

In his tender years, he received an inspiration from the Lord to pray for vocations for the sanctification of the world. He nurtured this gift while he was growing up. When he was about to be ordained as priest, he lived with the poor in the Avignone Quarters, Messina, Italy. Such experience became the foundational moment of his activities. It was in that place that he realized the real need to pray for vocations and to assist the poor in their quest for total human development.◆ Out of the desire to continue such noble endeavor, he founded two Congregations: The Rogationists of the Heart of Jesus and the Daughters of Divine Zeal. Orphanages for the boys and girls were also founded.</p> <p style="margin-bottom: 0.0001pt; text-indent: 0.5in; line-height: normal" class="105BText">Inspired by the spirit and experience of St. Hannibal during his time,◆ SHEC endeavors to continue such work of praying for vocations and of empowering the poor for their integral human formation. </p>