TOWARDS A CULTURE OF CARE:
PROTECTION OF MINORS AND PREVENTION OF SEXUAL ABUSE IN OUR APOSTOLIC PLATFORMS AND PASTORAL SERVICES.

By José-Félix Valderrábano CMF

Sexual abuse of minors goes against respect for the dignity and rights of children, who are especially vulnerable because they have no possibility of defending themselves from the aggressions they may suffer and because of the serious consequences for their lives. Since the crimes of sexual abuse by priests or religious have been in the press, the issue has been of great topicality both in society and in the Church. Society has become aware of the problem and the States have approved measures and penalties for those who commit these crimes. For the Church, sexual abuse has a greater relevance because it goes against the evangelical principles by which it should ...

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We are Claretian missionaries from Poland. Mateusz Cyganik, as a newly ordained presbyter, has been working since this year in vocation ministry in our province and I help him as far as my practices as a deacon allow me. It seems that vocation work is a difficult task, because today Europe is experiencing a vocation crisis, which is also visible in Poland. However, there are many places and initiatives that favor vocational ... [READ MORE]

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Yesterday I had a meeting with young Joshua, a 14-year-old who wants to build some benches around a fire pit we have in the church. Joshua said: “I want to build this up for the Claretian Youth.” I was really touched by his willingness to do something from our youth group; I was even more moved by the fact that a year ago, he had no idea who St. Anthony Claret, Claret Way, or Claretian Youth were.

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**THE LORD HAS CHOSEN HIS LOVED ONE FROM THE BEGINNING**

*By Geraldine Sasirekah RMI*

In response to God I, vow to God to live for the whole time of my life the Gospel counsels of poverty, chastity, and obedience. With these words, I began a permanent commitment as a religious sister in the congregation of the RMI Claretian Missionary Sisters in 1997. It’s been twenty-five years now and when I look back, I have a lot to remember, cherish, and be thankful. ... [READ MORE]