

From Peru with Love



Juanita and Julia with the almost completed wall hanging

This beautiful wall hanging has been made for St Rose school at Collaroy by the women who live in Tres de Mayo and Cerro Candela in the poorer section of Lima. A group of 15 women came together to plan and make this wall hanging after seeing the designs sent by the children from St Rose School. The women tried to incorporate the ideas of the children in their own creative way, and this wall hanging has special significance for the women since they have a special love and devotion to St Rose of Lima.

The two mothers whose children are being sponsored by St Rose School, Juana and Maria Isabel, made the little dolls that are seen in front of the image of St Rose. They particularly wanted to do something special to show their thanks to the school in Collaroy and so their dolls are the ones in Peruvian dress while the other doll children are dressed in the school uniform.



The two women who made the Peruvian doll- children in the wall hanging. Maria Isabel with her daughter Maria Esther and the twins. Juana whose daughter Natalia and her son Luis have been helped by St Rose School. In the photo, at home, with some of the other dolls she has made.

The group of women were so happy to be able to work together on this large hanging. "It was a real challenge for us," said Juanita," as it was bigger than anything we had made before, but we had such fun working together and were so excited to see the finished product. We are really happy to know that our work will be blessed by the Bishop for the 40th Anniversary of the school and that it will be a constant reminder of the link between Lima and Collaroy."

Another group of 12 women worked on the book marks for the anniversary. Meche was instrumental in working out the design based on the school logo . During the school holidays, she gathered together a group of 12 women to do the crochet and make the book marks.



- *Meche who organised to make the crochet book marks, with two of her helpers , Carmen and Olinda, in the Women's House.*

"It was a work of love from us, because we are so grateful for all the help that St Rose School has given us through selling our goods and helping some of the students. We hope these book-marks will be a special way to remember the links between Lima and Collaroy via Saint Rose, our own Peruvian Saint. "We are thrilled to know that there is a school called St Rose there in Collaroy, Australia, and we are very grateful to be asked to make something special for their 40th Anniversary."





Juanita who helped make the wall hanging. She sells chickens in the local market
Nelly and her sister Elena who helped make the bookmarks. Photo taken outside their house.



Some of the women who helped make the wall hanging. Photo taken in their class in the women's house.
Maria ,with her three children, one of the women who helped crochet the book marks.



Alejandrina, who helped make the dolls in the wall hanging. This photo taken in her house .with some of the monkeys and dolls she has made.



Anna who helped make the book marks



Some of the other women who helped make the wall hanging. Photo taken in their class at the Women's House.