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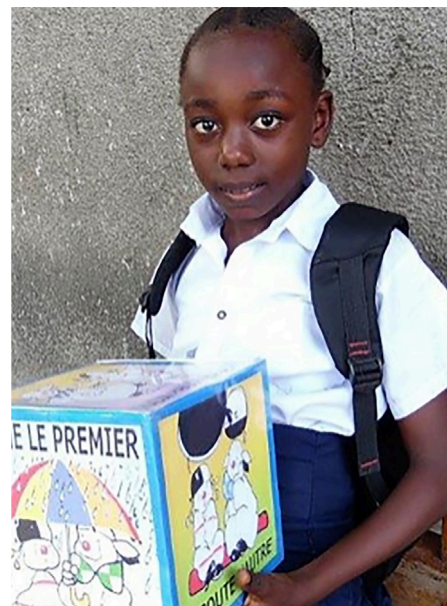
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Do you know Sony Kimbenga Berve-di? Here she is with a big dice in her hand. It is the cube of peace: on each face there is written a "little phrase" that can be lived to build a more beautiful world, where we love each other and there is peace. Sony threw the dice and the phrase "be the first to love" came up: she is happy and wants a photo to remember this moment.



It is the last photo we have of her, because a few days later, on February 12, 2019, Sony unexpectedly flew to heaven! But who was Sony, why was this phrase so important to her? Sony is an African gen4, born in Kinshasa in the Congo, on April 3, 2009. She is the second of three children.

Her parents know the Focolare Movement and try to live the Art of loving in the family. Sony participates in the gen4 meetings, knows the cube of love (where on every face there is an evangelical phrase of the Art of love) and does not miss an opportunity to experience what the cube suggests!

A surprise

Sony is a very kind girl with everyone, one day in agreement with her family, she goes on a long journey to make a surprise visit to her uncles and cousins. She stays to play with them, she stops by her uncles and aunts to greet them and then she returns home, leaving everyone with a great joy.



To live the culture of giving and sharing

Sony is generous. When she receives some small gift she immediately shares it and makes it available to others, even toys or good things to eat.



Bringing love everywhere

At 7 years old Sony starts going to school; since her family moved to another city, Sony went to live with her aunt, to attend the “Petite Flamme Mokali” (Little Flame Mokali), one of the schools of the Focolare Movement in Kinshasa, where her aunt was teaching. It is a new environment, with new children and new teachers. But she immediately starts making friends: she smiles at everyone and greets them.

No one has ever seen Sony arguing with another child. In just five months, she made friends with everyone. She lived with commitment the phrases of the cube of the art of loving that in this school was launched every morning, before starting the school activities.



At school: everything belongs to me

Sony loves to study, but also to be useful to others; since the school offers lunch to the students and there is a group of mothers who do this work, Sony never leaves them do it by themselves. After eating, she helps to wash the cups. She often arrives very early in the morning and starts cleaning the blackboard, putting the class in order without anyone asking her to do it, putting the books and the colored pencils back in their place. Then, after school, while waiting for her aunt, Sony goes around in the other classes and if there are papers or other garbage in the yard she picks it up and discards it discreetly.



I do it: Be the first to love

The teachers recall that it was once the turn of her class group to clean the classroom, but the other companions quickly returned home without doing the work. Sony did not get discouraged and did all the cleaning by herself. This meant concretely lifting the chairs, sweeping, putting everything back in place and dusting. The teachers only at the end realized that Sony was doing all the cleaning by herself. This has happened more than once, because she did it even when it was not her turn.



The cube of peace

At school, Sony comes to know the cube of peace. Sony's happiness is very great when, throwing the cube, the facet which comes up is "Be the first to love". Sony is so enthusiastic that she immediately asks for a photo with the cube of peace in her hand.



Her race towards heaven

A few days later Sony does not feel well and since her health gets worse she is transferred to the hospital. She left us for heaven on February 12th 2019. Immediately the news of her death arrived all over the world and she reached all the friends who live the cube of peace. Sony will be our guardian angel and with her help we will carry on her deepest desire.



A special mandate!

The password that Sony Bervedi has left us is the point of the art of loving of the cube of peace: “Be the first to love”. She has always lived like this: her picture with the dice expresses the secret of her happiness.

Now Sony from heaven will continue to be a builder of peace and help us to spread the “secrets” that will to help bring peace to the Congo too. With her photo the “Living Peace” project was launched also in his beautiful country





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