



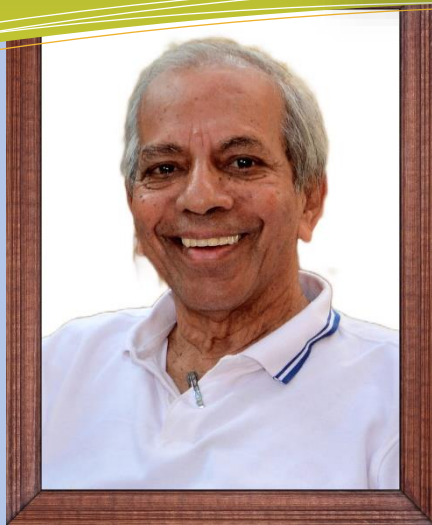
About Fr. Placie

Placido Fonseca was born in a devout Catholic family. His parents were parishioners of St. Anne's Church, Byculla. He completed his graduation in Sociology from St. Xavier's college in 1970 and in the same year he entered the Society of Jesus, Bombay Province.

Life as a Jesuit

Placido joined the Jesuit novitiate in Vinayalaya, Mumbai (Bombay) in 1959. He was ordained a priest in 1970 and received his first appointment in Snehasadan. He developed love for children in Snehasadan and served them devoutly for 40 years.

He passed away on 31st July 2021.



This issue is dedicated in memory of

Fr. Placido Fonseca, S.J.

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MEMORIES OF FR. PLACIE

Fr Placie has truly been a pioneer of child rights in India. He received the National Award for Child Welfare from the Govt of India in 1985, presented to him by former President of India, Giani Zail Singh. He was also the chairperson of the Co-ordination Committee for Vulnerable Children (CCVC), was on the expert committee to frame the Juvenile Justice Act 2000 and also part of the think tank to develop Childline in India in collaboration with TISS. But apart from all this official recognition, Fr Placie will much more be remembered for his simple living, great thinking and shaping countless living diamonds from rough stones.

He truly dedicated his whole life to Snehasadan and its children. In the words of the founder of Snehasadan, late Fr. Ricardo Frances – “Without exaggeration, Snehasadan is what it is today because of the work of a single Jesuit priest, Fr Placido Fonseca. He worked to create a family out of some of the legions of boys who live on and off the streets of Mumbai. The street child is invisible to most of us, but Fr. Placie sees them all the time. They occupy his thoughts all the time: their shelter, their education, their future is his constant concern.”

Fr Placie knew hundreds or maybe thousands of children by name and face. He followed up on ex-children, not only those who were doing well, but also those who were struggling – to try and find out some way to help them. His most consoling words to the children who were going through a rough phase or who were down in the dumps were ‘Mai Hun Na’. Even if all others gave up on a child, Fr. Placie was always ready to give him/her another chance. He would say that one never knows when a delinquent child will eventually change and transform his/her life. There are live examples of children like these who have eventually changed their lives after multiple delinquencies.

– Fr. Noel Pinto, S.J. (Director of Snehasadan)

A poem in Marathi on Fr. Placie

ध्येयाची ज्योत

हे फादर प्लासी स्नेहसदन
मध्ये येऊन केला
चमत्कार!
तुम्हाला आमचा सद् सद्
प्रणाम ! सद् सद् प्रणाम!

आज अनेक मुलांचे जीवन
सार्थक जाहले,
तुमच्याच ध्येयाची तान्हुली
रोपटे, झाडे फुलेच झाले,
त्यांचाच पसरे जगभर
सुवास!
हे फादर प्लासी तुम्हाला
आमचा सद् सद् प्रणाम!
सद् सद् प्रणाम!

तुम्हीच केलेल्या रात्रदीन
मेहनतीचा,
ऑजळितून वाहणाऱ्या
अथांग सागराच्या लाटा,
भिडती आकाशा!
पुकारती तुम्हाला, तुम्ही हो
माता, पिता तुम्ही हो,
तुम्ही हो सखा तुम्ही हो
बंधु तुम्ही हो 'बाप'!
फादर प्लासी सद् सद्
प्रणाम! सद् सद् प्रणाम!

- विभावरी तोरसकर
(Ex-Social Worker at
Snehasadan)



THE EVERGREEN FR. PLACIE

I am saddened by the demise of Fr. Placie; I will not be able to see him anymore. I am falling short of words as I thank Fr. Placie for his marvellous works. He was always there for me, always supporting and guiding me even though I was a troublesome child. Fr. Placie shaped me into the wonderful person that I am now. "Fr. Placie, you always held my hand, caringly and compassionately, so that I may not tread the wrong path. At a time when I was tired of life and wanted to give up, you gave me hope and new life. This will always be a reminder for me when I once again face trials in my life. I am fortunate that you came into my life." Fr. Placie has left an impact on every person he met. The love and care that he tried to spread on this Earth continues to grow and bear fruit, and his memory will live in our heart... and that is the ultimate measure of any human being.

- Leena Poshanna (Lived in House No. 13)

I am Rosy D'Souza. At the age of 10 I came to Snehasadan. We were 3 sisters and had no place to stay. One of the Nuns from Canossa Convent told us about Fr. Placie. It was not possible for us three sisters to stay in one house, but Fr. Placie helped us with this problem.

Fr. Placido Fonseca at the time of receiving the National Award in Child Welfare from the Govt. of India in 1985.

The Award was given by the former President of India Giani Zail Singh.

Fr. Placido standing second from the right hand side, Shri. Giani Zail Singh second from left hand side, Shri. P.V. Narsima Rao first from the left hand side, Mrs. M. Alva forth from the left hand side and other dignitaries.

Today, whatever we are in life is because of him. He was always with us in our bad days and in good days. We never felt that we were orphans, because we were loved so much by him. We got from him all the love and care which we never got from our parents. He was truly a great person.

-Rosy (Lived in House No. 13)

Fr. Placie is my idol in life. He has dedicated his entire life to Snehasadan. He groomed each and every child that came to Snehasadan. Presently, I am working as a Deputy Manager at a warehouse at DHL. This was possible only because of Fr. Placie's sacrifice. There are many other children who had been abandoned, who had no shelter, no food, etc., but thanks to Snehasadan they are now living respectable lives and have done very well for themselves. I have a lovely family of two kids and my own house. Today, if I am well settled it is because of Fr. Placie.

- Raju Shetty, (Lived in House No.7)



Fr. Placie with his Jesuit companions

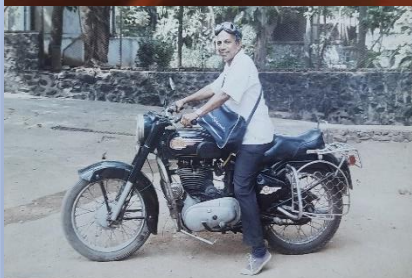


As a child from the day of my admission till the day of my farewell from Snehasadan, and beyond, Snehasadan has been an important part of my life. Fr. Placie always cared for me. He was a down-to-earth person, being the Director of Snehasadan, he would still come to take us back from school, and we used to love those rides with him. I remember, as a child, when I asked father, "Most of the children have a God-father and a God-mother; why don't I have one?" The reply that Father gave was overwhelming. He said, "Your God Father is sitting up there," and directed his finger to his office. He kept his words; he truly was everything to me. He always dreamt big for us and had faith in us that we will do great things in life. I truly am what I am all because of him. Thank you for everything. Though you are no more with us, your memories remain engraved in our hearts and will be with us forever.

- **Nataline D'Souza (Lived in House No. 10)**



FR. PLACIDO FONSECA, S.J.,
MRS. M. ALVA AND SOME
DELGATES AT
THE SAARC MEETING.



EVENTS OF THE MONTH

Independence Day

Celebration on August 15th.

Houses No. 8 & 9, 4 & 6, 3 & 7, 11 and 12 celebrated Independence day. There was unfurling of the National Flag followed by the National Anthem and patriotic songs and cultural events.

Raksha Bandhan (Feast of Brothers and Sisters)

Snehasadan children who have their siblings within the institute and outside the institute were happy to meet each other on this auspicious day to tie Rakhi and greet each other.

Medical camp

There was a medical camp arranged for girls on 15th of August 21. House No. 8 & 9 participated in it. Medical camp for boys was conducted on 31st August 21. House No. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 11 & 12 participated in it.

Online Painting Competition

Passion Guru conducted an all India online Drawing Competition spanning across children from several NGOs and individuals. Kartik Pillai from Snehasadan House No. 12 won the First Prize for the best painting.



Congrats to
Kartik Pillai
and the Sisters
from House
No. 12

फादर प्लेसी बारिश की वो पहली बूंद है। जो बंजर जमीन को बेजान और ना उम्मीद उगने वाले बीज को भी हरी भरी हरियाली में बदल देते थे। किसी ने नहीं सोचा होगा की कोई फुटपाथ का बच्चा इतना कामयाब बन सकता है। लेकिन फा. प्लासी देश के कोन कोने रहने वाले बच्चों का खयाल रखते थे। उनके के लीये खाब देखते थे। जो सक्षम बच्चे थे उनपर कम और जो कमजोर बच्चे थे उनपर जादा नजर रखते थे। जो बच्चे बड़े होकर बाहर निकले उनका भी खयाल बड़ी खुबी से रखते थे। जिन बच्चो को अपने आप पर भरोसा नही रहता उनको हमेशा कहते YOU DON'T WORRY , दुनिया सब सिखा देगी । यह बात सच है ,दुनिया वालो ने हमे जो कुछ बाकी था वो सीखा दिया । आज हम सक्षम और आत्मनिर्भर है। हम स्नेहसदन के हर सदस्य, फदरर्स , ब्रदर्स, सिस्टर्स, हाउस पेरेंट्स, ऑफिस स्टाफ, सोसल वर्कर्स, येवंम सबसे महत्व पुर्ण हमारे डोनर्स को धन्यवाद कहना चाहते है। यदी आप लोग हमें संयोग और मदद नहीं करते तो शायद आज हम इतने कामयाब नही होते ।

धन्यवाद। - Parmeshwar
(Lived in H.S. No. 7)




It is very difficult to narrate my memories of Fr. Placie in limited words. His love and care has made a world of difference in our lives. His contribution to what we are today is very great. Whenever he guided the big and small children, he would always say, "Hum kissi se kam nahee" (we are not less than anyone). I believe that these words of Fr. Placie made a difference in a person's life and gave him/her needed encouragement. When I failed my nursing exams and was in depression, he told me, "Haseena don't worry. I am there with you. Ok! You try other jobs. You are a strong girl." Then he would make a face as if he too was crying. That's how he would act and change the mood of anyone who felt low. Actually, I was not a strong person but these words of Fr. Placie made me feel strong, and helped me to move forward in my life. "I Love you and thank you Fr. Placie." I also thank Fr. Noel. He has been handling Snehasadan so well. God bless and continue to help him. Thanks to all the Snehasadan House-parents and the staff who work tirelessly for us.

- Teena D'Souza (Haseena) (Lived in House No. 9)

FR. PLACIDO CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTRE, LONAVALA

About Child Development centre



Fr. Placido Child Development Centre is our dream project at Lonavala House No. 14. We have planned to transform this place into a child nurturing home. Holistic growth of children is our ultimate aim. The place will be one of its kind where children/students will be trained in various skills:


- Nature awareness, swimming, cycling, confidence building, team work, Math skills, survival skills, scout training, trekking, etc.
- Leadership Training by Professionals
- Get an opportunity to be in a lush green surrounding away from the fast and polluted life of the city.
- Gain an opportunity to make new friends.
- For the family to spend time together in an environment where one can groom and train the children with various skills.
- A place where vacation time and weekend break can be well spent learning and developing oneself.

The Target Group

- A place where all children no matter what strata of the society they belong to are welcome.
- All Snehasadan children.
- Other NGO children.
- School groups, Families
- Youth.
- Ex-Snehasadan children.
- Scouts / Guides, NCC group

Proposed Facilities

- Football ground, Volleyball court, Badminton court, Swimming pool, Indoor games, Cycling area, Audio Visual room, Digital Lab, etc.
- Pathway for nature walks and jogs.
- Kids play area with swing, seesaw, merry-go-round, etc.
- In house kitchen providing healthy, homely food.
- Animal farm.
- Internet facility made available for projects given.
- Rooms and dormitories.



Guidelines while donating
As you donate towards this project, in cash / cheque/ online transfer, send us your details such as,

- Name to be put on the receipt.
- PAN Number.
- Contact details and contact number.

(All donations exempted from Income Tax u/s 80-G.
The donors will be issued 80-G receipt).

BANK DETAILS
Cheque to be drawn in favour of
Snehasadan
For Online Donation follow the link (Indian Donors)
<http://www.snehasadan.org/membershipform.php>
Foreign Donors Kindly Contact The Office
snehasadan@vahoo.com

Developing House No.14 at Lonavala into Fr. Placido Child Development Centre is our dream project. This project will make available for children from all starta an opportunity to Holistic growth. We hope this dream comes true with your generous support. The details of this project are given in the broucher.

STATUS OF OUR CHILDREN AFTER SSC

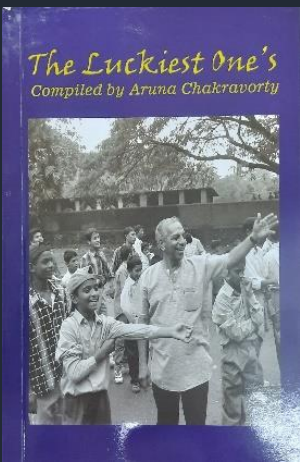
SR. NO.	NAME OF THE CHILD	COURSE / DESIGNATION	COLLEGE / WORK PLACE
1	Raja Ribero	11 th Commerce	Divine Child Jr. College, Andheri
2	Nitin Choudhari	11 th Arts	Shri. Samarth Jr. College, Andheri
3	Prathmesh Dhody	11 th MCVC	Swami Vivekanand Jr. College, Chembur
4	Yacob Mote	Electrician	Don Bosco, Kurla
5	Mayur Lalmay	F.Y.B.Com	Chinai College, Andheri
6	Mahesh Kushwa	S.Y.B.Sc	Sathe College, Ville Parle
7	Arvind Khushwa	S.Y.B.Com	L S Raheja, Santacruz
8	Damodar Jansan	11 th Science	Divine Child Jr. College, Andheri
9	Akram Shaikh	Cookery Course	Khapol Institute
10	Shivaji Shinde	S.Y.B.Com	St. Xavier's College, Mumbai Fort & Working at Value Ex Wealth Connect LLP, Khar
11	Harry D'Silva	12 th Arts	Ismail Yusaf College, Jogeshwari
12	Manisha Vishvakarma	12 th Arts	Shri. M.D. Mahila College of Arts & Commerce, Malad
13	Muskan Dulgach	12 th Arts	Shri. M.D. Mahila College of Arts & Commerce, Malad
14	Aarti Vaze	12 th Arts	Shri. M.D. Mahila College of Arts & Commerce, Malad
15	Deepali Vaje	D.Ed.	St. Teresa D.Ed. College, Santacruz
16	Bhagirathi Swami	11 th Arts	Shri. M.D. Mahila College of Arts & Commerce, Malad
17	Kusum Sarant	11 th Arts	Shri. M.D. Mahila College of Arts & Commerce, Malad
18	Prerna Waghri	11 th Arts	Shri. M.D. Mahila College of Arts & Commerce, Malad
19	Payal Verma	12 th Arts	Shri. M.D. Mahila College of Arts & Commerce, Malad
20	Priyanka Nadar	12 th Arts	Shri. M.D. Mahila College of Arts & Commerce, Malad
21	Sadhana Waghoeskar	12 th Arts	Shri. M.D. Mahila College of Arts & Commerce, Malad
22	Sunita Chavan	12 th Arts	Shri. M.D. Mahila College of Arts & Commerce, Malad
23	Swati Nadigiri	Nursing	YWCA
24	Sheetal Vishwas	B.Sc (Home Science)	Nirmala Niketan College of Home Science, Churchgate
25	Vaishali Patel	B.M.S (Second Year)	St. Andrew's College, Bandra
26	Asma Khan	12 th Arts	NIOS
27	Tangamani Nana	Sales & Marketing	CRS Kotak Foundation, Goregaon
28	Sarita Pawar	D.Ed. 2 nd Year	St. Teresa D.Ed. College, Santacruz
29	Sheela Majhi	B.A.	IDOL
30	Sanjhana Waghri	12 th Arts	Shri. M.D. Mahila College of Arts and Commerce, Malad
31	Muskan Shaikh	12 th Science	Holy Family Jr. College, Andheri
32	Velencia D'silva	11 th Arts	Ismail Yusuf College, Jogeshwari
33	Samrudhi Bhosale	11 th Arts	Shri. M.D. Mahila College of Arts and Commerce, Malad
34	Rajashree Dhumal	11 th Arts	Shri. M.D. Mahila College of Arts and Commerce, Malad
35	Dhanashree Dhumal	11 th Arts	Shri. M.D. Mahila College of Arts and Commerce, Malad
36	Laxmi Adhe	B.A. (IDOL)	Food Production Apprenticeship ITC Grand Maratha
37	Harlal Mohan	B.A (IDOL)& Working	Internship at Hotel Westin
38	Nitesh Bimbade	B.A (IDOL)	Food Production Apprenticeship ITC Grand Maratha
39	Devraj Navratane	Motor Mechanic (4 Wheeler)	Don Bosco, Borivali
40	Ramu Bahadur	12 th Arts NIOS	Working at Shilpalaya
41	Gaurav Sahu	12 th Arts NIOS	Working at OCS India Pvt. Ltd.
42	Gurmitpal Gaderiya	12 th Arts NIOS	Working at OCS India Pvt. Ltd.
43	Yogesh Urade	Motor Mechanic (4 Wheeler)	Don Bosco, Borivali
44	Pooja Morya	Working as a staff Nurse	St Elizabeth's Hospital, Mumbai



Snehasadan, a home for homeless children, regardless of caste or creed, provides a shelter for the numberless homeless orphans, waifs, destitutes and delinquents who roam around Mumbai. Snehasadan runs 12 homes in different parts of the city under the guardianship of House-parents: each with about 20 children, who find there a roof, food and lots of love, an atmosphere of complete freedom and a sense of belonging that gives them back their self-respect and a place in society. Snehasadan depends on you, as it is sustained by the kindness of generous individuals, sympathetic friends and benefactors who are interested in welfare of these children.

Would you like to help?

- ❖ Full overall sponsorship Rs. 4,500/- per month per child.
- ❖ Partial overall sponsorship Rs. 2,250/- per month per child.
- ❖ Full sponsorship of only education Rs. 1,500/- per month per child.
- ❖ Partial sponsorship of only education Rs. 750/- per month per child.
- ❖ You could sponsor milk, vegetables, eggs, pay electricity bills, etc., for our homes.



A book depicting encounters between Fr. Placie and the children on the streets. The stories in this book reveal that Fr. Placie was a Godsent angel for many of the children on the streets of Mumbai (Bombay).

To buy this book kindly contact the office.



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Vinayalaya Retreat House Campus, Chakala,
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