

Greetings from St. Eugene Province, India !

Hope this mail finds you all in good health especially at this time of Covid-19 pandemic. At the outside we would like to place on record our sincere thanks and heartfelt gratitude for the educational assistance that you generously contribute to the Poor Children in the Oblate Missions in India.

We are indeed witnessing a global health crisis never seen before all over the world. The Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) characterized as a pandemic is attacking societies at their core killing people, spreading human suffering and upending people's lives. But this is much more than a health crisis. It is a human, economic and a social crisis. India is not an exception to this crisis. The covid-19 outbreak in India has affected all segments of people - the poor, the elderly, persons with disabilities, youth and in particular school going children.

The Coronavirus pandemic and ongoing lockdown have forced schools and colleges across India to temporarily shut and this unprecedented move had created an enormous gap within our education system despite the central and state governments doing their best to support the situation. However, most of the Primary and Secondary schools across India have shifted to online teaching during these months of lockdown to empower the education of children. However, there are still many students in the rural areas across India who are not able to get connected because they do not have a laptop/desktop and a proper internet connection.

Recently over 2 lakh parents from all over India have signed a petition demanding that schools should not be reopened unless the COVID-19 situation improves or a vaccine is ready. That means the schools in India will remain closed for a period of another two months i.e., till the end of August 2020. Even when we reopen the schools the fear of Covid-19 would still remain.

Oblates who are involved in the education ministry are trying to do their best in improving the educational conditions of the children who are enrolled in our schools. We give them special attention through the e-learning process. We all hope and pray that the situation will change and we will get back to normal. Children in all our missions are very grateful to all the benefactors for their generous help in educating them. They assure them of their love and prayers.

We assure all of you our loving prayers and beseech your prayers too that we will all together be able to fight the Covid-19 situation. Be assured of our prayers to all our benefactors who generously contribute for the education of our children in Oblate Missions in India.

Once again our humble and sincere thanks for helping our poor children in the Oblate Missions.

I'm herewith attaching you the letters of the Principals/Head-Masters and Parish Priests of the Missions from where our children come.

May God bless us all !!!

Peace

Harry OMI