



Perboyre Sparks

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Prep for Holy Land



been to that place.

Orientation classes were held last September 9 and 30 in preparation for the Holy Land Pilgrimage on November 6-16, 2017. Ms. Catherine Chang and Fr. Francis Lin, OFM explained basic things about Holy Land in relation to the Bible. Confreres and lay people who will join the pilgrimage took interest on these classes as these may help them prepare better. The CM organized this pilgrimage through the financial support of parishes, houses and the province in order to give chance to confreres who have not

Perboyre Feast

Members of Taipei House gathered at Shilin Residence to celebrate the feast of St. John Gabriel Perboyre on September 11, 2017. A Eucharist was celebrated by the superior of the house, Fr. Eko Prasetyo, followed by a simple lunch. The Shilin Residence is formally named Perboyre Mission Center as it becomes in recent years the center of the Province.



New Prov'l Council

A new set of Provincial Council was elected in September to help give advice and support to the new Provincial Visitor in some important decisions. Frs. John Wang, Eko Prasetyo, Mathew Thundiyl and Pawel Weirzbicki composed the 4-member Council who have a three-year term mandate. The outgoing Provincial Visitor, Fr. Kusno Bintoro had a meeting with them on October 3, 2017 to discuss some matters that need transitions and hand-over. May the Holy Spirit give them wisdom as they do their duties for the Province.

400th Anniv. Celebration

The CM Chinese Province organized a big celebration with Vincentian Family groups on September 23, 2017 to mark the closing ceremony of 400th Anniversary of Vincentian Charism. The auditorium of St. Vincent Senior High School in Sze Hu, Yunlin was like a huge cathedral with its church-motif decorations. About 1,400 people participated in the event with almost all confreres present. The bishops of Chiayi and Kaohsiung Dioceses, the Papal Nuncio and some local politicians graced the event.



Tainan SV goes 60

St. Vincent Parish in Tainan City celebrated its 60th Foundation Anniversary on September 24, 2017. Parishioners, friends and confreres attended the Eucharist celebration as thanksgiving for the grace of faith given to the community. The parish priest, Fr. Dominic Hong especially read the papal blessing to the people. After, the Eucharistic celebration, a banquet was held outside the church to thank the parishioners and friends for their support to the parish. Almost all former pastors who are still alive were present.

Installation of new Prov'l Visitor

After nine (9) years of service to the Province, Fr. Kusno Bintoro eventually hand the office of Provincial Visitor over to Fr. Ferdinand Labitag on October 4, 2017 at the MM Shrine in Lanya. Parishioners and friends from different Vincentian parishes and groups attended the ceremony. Most confreres were present to show support to the new leader of the Province.

Before he was elected, Fr. Labitag was the executive director of Beunen Foundation for more than five (5) years. His experience working for a social welfare organization may bring advantage to his new role.



Chinese confreres go to Rome for 400th



Representing the Chinese Province in the gathering for 400th Anniversary of Vincentian Charism in Rome, Italy, Frs. Paul Xi, Peter Sun, Joseph Loftus and Sem. John Lu together with twelve (12) other lay people from China went to Rome on October 10-21, 2017 to attend series of activities organized by FamVin. Their participation brought presence of Chinese people in the event. They went later to Lourdes and Paris, France for some short pilgrimage activities.

Fr. Cor Willems bids goodbye

After 54 years, Fr. Cor Willems said goodbye to Taiwan and went back to his home country, the Netherlands to retire. A simple farewell ceremony was held at the church in Jiaoxi on October 14, 2017 to express gratitude for the services he rendered to the people in Taiwan. The heavy rain did not deter people from coming especially those people with polio whom Fr. Cor took care when they were children. He left Taiwan for good on October 7 with his sister and brother-in-law. May the Lord bless you with good health, Fr. Cor!



Visitor visits China



Fr. Ferdinand Labitag, the new Provincial Visitor went to China on October 22-29, 2017 for some transactions and visitations. He went first to Tianjin to arrange for possible partnership between Beunen Foundation and Tianjin Catholic Social Service Center for an ongoing program for religious-based NPOs in China. He also visited the Daughters of Charity in Tianjin to discuss possible partnership. With Fr. Wierzbicki, the Provincial Econome, he went to the Diocese of Heng Shui to sign a long-delayed contract with the bishop. The rest of the days were spent being with confreres as he tries to understand their situation.

BIRTHDAYS

Nov. 22: Fr. Peter Sun (1963)
Nov. 28: Fr. Rindo Karippai (1979)
Dec. 27: Fr. Richard Preuss (1946)

ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES

Dec. 4: Fr. Mathew Thundiyl (1977)

FEASTS AND MEMORIAL

Nov. 27: |Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, *feast*
Nov. 28: St. Catherine Laboure, *memorial*
Dec. 10: Bld. Mark Anthony Durando, *memorial*