



# Perboyre Sparks

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## FamVin Pilgrimage to Philippines

34 participants from different Vincentian parishes and organizations in Taiwan went to the Philippines last March 10-18, 2017 to participate in Taiwan Vincentian Family Pilgrimage and Social Service Exposure Program. Organized by Fr. Ferdinand Labitag and supported by Fr. Henricus Susilo and Fr. Thomas Gao, the group went to Vincentian churches,



seminary, and social services in Metro Manila. They went to the program sites at the garbage dumpsite in Payatas, the housing project in Bagong Silangan and Hospicio de San Jose to see how the Vincentians in the Philippines do their social services. They also went to some historical churches and other significant pilgrimage sites to experience the Filipino way of expressing faith.

The group came back enriched with experiences from their trip as they realized that there are more things that need to be done for others in order to make their own faith truly alive.

The program organizes exposures to places of Vincentian Family in different countries with an aim of forming members of FamVin groups in Taiwan to have deeper faith through service.

## Fr. Jiang passed away

Fr. John Baptist Jiang, who lived and worked with confreres at Shilin Residence for almost 14 years passed away on March 6, 2017. It was only on March 24, 2017 that friends, relatives and parishioners gave him proper funeral rites due to some legal complications of cremating his remains. Although he belonged to the Archdiocese of New York, the community accepted him as attached priest and lived like a confrere. With much dedication for the development of church in China, he regularly went around for the formation of clergy and religious.



Fr. Jiang was specially remembered during a Mass on March 25, 2017 at St. Therese Church in New York where he used to serve. Chinese priests and parishioners attended the memorial Mass. May his soul rest upon You, O Lord!

## China confreres organized sexual harassment workshop

Confreres in China organized a workshop on sexual harassment and management of accusations on April 5-6, 2017. The event, a first for a religious community in China, dealt with the definition of sexual harassment and challenges faced by women when raising complaints in priest-run organizations. The sessions were greatly enhanced by the presence of priests from two seminaries and two local dioceses.

Dr. Wang from Kaohsiung gave the talks and guided them through legal issues as what Taiwan have developed and encountered. This seminar is an eye-opener for confreres who only have heard of the enormous problems that the Catholic Church is facing on this issue.

### Fr. Henk celebrates 80<sup>th</sup>

For a low-key person like Fr. Henk de Cuijper, celebrating life's milestone would be a luxury. But on April 20, 2017 friends and confreres organized a celebration for his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday at the house of Daughters of Charity in Tianjin. He presided the Eucharist concelebrated by several confreres and diocesan priests to thank God for the gift of life and service. Fr. Jan Van Aert and Fr. Pawel Wierzbicki came all the way from Taiwan to celebrate with him. The Daughters of Charity in Tianjin organized and arranged the said celebration as their way of expressing their gratitude for his presence and years of service in the diocese.



### Philippine confreres come for exposure



Three confreres and a lay staff from the Philippines and a confrere from Thailand came to Taiwan on April 21-26, 2017 to learn about community and cultural development with indigenous people of Taiwan. Sponsored and organized by Beunen Foundation, the visitors went to Taidong area and visited organizations and communities that show best practices for indigenous community and cultural development. They visited Bunun Community Cultural Park, Duoliang Community Wood Crafting Program and other areas that interest them. These exposure activities gave them ideas on how to develop the indigenous communities served by CM priests both in the Philippines and Thailand.

#### **BIRTHDAYS**

June 1: Fr. Matthew Thundiyil (1951)  
 June 5: Fr. Pierre Duc Trung Nguyen (1975)  
 June 17: Fr. Francis Guo (1930)

#### **ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES**

May 28: Fr. Hugh O'Donnell (1961)  
           : Fr. Robert Chap (1966)  
           : Fr. Pawel Wierzbicki (1994)  
 May 29: Fr. Paul Liang (1970)  
 June 1: Fr. Pierre Duc Trung Nguyen (2013)  
 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: Blsd. Marta Wiecka, *memorial*  
 June 26: Blsd. Mary Magdalene Fontaine, *memorial*