

## Friends of the Comboni Missionary Sisters

Being a *friend* of the Comboni Missionary Sisters is much more than just a "*friendship*". It has such deep significance because as the *friendship* grows you come to realize that you are part of a mission that started with Saint Daniel Comboni hundreds of years ago. As Comboni said "*I die but my work does not die*" becomes a reality today as the friends and Comboni Sisters work together for the mission.

*Friends* of the Sisters have come together in a spirit of friendship and common cause and understanding. The friends want to learn more about the mission of St. Comboni and to support the Sisters in that mission. In order for the Sisters to continue their work around the world it is important that we work to help them continue to educate the Sisters and to help with education and training of those who come to the vocation.

We meet with the Comboni Sisters to work and plan for the future and to learn how we can be instrumental in seeing that those plans come to fruition.

The support the friends give the Sisters comes in many forms. There is fund raising for the education of the Sisters, there is prayer support, there is worship, there is encouragement and help in the day to day needs that may arise. The Comboni Sisters have been such an inspiration in many of our lives and always a *FRIEND* to each of us as well as our community.

The friends have a Comboni Feast Day Celebration twice each year which gives us an opportunity to learn more about their founder, Daniel Comboni, as well as how the Sisters follow their call to the mission. We also have a dinner each year to celebrate the Sisters and this is also a fundraiser. Sr. Yolanda has been a champion in selling raffle tickets for the dinner which has raised money for the scholarship fund. Christmas Cards, which are for sale, were printed with original portraits by Sr. Lucy. This has been successful as a fundraiser also. The cards serve a dual purpose. They raise money for the educational fund as well as providing a vehicle to spread the word about the Comboni Sisters.

God blesses us with friends and we are grateful to be friends of the Comboni Sisters.