

ST. Mary's Rehabilitation and Development Centre, Ipetumodu , Nigeria

ST. Mary's Rehabilitation and Development Centre, Ipetumodu, Nigeria, celebrated its Silver Jubilee in November, 2013. In many ways, the Centre, founded by the Daughters of the Holy Spirit, has succeeded in bringing people with disabilities to accept themselves, and the parents, guardians and the community, in particular, to respect the dignity of the challenged ones : - Children with auditory Disorders(Hearing impaired children) - Children with physical and health impairments(physically handicapped), and – Children with learning disabilities - Parents, families and guardians of People with Disabilities (PWD) - The general public for a better understanding of the People with Disabilities (PWD).

OUR VISION: - To build a Community where respect for and promotion of human dignity of challenged children are held sacred. - To encourage the parents and guardians of children with special needs to enlist them for education/training appropriate to their needs. - In this way, the challenged children will be fully alive and active, realizing their potentials in a just, safe and free environment.

OUR STRENGTHS: - In the spirituality and Charism of the Congregation of Daughters of the Holy Spirit - And in men and women of goodwill who are charitable with their time, talents and treasures - as well as organizations that are helping to bring about meaningful, qualitative and quantitative change in the lives of the children with special needs.

OUR CHALLENGES: People with disabilities face many challenges. They are often marginalized. They are stereotyped by people who do not understand how they are able to live with their conditions. Not all places are easily accessible to them. More measures need to be put in place in order to help those with various disabilities to become active members of the society.

At 25, we can say “Thank God”, though “The Work Is Still Enormous”.

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