

Project 144 in Bydgoszcz

The beginnings ...

Our Community started its existence in December 2009 thanks to the efforts of members of “The Holy Spirit Revival of Our Lady’s Love” prayer group attached to the Jesuit Parish in Bydgoszcz. Our goal is to work for the poor both in spiritual as well as material meaning. The Holy Spirit encouraged us to manifest Our Lord through our life. Our Lord Himself told us to sympathise with those who live in conditions that do not follow His will.

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We have diagnosed varied levels of poverty in our local community:

- large families facing difficult living conditions
- spiritual poverty – those who have strayed from the God’s Commandments’ path,
- people with no hope and contacts

Discovery of Jesus Christ – The Good Shepherd

The fundamental goal of our Community is:

- to love the world as Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd, does, to let Jesus Christ act through us, to unite with Him and to be close to Him, to be fishermen of Jesus in the mission of redeeming the world through love, zeal and dedication.

From discernement to action

Therefore the following groups have been founded:

- to help families and individuals cope with everyday life problems
- to offer spiritual support – protective activities focusing on the elderly and disabled people
- to offer assistance to the convicts and their families
- to help the homeless
- to organize holidays for poor families children

Contacts and cooperation

The community accomplish these goals cooperating with social welfare institutions, Job Centres, psychologists, parents, family courts and legal advisors. We have helped two large families – one with six children and another with four children who had been placed in Children’s Home because of poverty - to replace these children again in their family homes. 120 persons including 20 large families with three children were provided with material and spiritual help. 35 children were sent to summer play centres, within 1,5 year period 3,5 ton of food from the European Union were distributed among those in need. The above mentioned forms of help and goals could be accomplished thanks to the selfless involvement of Christian Life Community and about 70 volunteers. We desire to share the experience of our missionary activity with others and to be witnesses of Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd, who focuses on every man.

We appeal to all to have a look around and to want to love those who are not loved and to

serve them. Let us be missionaries of love

As a material sign of our engagement we found a Sculpture: Mother Theresa's from Calcutta head. We enclose the picture of the whole local community in Toruń with Mother Theresa's Head and with National and Local Assistants figure (Fr. Aleksander Jacyniak SJ and Mariusz Bigiel SJ)

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