

“Faith, Resilience, and Service” The Inspiring Journey of AFJM in Timor Leste

Beginning in September 2019, the AFJM has skilfully weaved a rich tapestry of faith and resilience over four life-changing years in the picturesque settings of Timor Leste, where the majesty of nature serves as a backdrop.

This narrative unfolds against the backdrop of a community deeply rooted in spirituality, where the AFJM's commitment to unity and service has become a source of inspiration amidst the challenges of our times. Monthly gatherings, briefly interrupted by the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, served as a beacon of unity within this tight-knit community.



Post-pandemic, the AFJM journey was illuminated by the inspiring stories of St. Claudine and Blessed Dina, enriched by the essence of Charism. The rhythmic grace of Lectio Divina became a cornerstone, deepening the spirituality of the group. January 2021 marked the launch of the AFJM project—a significant milestone driven by a profound commitment to "Service for Others." Monthly forays into the community,

blending visits, and Lectio Divina prayers were designed to cultivate and nurture the roots of faith. AFJM members, survivors of the 2002 Timor War, carried scars like St. Claudine, turning them into a love for seeing God's goodness.

Through shared suffering, faith and forgiveness bloomed, creating a deep bond within the group.



Looking to the future, the AFJM set striving goals—strengthening bonds with RJM sisters,



utilizing monthly meetings as hubs for support and innovation, and exploring a comprehensive understanding through studies of AFJM Statutes and Charism. Motivation served as the heartbeat of their aspirations, weaving JM priorities into daily life and extending their circle

through outreach to the marginalized.

The AFJM in Timor Leste emerged not just as a group but as a living narrative—a tale of faith, resilience, and service echoing through hills and valleys, touching lives with each remarkable step. Despite a temporary decrease in the frequency of meetings, visits, and outreach activities, there is a hopeful anticipation for a rejuvenation of these processes, aiming to once again spread the group's Charism and the active goodness of God.

