



# Perbayre Sparks

October 2014



## 3 priests from China enter Navitiate

After an intensive 3-day retreat, 2 priests from Jiangxi and another priest from Shandong, China formally entered the internal seminary program last September 1, 2014. Present during the simple Eucharist celebration were some confreres, DCs and few parishioners. The simple ceremony marked the start of their 6 months of continuous formation in a retreat house at Shuangshu, Diocese of Tianjin. Their continuous formation is already a very good arrangement considering the sensitive situation in China. With guidance from their formators, Frs. Paul Xi and Thomas Gao, may their journey into our community be successful and meaningful.

## 2 new faces in Shilin Perbayre House

Two more are added to the growing number of residents of Shilin's Perbayre House by the arrival of a diocesan priest from Hengsui Diocese, China last September 9 and a seminarian from Beijing Diocese last September 11. Fr. Peter Jiang Pin, who has been ordained priest for 3 years, starts his three-year studies at Furen University, while Sem. Francis Dou Teng is on his last year of studies. Sem. Dou is a former Jesuit seminarian and is now under his original diocese.

## Fr. Augustin Cheng, 92

After years of staying at home for the elderly and suffering from severe illness, Fr. Augustin Cheng eventually succumbed to his death last September 14, 2014. Considered as the oldest in the Chinese Province, Fr. Cheng stayed his last active years in the former Provincial House of Chinese confreres in Sze Hu. A quite yet hard-working confrere, Fr. Cheng was one of the last 2 Chinese CM priests of his generation to study and ordained in the Philippines. His funeral was held last September 29, 2014 attended by most of confreres and by parishioners from Tainan and Taipei. His remains was laid to rest at the CM cemetery in Tainan.



## Welcoming a former missionary in Taiwan



Fr. Stephen Gallegos, a former missionary in Taiwan from the Western Province came back to Taiwan last September 19 for a month-long visit and to attend the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his former parish in Kangshan. Fr. Steve came to Taiwan as a professed lay brother and later was ordained priest after undergoing formation for priesthood. He served the people in Taiwan for decades until he decided to go back to his mother Province in 2011. A welcome party was held in his honor at Perbayre Center last September 20, 2014. He was happy to meet again his former parishioners and friends

who are all part of his life in Taiwan.

## Kangshan Parish celebrate 60<sup>th</sup>

Kangshan's St. Vincent de Paul Parish celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary with grand Mass and big festivities last September 28, 2014. The parish's multi-cultural community of Taiwanese, Filipinos and Vietnamese gathered in their newly-renovated church for Eucharistic celebration presided by Bishop Liu of Kaohsiung Diocese and concelebrated by more than 20 priests. During the Eucharistic celebration, 5 adult parishioners received the Sacrament of Confirmation while 6 people received the Sacrament of Baptism. Newly established SSVP group with its 10 members made their oath-taking too. After the Eucharist, a banquet was served with some cultural dances and songs to enjoy.

The parish was established by American confreres and have been a home for many confreres. Fr. Paul Pham, a Vietnamese confrere is the present pastor of the said parish.

## Confreres go on retreat

Confreres in Taiwan and China simultaneously held their retreat last October 13-17, 2014. In Taiwan, they held it in Beatitude Mountain Pastoral Center, Kaohsiung with Fr. Victor Beiler, an Indonesian confrere, as their retreat facilitator. Fr. Beiler gave talks in English on some interesting themes based on letters and practices of St. Vincent de Paul. With the help of Holy Spirit and skills of confreres for translation, everybody was able to understand and learn from his wisdom and expertise. While Fr. Paul Han, a Chinese SVD led the group in China which they held in a retreat house at Hengsui. Hopefully, the retreat gave enough energy and spirit to continue the rigors of their ministries.



## New Assignments out

At the end of the annual retreat, the Provincial visitor formally announced the 1<sup>st</sup> batch of new assignments of some confreres. Fr. Yohanes Murjiyono will take the parish in Wuxinjie, Taipei and Fr. Dominic Hong will become the new pastor of Fr. Murjiyono's parish in Tainan. Fr. Matthew Thundiyl will be the new pastor in Dawu, Taidong where Fr. Hong is presently working. Fr. Rindo Karippai, an Indian confrere who is still studying Mandarin in Kaohsiung will move later to Beijing. Fr. Pawel Wierzbicki will have his sabbatical by going to Boston, USA for short courses on psycho-spirituality.

According to Provincial Visitor, the new assignments are just only the 1<sup>st</sup> batch. Confreres are now guessing who will move to where for the 2<sup>nd</sup> batch.

## Round 2 for SVVP groups

3 months after the first round of meeting, SSVP groups gathered again last October 18, 2014 in Kaohsiung to continue with their discussion on how to develop a national conference. Mr. Maurice Yang, the National President of Hong Kong SSVP presided the meeting which was attended by leaders and advisers (who are all confreres) who are all hoping to strengthen their services and groups.



## Confreres attend Msgr. Schraven seminar

Frs. J. Van Aert and Aloysius Budijanto from Taiwan and several confreres residing in China attended the seminar on Msgr. Schraven and his companions in Shijiazhuang last October 28-30, 2014. Some of the distinguished visitors in the seminar were the CM Postulator General, Fr. Shijo, a dozen Dutch people led by auxiliary bishop of Roermond, the Netherlands and Provincial Visitors of Slovenia and Chinese Provinces. The seminar highlighted the circumstances behind the heroism of Msgr. Schraven and his companions. Through the efforts of Faith Institute for Cultural Studies and support from other organizations, the seminar was successful in bringing into light the works of Catholic Church and of C.M. in protecting the local people during war.

### *In the know...*

Entered C.M. in July 28, 1963

Took vows in May 1968

Had seminary formation in Holy Rosary Seminary, Naga, Philippines (1965-1969)

Ordained by Pope Paul VI on Nov. 28, 1970 in Manila, Philippines

Was assistant parish priest of Tianmu (1971-72), Shilin (1972-74), Shipai (1974-77)

Was the executive secretary of Bishop's Conference for Commission on Clergy (1979-82)

Was pastor of Shilin (1982-92), Taixi (1992-94), St. Mary's - Kaoshiung (1994-2002)

*Fr. Augustin Cheng Wen Ching, CM*



### **BIRTHDAYS**

November 6: Fr. Peter Reedy (1955)

December 27: Fr. Richard Preuss (1946)

### **ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES**

December 4: Fr. Matthew Thundiyl (1977)

### **FEASTS AND MEMORIALS**

November 27: Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal

November 28 - St. Catherine Labouré

December 10 - Bld. Mark Anthony Durando