

Every child is loved and unique in the eyes of God.

As we are starting the Sunday school in the Parish of St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Haekesak (Indonesia), we are very happy because there were so many children participating. Even, before the time to begin they were excitingly waiting for us outside in the garden of the Parish. These children most are from one Elementary school only, and they are from grade three, four, five and six.

We have it every Saturday only, because every Sunday we are going out to the Chapels for the Holy Mass in order to help the fathers in distributing the communion.

As they are so many of them. So, we are dividing them in two groups. One is the grade three because they are preparing themselves for the first communion and the rest, from grade four, five and six are one group because they are a little bit ahead already from the small ones. For that, Sr. M. Adriana and myself are handling each group in it.

As I am handling those in grade three, where they are still learning to read well, to understand more and listening as well. It requires me more to be patient in listening and understanding them as well.

There was on one Saturday that I was with them and asking them some questions about prayer. And so, they were doubting in answering and one of them came up saying....

Hmmm...sister, those who are smart are not here to answer...

what? I said....

Then, he lightly smiles and then said, those who are smart are not here to answer...

This experience inspires me to motivate them that they are smart too. Because perhaps others are going ahead in learning and is good for them but it doesn't mean that others who a little bit slow are not capable in learning. For God loves us no matter what and He has given to all of us the capacity to learn and not to forget that He has His purpose for each and every one of us.

I was being reminded also by the words of Don Orione "with all pious, holy and fraternal skill we must approach the heart of the young people and becomes boys with them and commending ourselves to God, take over with great reverence the souls of the little ones entrusted to us, just as a good elder brother would do with his small brother. Get rid of punishment that are too long, painful and humiliating, at all cost avoiding beating the boys; but instead with unceasing vigilant, with fatherly exhortation, with our souls full of sincere affection, we must try my dear sons, ever more to take over the hearts of our dear pupils in order to bring their hearts to God".

St. Luigi Orione, pray for us.

St. Aloysius Gonzaga, pray for us.