

Slovak Red Cross, territorial department Humenné

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

In Humenné, 5.5.2022

Dear Sister Agnesa,

Unfortunately, my work tasks did not allow me to meet you in person, so please allow me a few lines, at least in this letter.

I am going to be very personal.

It is difficult for me to find the words to thank you so much for such an immense help and especially the sacrifice that our Organisation, but most of all us personally, have received thanks to your sisters Tadea and Joachyma.

I can't find the words, I am afraid they don't capture sufficiently my gratitude in letters, for what they have sown in all of us, how much peace, humility, despite the fact that from every side we were all deployed directly into the field, not knowing what was waiting for us where.

I also don't know if I can find such strong words of gratitude for the fact that in such a difficult time we were able to be so close to them and so spiritually strengthened by them.

Many times, more than one of us needed it as seeing so much sadness and difficult stories was also very challenging for us - staff and volunteers.

They have been helping us from the first minute they were sent by us, at their request, to serve in the detention camp where there were several dozen Roma mothers with children, where they provided medical consultations, psychological help, interpreting, accompanying them to medical facilities, then similar consultations in the tent camp in the town, assisting at the registration centre, where they help the deportees with counselling, interpreting, saying supportive words, to the enormous physically demanding work in our unexpectedly established food dispensing point of the Slovak Red Cross in Humenné.

And I am not mentioning the long conversations (with the Sisters) that have brought light to these, at times, very sad and still uncertain days.

It is an immense honour to know them, many of us have never had such an opportunity to work with Religious sisters in our lives.

Believe me, for the rest of my life I will remember the day God sent them here.

I wish you and your entire Congregation good health, God's blessings, peace of mind, love in your heart and a smile on your face.

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Humenné