



Perbayre Sparks

August 2015



Little Vincent Summer Camp

The yearly summer camp for children called "Little Vincent Summer Camp" was held successfully last 6-8, 2015 at St. Vincent High School. The 108 children who are mostly from Yunlin County and non-Catholics were accompanied and supported by 58 volunteers. This annual event for children aims at honing their social skills combined with some teachings on catholic faith. Although the children were many this year but only few children from Vincentian parishes participated.



1st student-priest in Shilin finishes, new one arrives

Fr. Li Jian-pin from Diocese of Tianjin graduated last June 27, 2015 after 3 years of theological studies at St. Bellarmine Faculty of Theology, Furen University. He is the first student-priest from China who stayed with Taipei community. Meanwhile, a new student-priest named Liu Liang-hui, from Yu Jiang Diocese arrived in Taipei last August 13, 2015 to start his 3-year residency at Shilin House. A native of Jiangxi Province and ordained priest in 2002, Fr. Liu will take a master's degree in theology at Furen University.

China clergy go to Chicago

The ongoing formation program on leadership for clergy and religious in China organized the activities successfully by bringing the clergy from Hebei and Zhejiang Provinces to U.S.A. last June 13-July 20, 2015. Organized mainly by Fr. Hugh O'Donnell through the support of De Paul University and some donors, the 17 priests learned leadership skills through formal classes and exposures to different institutions in Chicago, Washington D.C. and New York. Frs. Thomas Gao and Joseph Lin were with the group to help in the translations.

Fr. Eko attends symposium in Thailand

Fr. Eko Prasetyo attended a symposium on "Consecrated Life at the Service of New Evangelization" in Pattaya, Thailand last July 20-25, 2015. The symposium was sponsored by Federation of Asian Bishops' Conferences as part of the series of activities on the Year of Consecrated Life. According to Fr. Eko, a number of bishops and religious superiors from Asia were present during the event, which made him a little bit out of place. The symposium gave him new perspectives and ideas on how to develop his responsibilities.



Taipei Famvin groups meet for 1st time

FamVin groups in Taipei gathered last July 30, 2015 to heed the call of Superior General for more collaboration during the Year of Vincentian Collaboration. It was historic since all recognized branches of Famvin and leaders of each Vincentian parish in Taipei were present. Participants watched the video clips of SG to know his perspective on collaboration. The participants decided to strengthen the spirit of collaboration by celebrating the feast of St. Vincent together and to have some follow-up meetings.



Kaoshiung parishioners attend classes for volunteers

Parishioners from St. Vincent de Paul, St. John Gabriel Perbayre and from other surrounding parishes attended a four-day formation courses for new volunteers sponsored by Beunen Foundation. The 24 participants

who finished the training are now recognized by government as formal volunteers. They can receive benefits offered by government and by the foundation as long as they fulfill some requirements. In recent years, Beunen Foundation is helping Vincentian parishes develop their human resource capacity to do formal social services.



SV High go to Indonesia



17 students and 9 staff from St. Vincent High School went to Surabaya, Indonesia last August 15-25, 2015 to participate in the exchange program with St. Louis High School. Led by Fr. Susilo, the participants experienced the Indonesian hospitality and culture by living with foster families and visit some significant places. At present the Vincentian high schools in Taiwan, Indonesia and Australia participate in this exchange program and are slowly building some networks.

Fr. Tom returns to mother province

After more than two decades of dedicated service to foreign communities in China and Taiwan, Fr. Thomas Sendlein bade goodbye to his ministry and the people in China last August 23, 2015 during a Sunday Mass celebration at the Cathedral in Tianjin.

The Provincial Visitor, Fr. Kusno Bintoro went all the way from Taipei to formally thank and send him off. The whole Chinese Province is very grateful for his service and endearing presence in the Province. Thank you very much Fr. Tom! May God bless you in your new ministry.



Fr. Vincent Yang goes to China

Fr. Vincent Yang, a Korean confrere who has been studying Chinese language in Tainan for some years now is assigned in Tianjin, China to continue his language studies. He is expected to develop more his language abilities for him to be effective in ministry with Chinese people. While studying, he may have opportunities to expand his connections in China for the development of social services of the Province. Study hard Fr. Vincent!

Confreres in China reshuffle

Because of Fr. Tom Sendlein's eventual departure from China, confreres have to be reshuffled according to the pastoral needs of the people. Thus, Fr. Rindo Karippai moved to Tianjin, China to take what Fr. Tom left. Fr. Rindo took formally the responsibilities in Tianjin during the farewell ceremony for Fr. Tom last August 23, 2015. Fr. Rindo was originally assigned as pastor of English-speaking community in Beijing and to take language studies. Furthermore, Fr. Joseph Loftus took temporarily the ministries in Beijing as he waits for a new missionary willing to commit to the ministry.

BIRTHDAYS

September 1: Fr. Pawel Wierzbicki (1967)
 September 8: Fr. Dominicus Liao (1930)
 September 11: Fr. Ferdinand Labitag (1970)
 October 9: Fr. John Wang (1956)
 October 11: Fr. Paul Liang (1930)
 October 12: Fr. Robert Chap (1939)
 October 13: Fr. Joseph Lin (1974)
 October 26: Fr. Eko Prasetyo (1964)
 October 28: Fr. Paul Xi (1963)
 October 30: Fr. Hugh O'Donnell (1934)
 October 31: Fr. Johannes T'sai (1926)

ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES

September 8: Fr. Aloysius Budijanto (1995)
 : Fr. Henricus Susilo (1998)
 September 9: Fr. Eko Prasetyo (1993)
 September 10: Fr. Jan Van Aert (1961)
 : Fr. Henk Cuijper (1961)
 September 30: Fr. Yohanes Murjiyono (2006)

FEASTS AND MEMORIAL

September 2: Bld. Francois, Gruyer & Co.
 September 9: Bld. Frederick Ozanam
 September 11: St. John Gabriel Perboyre
 September 27: St. Vincent de Paul