



International Association of Charities - Vincentian Family

ACTING TOGETHER – AGAINST ALL FORMS OF POVERTY

AIC UK is part of the 150,000 strong International group of, primarily, women whose spirituality is rooted in Vincentian tradition. Begun in 1617 by St Vincent De Paul, the Confraternities of lay volunteers help the disadvantaged in society. Groups became the Ladies of Charity – a name that many countries still use today under the AIC umbrella.

Groups in ABBEY WOOD, BEXLEY, DARLINGTON, GLASGOW, MILL HILL & PECKHAM. **Contact AIC UK: info@aic-uk.org.uk NEW CONTACT EMAIL**

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SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2018

It has been a joy relaying Reflections from our Superior General and more recently from AIC International. Please do read and discuss the recent 'Training' issue on Trafficking. AIC members who are working in this sector, and see the impact it has on people's lives – us - need to be informed! Be vigilant!

I am delighted to report that all branches are thriving and their news of continuing mission is comforting because of the many people you serve.

I look forward to seeing you all at Darlington quiet day – soon to be confirmed, and the pre-booked 8th December gathering in Mill Hill.



RETREAT DAY – Facilitated by Sisters Bernadette and Kathleen DC

The members attended a wonderful Retreat Day on 30th June in Abbey Wood. As ever, Sr Bernadette, our Spiritual Advisor, has a keen eye for the aesthetic that enhances our worship – see photo of beautiful display.

Tinyan, Abbey Wood President wrote to me; 'You were right, our retreat was most beautiful with lovely spiritual coordination. Awesome!'

Thanking Sr Bernadette for putting everything together. To crown it all was Sr Kathleen's PowerPoint analysing in depth our four chosen themes: cohesion, tolerance, cooperation and communication which encapsulates everything.

Those present ...'made AIC proud and made me proud to be an AIC member. God bless you always.'

Sr Kathleen's theme was based on Psalm 24:7-9. 'Open up, ancient gates! Open up, ancient doors, and let the King of glory enter.'

DARLINGTON GROUP



Christine Crump, AIC UK Development Officer visited Darlington and delivered the Training on the newly created AIC UK Manual.

It was Lynn's birthday – celebrated with cookies! Celebrating too were their reports on their prison work, disabled Able group and Uganda work through Elspeth. See picture of Manual.

AIC DIPLOMA – 9 members of AIC UK have completed the Diploma. 4 more starting this week. I would strongly invite you to consider doing the Certificate individually or collectively in your group.

AIC DIPLOMA – Dee’s thoughts; A good, straight forward method is to read through the material of each module, think it through, then email your tutor with any query. Then you will find that a short response will crystallize in your mind, usually drawn on experiences you have had in your volunteering work with AIC. So, complete the cycle by sending off this short response – and that’s it! Job done – Module completed. Before you know it, you have completed the Certificate and looking forward to moving on to the two extra modules to complete your Diploma!

You will have AIC UK Tutors and any support you need. All of us who completed, plus the 3 Italian students I tutored have been fulsome in their praise of how they learned some new information, were revived in the Vincentian spirit of what they knew already, and felt strengthened to move forward with their mission. ***You can start any time!***

Contact Christine Crump on Tel. 07751791287.

***Enjoy your summer break with family and friends!
Love and blessing, Dee***

