

Sr. Lohini Fernando writes.....

Covid 19, you made the whole world stand still. Before you came, the whole world was running a rat race to reach the sky forgetting all about the creation. We too were busy and running without stopping to reach the height. Now you have stopped all of us and limited us to our own premises.



COVID 19, with your arrival most affected vulnerable are the Children and the Elders. You made the children to stay at home without running to school and to tuition classes. And you have confined our Elders to stay within the premises. Elders, who had been so actively contributed to develop our society, are now staying at home. No one comes to see them neither they go out to see their relatives.



Months and months they look at each other and staying in the Home. How could we take them out of their monotonous situation? We wanted to give them different **exposures/experiences** in order to break this monotonous way of life of what they are tired of.



The month of May, for Sri Lanka it is a very important month; because Sri Lankans irrespective of religions enjoy Vesak celebration. Vesak plays, pandols, dansals, lighting of lanterns, etc. Our Elders too go out to enjoy this colorful celebration. The few Buddhist residents go to the temple and observe Sill.



But Corona stopped all these events and confined all of us to our home. So we wanted to give them this experience in our premises.



So the sisters helped the Elders to make lanterns. Unfortunately due to heavy rain could not decorate our road with lanterns. So we decorated the verandahs. Our Buddhist residents couldn't go to the temple; so we invited a Buddhist Monk from the temple and made residents to observe Sill.

Also without their knowledge we organized Dansals; we made a hut outside and provided all the meals from there. Our Parish Priest, the Assistant and the Rector of the Seminary were the Chief Guests to open the Dansals. Whole day our residents enjoyed thoroughly and they were very happy. All the Sisters in the community supported to make this event a successful one.

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