

# ARCHE NOAH HOME Philippines



**RAMADAN INSIDE THE HOME**– Hedaya has been in the home since 2013. As a Muslim, we encourage to practice the teachings of her religion just like how we encourage the other children.

*"I have always been grateful living inside the Arche Noah and all the more observing the Ramadan. My Muslim brothers & sisters inside the home are also observing this holy month. It is enjoyable that we get to prepare together. Even the non-Muslims sometimes join us because they wanted to experience it, too. It also made me realize how lucky I am to be in this home because I get to eat my meals everyday whether it's Ramadan or not. And I am always happy to observe this holy month."*

## INTERFAITH YOUTH FOR NONVIOLENT COMMUNICATION



AN children and young people from various churches  
(Catholic, Protestant, Born Again)

The children living in the home are both Muslims & Christians and aside from their formation being anchored on Nonviolent Communication, we also integrate Interreligious and Interfaith Dialogue in their formation. Last February 19, with the joint effort of the AN Home and other religious sectors in the community where AN is, we had a workshop on Basics of Nonviolent Communication with the AN children and the youth from different churches (e.g. Catholic, Protestant, Born Again). Children of AN are not new to NVC, however, the young people who joined them are first-timers to NVC. According to these young people, they wished they had known NVC way before and hoped that NVC will be introduced not just to them but to all the young people who advocates for peace and social change. Another workshop is scheduled for this group on the deepening of NVC,



## LENT & RAMADAN- AT THE SAME TIME (2023)

The occurrence of Ramadan and Lent happening at the same time is such a rare opportunity yet wonderful, especially for the children inside the home who are from different faiths. With this, the children are able to share their religious values and compassion with one another. These two religious observances also highlight faith & sacrifice of each other. Despite coming from different walks of life and having different faiths, the children who have been living together for almost 10 years celebrated this unpredictable yet amazing chance. According to experts, this happens only once every 30 years.

