



# Perbayre Sparks

April 2015



## Formators go to India

Frs. Thomas Gao and Eko Prasetyo went to Mysore, India last March 2-10, 2015 for Asia-Pacific Formators' Meeting hosted by CM Southern Province of India. Among the many participants, some of them were Daughters of Charity working in formation ministry.

Fr. Thomas represented the Province since he is presently working as part of formation team for internal seminary in China, while Fr. Eko works as internal seminary director in Taiwan. Their participation in this international meeting somehow helped widen their scope on the internationality of our Congregation.



## Joint Lenten Recollection



The three neighboring parishes in southern-most part of Taidong - Dawu, Jinlun and Taimali held their Lenten recollection together last March 3, 2015 in one of the scenic areas in Dawu. They invited a priest from Hualien Diocese to lead the said activity while all the three parish priests were around to join with lay leaders and parishioners. Talks, sharing and the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist were all done during this one-day recollection.

## BF sponsors Taiwan exposure

Beunen Foundation sponsored six people from Jilin Diocese in China for a 16-day exposure to some social service organizations in Taiwan last March 9-24, 2015. Among the participants are the head of Diocesan Social Service Center and two of his staff while the rest are parish priests who are doing social services in their area.



They visited first some organizations in Hualien and Taidong and went to Taipei for the second-leg of their trip which included the visit to some of Beunen Foundation's service centers. This activity was a breakthrough for Beunen Foundation as it expands its capacity-building services to China.

## Fr. P. Reedy ends China stint



After two years of fruitful ministry in Beijing, Fr. Peter Reedy returned to his mother Province – the Province of Oceania last March 10, 2015. As a show of appreciation for his devotion to the ministry with Our Lady of China Foreign Community, Fr. Kusno Bintoro came all the way from Taiwan to attend the farewell Mass and activities organized by community and friends. Thank you Fr. Peter! May you find success and happiness in your new ministry.

## St. Vincent High high at 50

St. Vincent High School celebrated with pride their 50<sup>th</sup> year of existence last March 14, 2015 at the school's gymnasium. Bishop Zong of Chiayi Diocese led the simple liturgy joined by 11 Vincentian priests. Among the distinguished visitors who graced the occasion were three visitors from St. Stanislaus High School in





Bathurst, Australia and three Indonesian confreres from St. Louis High School in Surabaya, Indonesia. These two Vincentian high schools have cooperation and partnership with St. Vincent High School through student-teacher exchange program.

This only Vincentian school in Taiwan was founded in a very remote and poor area by the Chinese confreres who saw the need to educate poor people. In its history, the school had produced some good Catholics and successful professionals because of its high standard of education.

### Taiwan President visits Jinlun

Ma Ying-jiu, the President of Taiwan visited the Community Center for Elderly at the compound of Jinlun Parish Church last April 18, 2015. The parishioners and elderly wondered why among the many community centers for elderly in Taidong area, the President chose Jinlun to visit. The answer lies maybe on the unique church building and on the parish priest, Fr. Richard Preuss. The President personally gave Fr. Richard a souvenir wrist watch and a scarf.



### Pawel is back



Fr. Pawel Wierzbicki returned to Taiwan last April 23, 2015 after staying in the U.S.A. for three months for his sabbatical program. He spent five weeks in Massachusetts for auto-biography writing program and went to Connecticut for two months giving retreats to Polish-Americans. He is now assigned to the parishes of St. Vincent de Paul and St. John Gabriel Perboyre in Kaohsiung as assistant parish priest

and to help in the formation program. Welcome back and good luck to your new ministries.

### Recent Appointments

Fr. Joseph Loftus was appointed as member of APVC's Commission on Culture and Charism (CCC) for a 3-year term. With three other confreres from other Asia-Pacific Provinces, he will help organize the meetings and on-going formation of different ministries in the Asia-Pacific Region. Good luck to you, Fr. Joseph!

Fr. Jan Van Aert was recently re-appointed as the Director of Daughters of Charity – Chinese Province until the reunification process of the Provinces of Philippines, Japan and China end. Fr. Van Aert has been a director for a number of terms and for many years.

Fr. John Wang was also recently appointed to be a member of the Presbyteral Council of the Diocese of Chiayi for a 3-year term. With his experience and wisdom, he will for sure be of great help to the council.

### Candidates go to Manila for initial formation

Two candidates from China went to Philippines last April 22 to undergo initial formation with Philippine Formation team at St. Vincent Seminary, Quezon City. The two candidates named John Lu Jing Bin and Joseph Gong Li Zhao, both from Hebei Province, will take English classes first before they can proceed to next stage of formation – the Orientation Year (O.Y.). Fr. Thomas Gao will accompany them for a month or two until they are settled down in their new environment. Let us pray and hope that these two guys may persevere in their vocation.

#### BIRTHDAYS

June 1: Fr. Matthew Thundiyil (1951)

June 25: Fr. Thomas Senlein (1944)

#### FEASTS AND MEMORIAL

May 23: St. Jeanne Antide Thouret

May 30: Blsd. Marta Wiecka

June 26: Blsd. Mary Magdalene Fontaine & Co.

#### ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES

May 27: Fr. Thomas Sendlein (1972)

May 28: Fr. Hugh O'Donnell (1961)

Fr. Robert Chap (1966)

Fr. Pawel Wierzbicki (1994)

May 29: Fr. Paul Liang (1970)

June 2: Fr. Richard Preuss (1973)

June 4: Fr. John Wang (1984)