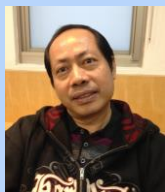




CM Parish in Tainan, closed!

In line with the reconfiguration process of CM in Taiwan, the Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Tainan City was officially closed last January 12. Before its closure, Fr. Paul Liang, an 83-year old confrere used to say Sunday Mass just for 10-15 parishioners. With this kind of situation, the Provincial Visitor decided to close the parish permanently and to make some strategic plans for the place to make it more useful for present times. He asked Beunen Foundation to study the possibility of using the place for social services.

Fr. Eko echoes in Taiwan



After doing pastoral works for almost 3 years with foreign community in Tianjin, China, Fr. Eko Presatyo agreed to do another ministry in Taipei, Taiwan. He arrived last January 14 after almost 4 months of applying for missionary visa from his country of origin, Indonesia. At present, he is studying Mandarin to enhance his language fluency in preparation for his new assignments. He will take the newly created offices of Director for On-going Formation and Director of Student-Priests from China, as well as Director for Vocation Promotion. Study hard and good luck to your new works!

Beijing quasi-house got new leader

After consulting with the Provincial Council and confreres living in China, the Provincial Visitor appointed Fr. Paul Xi as the new superior of the CM quasi-house in China. Before him was Fr. Pawel Wierbicki who reached his term-limit as a superior. Fr. Paul, a local Chinese confrere assumed his office to lead 5 foreign confreres and 3 locals in a very challenging and extraordinary situation of community living. May the community in China prosper under his leadership.

CM celebrate 389th Foundation

Together with parishioners from southern and eastern parts of Taiwan, confreres celebrate the CM anniversary at St. Vincent's Parish in Tainan last January 24, 2014. The Eucharistic celebration was simple yet joyful as the Provincial Visitor formally welcomed Fr. Vincent Yang (a Korean confrere from Philippine Province) to the province. The Provincial Visitor also took the occasion to launch the newly publish FamVin book of prayers. At the end of the Mass, the bishop of Tainan gave short remarks and was happy to meet some of his old CM friends.



New FamVin book of prayers in Mandarin

After several years of stalled translation process, the FamVin book of prayers in Mandarin is now available. The new translated prayer book was launched last January 26, 2014 to coincide with CM foundation anniversary. The Provincial Visitor gave each confrere and each DC community a copy of the book for free. Others who are interested to have a copy can buy from



the Provincial Office. Thanks to those who worked hard to finish this project.

Taipei community visit oldest confrere

Immediately after the CM anniversary celebration last January 24, the community of Taipei went to a home for the aged in Tainan City to visit the oldest confrere in the Province, Fr. Augustin Chen. He has been taken care for several years now by an institution managed by DCs. At the age of 92, Fr. Chen could not speak nor move and has been very sickly. Seeing him somehow reminds everybody that old age and sickness are inevitable but there is a sweet assurance that there is a community who will take care when that time arrives.



It's Year of the Horse



Confreres and parishioners in Taiwan and China celebrated the Year of Wooden Horse with parties, meals, red envelopes (with money inside), home visits and excursions days before and after Chinese New Year. Confreres and priest-residents in Taipei were invited almost daily by friends and parishioners, while confreres in Taidong were busy celebrating Masses for New Year and weddings. Confreres in the south only have time to visit friends and family days after Chinese New Year. It was perennially busy time too for local confreres working in parishes in China as parishioners went back for vacation to their original parish. Although the holiday is shorter than previous years, yet it was a time to celebrate and give thanks as the snake bade goodbye and the horse trots in.

New director for Mission in China



To give clearer direction and effective implementation of plans for China, a new office for Director for Mission was officially created during the Council Meeting last February 12. Fr. Joseph Loftus was assigned to this office with an expectation of having a successful leadership and management of pastoral, evangelical and social works according to the strategic direction set by the Province. Good luck to you Fr. Joe!

Confreres visit Lanya construction project

Confreres from Taipei visited the construction site of the future Provincial House and Shrine of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal in Lanya, Taipei last February 13. The main structures of the whole 7-storey building are now constructed and the roof will be placed soon. Constructed on a garden of former kindergarten school and parish church, the building will have a chapel, small museum, Provincial office, a living room and 7 private rooms. Hopefully, the Provincial Visitor can move in to the new building by end of 2015.



BIRTHDAYS

March 11: Fr. Henricus Susilo (1970)
April 11: Fr. Henk De Cuijper (1937)

ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES

March 19: Fr. Cor Willems (1963)
April 3: Fr. Johannes T'sai (1954)
April 5: Fr. Paul Xi (1987)
April 12: Fr. Francis Fang (1972)