heroes. Approximately 100 people with disabilities, their families, and volunteers attended the outing.

While the participants took a break, a team of storytellers from Jakarta joined in. They presented captivating tales about the daily lives of families with disabilities. Everyone involved had a lovely day. The location was perfect for our needs. Despite it being a hot day, the heat was softened by the cool trees. There was plenty of space and a wonderful atmosphere allowing for laughter, food, and stories.



THERAPY TRAINING FOR FAMILIES WITH CEREBRAL PALSY

Therapy is a primary need for people with Cerebral Palsy, so their parents need to have therapy skills to be able to provide therapy for their family members.

A recent change in government regulations regarding therapy for people with disabilities has meant that the children and young people we support no longer receive free therapy. This is a great loss to them and their family members. The families we support were therefore very enthusiastic about the training we gave to them. Seven families with members with disabilities attended the training, which we held on May 9 and 16, 2025. The purpose of the training was to provide education and support to parents in caring for family members with CP according to their child's needs.

For this activity, we collaborated with YAKKUM, a rehabilitation center for people with disabilities. This meant that the training was well suited to the needs of the children and young people we support. It was our hope that the skills parents gained due to this activity will help them to love and care for their family members with CP even more effectively than previously.

Meita, FCJ