



**Youth Ministry at a public school in the vicinity of Ngkor.**



**Visiting the lonely and the sick.**



**A catechism class.**



**Kids at the mission nursery and Kindergarten.**



**Sisters and Candidates in the Ngkor Community.**

## **THE NGKOR MISSION**

The community of the “Sacro Costato” Sisters at Ngkor is made up of five missionaries and a group of candidates to religious life, currently discerning their own vocation. It runs a nursery for the children of poor families and offers home-crafts training to the young women of the village; many of them are widows with no chance of encountering employment.

The Sisters and candidates take part in various parish activities, ranging from youth ministry (including leading catechism classes), to leading prayer and Eucharistic services, and visiting the elderly and the sick.

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## **The “Sacro Costato” Lay Association**

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# **A WELL FOR INDONESIA**



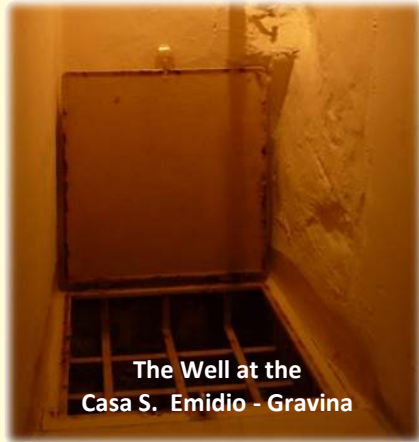
*«... I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink.... Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family you did it to me».*

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## DON EUSTACHIO AND HIS



Many of those who knew Don Eustachio, the founder of the Sacro Costato Sisters, witness to his concrete way of living the seven "Works of Mercy". Through his generous outreach he turned these "Works of Mercy" into his own lifestyle and a way of life for others, that witnessed his preferential option for the poor. One of those who witnessed to his holiness portrays him as he "gave drink to the thirsty":

*«Don Eustachio had a big heart: though he himself was very poor, he generously shared with his neighbors and the needy all that he had. At one time, running water was available only at the "Casa Sant'Emidio" . Don Eustachio willingly shared it out with all those who knocked at his door. In 1912, there was a severe drought and the only place to draw water from was the "Casa Sant'Emidio" . Don Eustachio's door was open to all.*

*Some at the Casa were afraid that the well could run dry and the water run out. But Don Eustachio assured them that there would always be water in the well. Inexplicably, the level of the water never decreased. (ASCO, Testimonials).*

## A WELL FOR NGKOR INDONESIA

In 2013 the "Sacro Costato" Sisters founded a new mission in Ngkor, a poor village in the Ruteng district of Flores, one of the countless islands that make up Indonesia.

Ngkor is devoid of any infrastructure and communal services. It is a long and tedious walk to the closest spring. The locals need to trudge along for some 8 hours through mountainous terrain, to haul whatever water they need. The water is then channeled to the village through a very rudimentary piping, exposed to all kinds of weather conditions. It carries the water to the communal reservoir at Ngkor and to the water tanks of the parish Church and the mission.

Unfortunately, before reaching Ngkor, a lot of that precious water is arbitrarily deviated along the way. Farmers tamper with the pipeline connections and channel it to their own fields, to irrigate their crops. Notwithstanding all the effort that goes into drawing water, it continues to be a scarce, and often completely absent, commodity.



The Sisters too need to go to the communal reservoir more and more often to draw some water. And that is some fifteen minutes' walk from their mission and residence. Then, they have to walk back home, carrying their precious water. Their project, therefore, is to dig a mission well at Ngkor and thus address their permanent shortage. It could make water a less precious commodity both for the Sisters themselves as well as the poor they serve.

## The "Sacro Costato" Lay Association

during the current *Holy Year of Mercy* (2015-2016), espouses and promotes the following project:

### "A WELL FOR INDONESIA"

The Association has committed to donate the proceeds of all the charity activities it will hold and invites its members, friends and benefactors to direct donations to this project.

