IN MEMORIAM
Mrs Clare Ann Kalkwarf D.M.



With deep regret we have learnt about the sudden death of Mrs Clare Kalkware, Dame of Magistral Grace of the Sovereign Order of Malta, and member of the South African Association of the Order of Malta and of the Brotherhood of Blessed Gérard in Mandeni/South Africa. On 6 April 2006, she became victim of a gunshot at her own house in Mandeni. Having been the Vice-President and a founding member of the Brotherhood of Blessed Gérard she just went home from a dedicated members meeting when she surprised burglars at her home having taken her husband Geoff as hostage already. Clare Klakwarf was a board member of the Catholic Health Care Association and bore the Silver Medal of the "Order pro merito melitensi" of the Order of Malta. As Vice-Director of Blessed Gérard's Care Centre she supported as a project manager the Hospice HAART Programme and coordinated the Children's Home and the Community Development Centre. Further on she was responsible for a Bursary Fund the Blessed Gérard's Poor Sick Fund and the Relief Fund of the foundation. Father Gérard T. Lagleder O.S.B., President of the Brotherhood, described her "unparalleled efficiency and determination to do whatever is possible to alleviate the sufferings of the sick, the poor and the destitute" only topped by "her very motherly way, which won the hearts".
According to her last wish Clare Kalkwarf was buried on the ground of Blessed Gérards Care Centre on 18 April. Next to her grave a natal mahogany tree was planted.

We are deeply shocked by this cruel murder. Our deep sympathy and our prayers go to her husband and her whole family, to her friends and colleagues as well as to the whole Brotherhood of Blessed Gérard and all those she leaves behind. Clare Kalkware has died in the service of a better South Africa. She will be with us in our prayers, and we shall never forget her.

R. I. P.

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With deep regret we had also to learn about the death of two staff members of Caritas International in Sri Lanka. Pathmanathan Shanmugaratnam and Chevendra Pradeepkumar died in an ambush in northern Sri Lanka on 11 April when returning from a Tsnumi project. We wish a speedy recovery for the two staff members who were injured in the ambush.

In Afghanistan, our partner organisation Norwegian Project Office (NPO) lost five working members in the field. All of them where located in a health care centre in the village of Dar-e-Boom, 30 km north of Qala-e-Nau, capital of the Badghis province in Western Afghanistan. On 10 April an armed group entered the health care centre at 1 a.m. and shot Dr. Mohammed Ewaz, Mohammed Yasin, Dr. Sayd Abdul and Bashir Ahmad from the medical team as well as their driver Gholam Mohammad dead. The reason for the killing and the committers are still unknown. Already since 2003, Malteser International supports health care centres in the province of Badghis and runs an office in Qala-e-Nau.

We are deeply shocked by these cruel murders, and we would like to express our heartfelt condolences to Caritas International and Norwegian Project Office, the colleagues of the killed staff members, their families and all those they leave behind. Our thoughts and prayers are with their families.

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