



Centru Antida

The Reception Centre of the
St Jeanne Antide Foundation - SJAF

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*Dear Readers, a sister found the following page on the internet and sent it to me. I think it is worth sharing it with you. Let us be **REAL** and **PASSIONATE** for Jesus Christ if we are real Christians. Let us pray for each other while we do our utmost to do what the author is suggesting.*

God bless you all. Sr. Salvina soc

How to Lead Your Friends to Christ

Jack Graham

Many years ago, Bud Wilkinson, the great old football coach of Oklahoma University, defined the game by saying, “Football is when thousands of fans in the stands desperately in need of exercise are watching 22 young men on the field desperately in need of rest.”

And you know, that could describe the church today in many ways! There are so few in the game actually sharing their faith. Most are in the stands just watching!

But the truth is if you are a follower of Christ... if you claim the Lord Jesus as your personal Lord and Savior... you are called to share your faith with others.

In fact, Jesus said it Himself in Acts 1:8, “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and *you will be my witnesses* in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth” (emphasis added).

Even though Jesus expects us to share our faith, many followers of Christ today find it difficult... even scary. If this describes you today, I want to offer you a word of encouragement:

In spite of your weaknesses, in spite of your past mistakes or struggles, you can be an effective and successful witness for the Lord Jesus Christ.

You can share your faith!

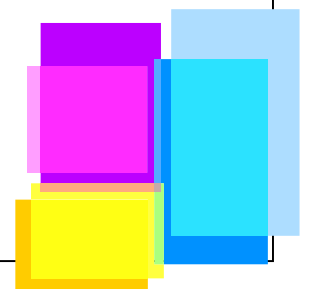
Here’s how. First, **ask God to give you a passion for people**. That’s where it all begins! Sharing your faith isn’t so much a program or technique as it is a passion of the heart. So ask God to give you a burden... a desire... a passion... to talk to your friends and family about Jesus.

Second, **be authentic**. Most people can identify with the ordinary, real experiences you’ve had in your life. So don’t be afraid to let people know how God is working in those ordinary, everyday experiences! Remember... people aren’t looking for perfection. They’re looking for someone who’s real.

Third, **love people unconditionally**. This is a hard one! But this is what Jesus did... and it’s what you and I are to do as well...no matter how people may mistreat or misuse us.

Finally, share Jesus now! This is why Jesus said in John 4:35, “Lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest.” It’s the responsibility of every Christian to introduce as many people as possible to Jesus. Today! Right now!

It’s my prayer that you will get out of your comfort zone this week... and begin sharing your story of God’s grace in your life with those who need to hear it!



Get Together

**In aid of
St. Jeanne Antide Foundation**

**on
Saturday, 13th September 2008**

**at
Centru Antida – Tarxien**



**at
7:30pm**

**Menu
A traditional Maltese Table**

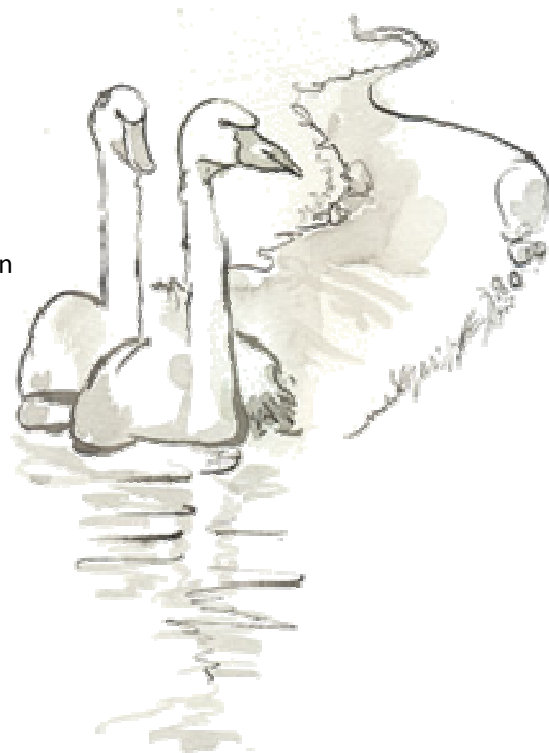
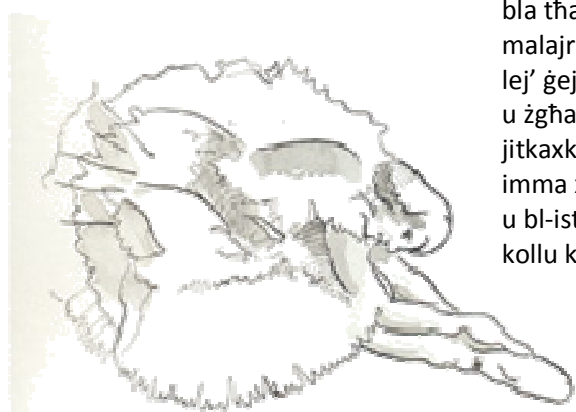
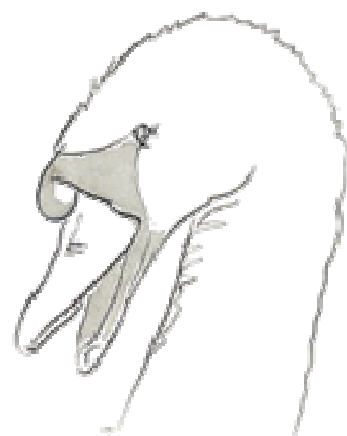
Price: Adults €5.50 Children Under 12: €3.50

*For booking please contact Miriam on 21808981/27672367
by not later than Wednesday 10th September*



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MILL-ĦBIEB TA' STA. ĠIOVANNA ANTIDA

Awwissu 2008 - ESPERJEZA F'MEDJUGORJE

Aħna koppja mill-Ħbieb ta' Santa Ġiov. Antida. Morna Medjugorje (tfisser post bejn il-muntanji). Qabel id-deheriet dal-post lanqas fil-mappa ma kien jidher. Kienu jgħixu billi jkabbru l-għeneb u t-tabakk u jpartuh ma' oġġetti ta' l-ikel jew ħwejjeg.

Laqtitna ħafna d-devozzjoni Marjana qawwija ta' dal-post. Kwantita' kbira ta' nies, żgħar u kbar, bil-kuruna f'idejhom, bil-wieqfa jew għarkuptejhom, jitolbu bil-ħerqa.

Potbrdo (Apparition Hill) hi fejn il-Madonna deheret l-ewwel darba lis-sitt viżjunarji. Fuq din il-muntanja, fil-għaxra ta' bil-lejl, kellna x-xorti li nassistu għall-viżjoni lil Ivan, il-viżjunarju li jara lill-Madonna kuljum. Aħna, biex nilhqu post min ta' quddiem, tlajna il-muntanja fis-sitta. Sa ma sar il-ħin tal-viżjoni, leħqu telgħu eluf ta' nies, anke xjuħ li bil-kemm jimxu sewwa fil-wita', min ġo dak il-ġebel u blat spuntat u għoli, anke ħafjin kien hemm.

Il-Blue Cross, salib miżbugħ blue, mhux daqshekk għolja u iebsa t-triq. Hawn kienet tidrilhom il-Madonna fi żmien il-komunisti, peress li dawn ma' kienu ħallew lil-ħadd jitla' hemm fuq. Dak iż-żmien, waqt waħda mid-derhiet, għaddew is-suldati min ħdejjhom, u ma' rawhomx, għax għattiethom.



Krizevac, muntanja għolja ħafna, bil-passaġġ diffiċli u skabrus għall-aħħar. Fil-quċċata ta' dil-muntanja hemm salib, għoli tmien metri, li kienu bnewh in-nies ta' Medjugorje fl-1900, b'tifkira ta' l-anniversarju tal-mewt ta' Ġesu. Matul it-telgħa, hemm il-Via Sagra. Meta tasal sa' fuq, ħdejn is-salib, tiringrazzja l'Alla doppju. L-ewwel talli tana l-grazzja li nitilgħu, u mbagħad tal-veduta panoramica 180 degrees tal-muntanji tal-madwar, u tal-villaġġ.

Fin-naħa ta' wara tal-knisja, hemm kurċifiss kbir tal-bronz. Ftit snin ilu, min saqajh il-leminijja, ftit l'isfel min irkoptu, beda ħiereg qtar tal-ilma, bħal dmugħ u dan għadu ħiereg mirakulużalment sal-lum. Aħna, bħal eluf ta' nies oħra, ċappasna il-kuruni u l-imkatar u xi oġġetti oħra f'dan l-ilma.

Man-naħa ta' wara tal-knisja bnew tinda kbira u taħta altar kbir. Quddiemhom, arja aperta kbira, b'ħafna bankijiet, joqogħdu eluf, u kulljum ippakjat. Hemm jibdgħu fis-sitta ta' fil-għaxija u jibqgħu sejrini sa tard, bit-talb u l-adorazzjoni.

Fil-ġenb tal-knisja hemm il-kappella ta' l-adorazzjoni, fejn il-pellegrini jistgħu jisimgħu quddiesha bil-lingwa tagħhom. Imma mis-sagħtejn sas-sitta tkun miftugħa għal l-adorazzjoni biss. Min jaf x'jistgħu jisimgħu Ġesu u Marija f'din il-kappella!

Il-knisja parrokkjali ddedikata lil-San Ġakbu. Taf kif jattendu n-nies f'dil-knisja, mhux talli tkun ippakjata, imma n-nies kważi jitolbu fuq xulxin.

Mal-ġenb tal-knisja kwantita kbira ta' saċerdoti jqaraw. Ipoġġu tabella ħdejjhom biex juru b'liema lingwa se jqaraw, min b'waħda, min bi tnejn jew tlieta. Il-qassis Malti li kien magħna, beda jqarar b'erba lingwi, Taljan, Ingliż, Ġermaniż u Malti. Tiskanta, dawk is-saċerdoti kollha, u xorta waħda trid toqgħod fi kju twil għall-qrar. Miraklu ta' konverzjonijiet.

Dan ftit biss għednilkhom. Aħna ma' rajniex ix-xemx tiċċaqlaq, jew is-salib tal-muntanja jdur, jew xi fenomenu ieħor, imma rajna nies bid-dmugħ ġenwin iċarċar ma' wiċċhom, nies għal irkoptejjhom rashom ma' l-art, nies iħarsu ċassi f'wiċċ il-Madonna, ikelmuha min qalbhom għal-Qalbha.

Ħassejna u rajna l-konverzjoni tagħna u ta' eluf ta' pellegrini oħra. Aħna għal dan morna Medjugorje

Qegħdin ngħalqu bil-ħames punti li l-Madonna (GOSPA), qegħda kontinwament twasslilna.

1. Talb mill-qalb – ir-rużarju
2. Ewkaristija
3. Il-Bibbja
4. Is-sawm
5. Qrar darba fix-xagħar



Daniel u Miriam Grech

NEWS UPDATE

Teams of the Reception Centre Projects

Homework Club

Hello everybody,

Homework Club team is getting ready, preparing for the re-opening of the club in October.

Actually we have not closed shop completely. Two of our tutors, held special summer sessions for two of our service users. I personally would like to thank them, for their dedication and good work.

Our little corner (where we keep our files, textbooks ect., has been moved to a room upstairs, everything is now in its place, we are waiting for a desk and some shelving because Nora promised, and Nora is a doer, what she promises, she delivers.

Our first meeting is on the Wednesday 3rd. September. It is going to be our first "Tutors Support" meeting for this term, and we also mean to use this meeting as a brainstorming session, since we are always aware that things can be improved.

Service users' parents are being contacted to find out if we will have the service users of last year (those we have not closed with). Our waiting list is very much present. We hope we will be able to at least for the time being close that list.

See you all on the 13TH. SEPTEMBER for the get together, as a fund raising event towards the foundation.

WE ARE GOING TO BE THERE AND YOU???????

YOUR PRESENCE AND SUPPORT ARE A MUST. PLEASE INFORM MIRIAM OF YOUR BOOKINGS, SHE WILL BE DEGLIGHTED. SEEING WHAT A LOT OF WORK SHE IS PUTTING INTO IT.

Jessie Spiteri

H. W. Club coordinator.



BEAN BAGS Project finally started!!!

Anyone who wishes to order or purchase any of our bean bags can contact Miriam on 21808981 on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 to noon.

**Ċentru Antida****Opening Hours**

**Mill-1 ta' Lulju sal-15 ta' Settembru
Mit-Tnejn sal-Ġimgħa
7:30 - 13:30**

**Mill-16 ta' Settembru sat 30 ta' Ġunju
Mit-Tnejn sal-Ġimgħa
8:00 - 13:00 2:00 - 17:00**

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