



Perboyre Sparks

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Taipei House gets new superior



Fr. Eko Prasetyo formally assumed his office as superior of Taipei House last March 17, 2016 during a simple ceremony held at the chapel of Shilin Residence. Confreres and resident-priests of Taipei House were present to witness the oath-taking and hand-over ceremony. The former house superior, Fr. Dandy Labitag gladly handed the responsibilities over to Fr. Eko after being a house superior for three years. The new house superior has responsibilities over 12 confreres and 3 resident-diocesan priests living in 4 areas of northern Taiwan. Good luck to you, Fr. Eko!

Parishioners go for pilgrimage

Parishioners from Shilin, Shipai and Lanya (Taipei) went around Taiwan to visit some significant pilgrimage churches for the Year of Mercy. Their parish priest, Fr. Aloysius Budijanto accompanied them for two (2) days to visit particularly Kaoshiung City's Cathedral of Our Lady of Rosary, the minor Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Wanjin, Pingtung and St. Joseph Church in Jinlun, Taidong.



Confreres visit dioceses of Zhejiang, China



Frs. Hugh O'Donnell, Pawel Wierzbicki and Aloysius Budijanto visited the four (4) dioceses of Zhejiang Province (Wenzhou, Taizhou, Hangzhou and Ningbo) on April 4-12, 2016 in response to invitations from bishops and priests of Zhejiang to renew and deepen the Vincentians' historic relationship with these dioceses.

The visit was made possible due to participation of some priests from these dioceses in the China Leadership Initiative Program held in the USA last year. As follow-up to the formation these priests received, Fr. Hugh and two confreres spent some time with them listening to the triumphs and struggles of their church-communities in China.

SG visits Taiwan and China

The Superior General, Fr. Gregory Gay spent some time with confreres in Taiwan and China when he visited the Daughters of Charity on both places. Fr. Greg listened to confreres' sharing on their works in Taiwan on the morning of April 25, 2016 and spent time for individual communications with several confreres. On April 26, 2016, he went to China to visit the DCs. However, he attended the Bons Propos of 3 candidates on April 28 and met confreres immediately after. On the afternoon of April 29, he visited the Bishop of Beijing to discuss some matters regarding ongoing formation of local clergy. On April 30 he visited the Great Wall in Mutianyu and left for Paris on May 1. His visit to Taiwan and China was his 2nd time and also his last as a Superior General as he ends his term on July 2016.



Bons Propos for 4

Fr. Joseph Li-Qiu-Wen made his Bons Propos last April 25, 2016 in the presence of Superior General, confreres, DCs and parish leaders during the Eucharist celebration held at vacant lot beside the



Provincial Residence building. Fr. Li Qiu-Wen, a native of Xin Jiang Province, China entered the internal seminary on May 8, 2014. He will soon finish his theological studies at Furen University and will go back to China this August to continue his ministry.

In China, three (3) local priests also made their Bons Propos in last April 28, 2016 after almost 2 years of internal seminary formation. Fr. Gao from Jiangxi, Fr. Jiang from Shandong, Fr. Tang from Jiangxi professed their good purposes in the presence of Superior General, several confreres and DCs at a diocesan formation house in Shuangshu, Tianjin. Unlike other internal seminarists, these 3 priests have special formation program that is good enough for present situation of Church in China. At present, we have 9 local confreres and 5 local seminarians. May they grow in number and in spirit.

Blessing of new Provincial Residence

The new Provincial Residence was eventually blessed during the visit of Superior General last April 25, 2016 at 6:00 in the evening. After the Eucharist celebration with Vincentian Family, Fr. Greg Gay ceremoniously blessed 3rd, 5th, 6th and 7th floors of the building. The residence features 4 rooms for visitors at 7th floor, 3 rooms for resident-confreres at 6th floor, receiving and dining rooms at 5th floor and activity hall at 3rd floor. The chapel at the 1st floor is yet to be finished. The residence is named after Joseph Chow, CM, a Chinese archbishop who was imprisoned for refusing to become “pope” for the Patriotic Church in China.



Confreres from South organize sexual harassment seminar

Confreres together with their staff and parish leaders attended a sexual harassment seminar on April 2, 2016 at St. Vincent Parish Pastoral Center. The seminar was sponsored by confreres in the south to deepen their awareness and knowledge on recent laws and issues on sexual harassment issues in Taiwan. They invited a lawyer with vast knowledge on the issue to be the speaker. The seminar gave light to some delicate issues on sexual harassment that confreres may not know about especially when dealing with employees and parishioners.



BIRTHDAYS

May 1: Fr. Matthew Thundiyl (1951)
June 17: Fr. Francis Guo (1930)

ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES

May 28: Fr. Robert Chap (1966)
 : Fr. Hugh O'Donnell (1961)
 : Fr. Pawel Wierzbicki (1994)
May 29: Fr. Paul Liang (1970)
June 2: Fr. Richard Preuss (1973)
June 4: Fr. John Wang (1984)
June 16: Fr. Joseph Loftus (1984)
June 27: Fr. Dominicus Liao (1979)

FEASTS AND MEMORIAL

May 9: St. Louise de Marillac, *Feast*
May 23: St. Jeanne Antide Thouret, *Memorial*
May 30: Bld. Marta Wiecka, *Memorial*
June 26: Bld. Mary Magdalene Fontaine & Co., *Memorial*