



Comunitatea Ortodoxă Arabă din România

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER AND ACTION FOR CHILDREN (DPAC)

ACTIVITY REPORT

SAINT DUMITRU-POȘTĂ ORTHODOX CHURCH, BUCHAREST

25 November, 2012

Theme: *“Stop Violence Against Children”*

Locatie: Saint Dumitru-Poștă Orthodox Church, Bucharest

Data: 25 November, 2012

Participants:

1. Members of the Arab Orthodox Community in Romania;
2. Parish priests of the Community;
3. Members of the parish (adults and children);
4. 25 children aged 3-7 years from Kindergarten no. 24, Bucharest.

Facilitators:

1. Doina Rotaru;
2. Diana Zotea;
3. Georgiana-Simona State.

Activity description

The activity has been coordinated in cooperation with father Mihai Gojgar, the parish priest of Saint Dumitru Orthodox Church:

- the priest had a special prayer on this occasion for more love and peaceful time and unity of nations for a best future of the children of the world;
- one of the facilitators presented the DPAC mission and vision with a brief history of the themes celebrated in the previous years in order to make known the religious values regarding stopping of violence against children;
- the parish priest presented in his speech the teaching of love towards children, the forms of violence, and the responsibilities of parents in looking after their children according to the Christian faith beside the role of the school in the formation of children;
- Some children from Kindergarten no. 24 from Bucharest presented poems and religious songs;
- The children had been served with sweets and candies.

Outcomes

Positive/negative aspects and logistics:

- As a result of the activity, the participants became aware about DPAC and the teachings of the Church regarding the prevention and stopping the acts of violence against children.
- On the Sunday when we celebrated DPAC, the posters about the day were not placed in visible places so that parishioners can be informed about the event even before entering the church;
- DPAC has not been emphasized enough during the activity so that parishioners to understand that this and the theme promoted was the main purpose of the event.