

**September - October 2019 Appeal**  
**ST VERONICA WELFARE COMMITTEE, P.O. BOX 5098, WEST END, 4101**  
**APPEAL FOR FUNDS TO ASSIST THE SISTERS OF THE FRANCISCAN**  
**MISSIONARIES OF MARY IN SRI LANKA ESTABLISH A TEMPORARY SAFE**  
**HOUSE FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

For many years St Veronica's has worked with Sister Placida and other Franciscan Sisters, providing funds for sponsorship and counselling and vocational training for victims of the thirty-year civil war, as well as resettling slum dwellers, funding skills training and equipment to assist them in earning a living wage. Currently, Sister Placida is working in the north west of Sri Lanka, an underdeveloped district and area which, until the catastrophic Easter Sunday bombings, had been largely unaffected by ethnic violence. In the aftermath of the bombing tragedy which resulted in over 250 deaths and 500 wounded, Sister Placida supported the local Muslim population who were both innocent victims of the bombings and the subsequent anti-Muslim hostility.

Now Sister is addressing the major issue of domestic violence in the area. This violence places an enormous burden on affected families, especially women and children, who suffer greatly with many victims isolated with no safe place where they can go.

After consultation with local community groups, it was decided that an essential first step should be the establishment of a temporary safe house, where vulnerable women and children can seek refuge, until it is safe to either return to their homes or an alternative dwelling place.

This appeal seeks to raise funds to assist Sister Placida and the local population establish a 'safe house' where victims are provided with shelter and support.



**To: St Veronica Welfare Committee – APPEAL FOR FUNDS TO ASSIST THE FRANCISCAN SISTERS PROVIDE A TEMPORARY SAFE HOUSE FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

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