

Perboyre Sparks



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General Curia gets new team

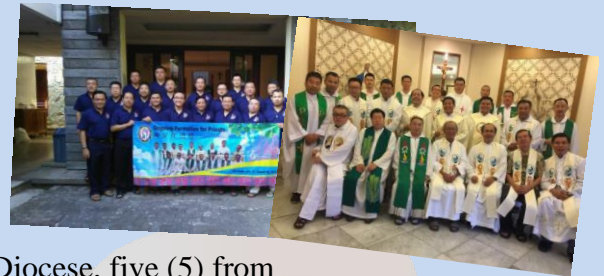


A new team that will lead the Congregation of the Mission for the next 6 years was elected last July 8, 2016 during the 42nd General Assembly held in Chicago, USA. Fr. Tomaž Mavrič from Vice-Province of Sts. Cyril and Methodius was elected as the 25th Superior General and Fr. Javier Álvarez from Province of Madrid, Spain as Vicar General. Fr. Aaron Gutierrez from Mexico, Fr. Zeracristos Yosef from Eritrea, Fr. Miles Heinen from Eastern Province of USA and Fr. Matthew Kallammakal from Northern Province of India as Assistants General. May the Holy Spirit give them more wisdom to lead the CM

on its journey in service of the poor.

China clergy go to Indonesia

The first of 3-phase ongoing formation program for clergy from four (4) dioceses in China was successfully held last July 12 – August 8, 2016 in Surabaya, Indonesia. There were fourteen (14) priests participated on the said program: four (4) from Beijing Diocese, five (5) from Nanchang Diocese (Jiangxi Province), three (3) from Changzhi (Shanxi Province) and two (2) from Haimen Diocese (Jiangsu Province). With full support from Province of Indonesia, the program unveiled the “See” part of the “See-Judge-Act” scheme that focused on lay people, youth and inter-religious dialogue. They visited pastoral sites, dialogued with key people and listened to experts during the month-long program designed and supervised by Fr. Eko Prasetyo. The next phase of the program would be next year in the Philippines featuring the “judge” phase of the program. This ongoing program brought the three (3) Provinces of China, Indonesia and Philippines to work together. Congratulations for the job well done!



Chinese Leadership Initiative 2016

Thirty-four (34) nuns from different religious communities in China went to U.S.A. last July 9, 2016 to undergo a five-week program on church leadership. St. John’s University community in New York welcomed them as they spent their first week of the program getting acquainted with the culture. They spent the rest of the program in Chicago as De Paul University took care of them. They attended lectures, go to other institutions for exposures and have group sharing to make the program meaningful and fruitful.

Through the efforts of Fr. Hugh O’Donnell, the program is co-sponsored by Chinese Province, Faith Institute for Cultural Studies in Shijiazhuang, China and De Paul University and on its 5th year. May the efforts of many for this program bear abundant fruits for the Church in China.

Children’s summer camp

St. Vincent Children’s Summer Camp was held last July 6-10, 2016 at St. Vincent High School, Sze Hu, Yunlin County with 83 children and volunteers participated. This annual activity organized for children from surrounding areas of St. Vincent High School and from Vincentian parishes is now on its 15th year. Thus, the activities for this year were especial than previous years to commemorate its beginning. Through the efforts of Fr. Henricus Susilo, the summer camp has evolved into a much-awaited summer activity by children.



BF opens services in Tainan

After renovating the former kindergarten school building at St. Vincent de Paul Parish Church in Kaiyuan Road, Tainan, Beunen Foundation opened its services for elderly last August 7, 2016. Immediately after Sunday Mass, parishioners gathered outside for the blessing ceremony officiated by Fr. Ferdinand Labitag, the Executive Director of Beunen Foundation. The ceremony marked the beginning of services of Beunen Foundation for elderly and people with disabilities in Tainan.



Beunen Foundation made a partnership with CM Tainan House to use the first floor of the two-story building for 15 years while they helped renovate its second floor. The partnership gave opportunity for Beunen Foundation to expand more its services in the South while maintaining its identity as church-run organization.

New SFH building



St. Francis Home for the Elderly in Toucheng, Tainan opened formally its new building last August 21, 2016 with a Eucharistic celebration and blessing officiated by Bishop John Hong of Taipei Diocese. More than 200 people from different places attended the activity to see particularly the 8-story building that can house 38 poor elderly and 4 elderly priests.

St. Francis Home has been serving the elderly people in Tainan since 1975. In 2013, its administration was handed over to Beunen Foundation as it needed upgrading of facilities. In 2014, construction of a new building began and its services were temporarily closed. With its modern facilities, SFH would surely give a good service with the spirit coming from St. Vincent.

Fr. Provincial celebrates 20th

Fr. Kusno Bintoro celebrated his 20th Sacerdotal Anniversary last August 27, 2016 at the 3rd floor of Provincial House with his invited friends from different places. Together with his SVD classmate, he gave thanks to God for the gift of vocation with Eucharistic celebration attended by more than 60 people. Visitors were treated with Indonesian food immediately after Mass. The presence of his close friends in Taiwan made the celebration more intimate. More years of fruitful ministry, Fr. Kusno!



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 9: Bld. Frederick Ozanam, Memorial
September 11: St. John Gabriel Perboyre, Feast
September 27: St. Vincent de Paul, Feast