



# Perboyre Sparks

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## Fr. Francis Fang, 92: a soldier of Christ

Fr. Francis Fang Zhi Yong, a confrere known for his obedience and love for the Congregation died on April 29, 2017 at the age of 92. The Province held a funeral liturgy for him on May 5, 2017 attended by parishioners, friends and confreres.

Fr. Fang who came from Baoding, China was a ranking officer of the Nationalist Army before he entered the seminary and ordained as priest. His obedience and fiery-style of expressing opinions were influenced much by his military training. He entered CM as an ordained priest with Dutch Region in Taiwan and did pastoral works during his active life. He retired at the age of 80 and stayed at a retirement home until his last day. May the good Lord give his soul eternal peace.



## Vocation Promotion



With an invitation from Hualien Diocese, the CM participated in Vocation Day Festival at the local seminary in Hualien City on May 6, 2017. Different parishes, youth, non-catholics and religious congregations working for the diocese participated on this annual event to promote vocation awareness.

Fr. Dandy Labitag went with a staff to represent and promote the spirit of CM. Vincentian books, cards and other promotion materials were distributed to some interested young people.

## OGF for China Clergy in Manila

The CM Chinese Province in collaboration with Philippine Province successfully organized in the Philippines the second of three-phased OGF program for 1<sup>st</sup> batch of Chinese clergy from four (4) dioceses (Beijing, Changzi, Haimen and Nanchang) on April 19 – May 18, 2017. The one-month program offered classes for twelve (12) priests on missiology, ecclesiology, liturgy, spirituality and parish management. They were also given opportunity to experience the popular mission for 5 days in one of the rural areas of Bicol Province which gave them deep impression and encouragement on how to serve and evangelize the poor through Vincentian ways. The program through the supervision of Fr. Eko Prasetyo is on its second year and gained positive feedbacks and more requests from other dioceses in China.



## Seminar for 400 Years





Confreres, leaders and representatives from FamVin groups and parishes gathered on May 22-25, 2017 at the activity center of Msgr. Joseph Chow Building (Provincial Residence, Lanya, Taipei) for a seminar on 400 Years of Vincentian Charism.

Organized by CM Chinese Province, the theme “Reflecting

400 years of Vincentian Charism and Developing Vincentian Family” elicited topics on areas of Vincentian history, collaboration, social services, youth and parish life. Parish leaders, FamVin group leaders, confreres, DC sisters and other branches of FamVin in Taiwan participated the event.

## Holy Trinity Parish turns 50

The Holy Trinity Parish (Wu Xin Jie) in Taipei City celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> Foundation Anniversary on June 10, 2017 with a Holy Eucharist presided by Bishop Hong of Archdiocese of Taipei and concelebrated by several priests including one of the vicar-generals of the archdiocese, the Provincial Visitor, Fr. Kusno Bintoro and its current pastor, Fr. Yohanes Murjiyono. Six (6) couples received the sacrament of matrimony during the solemn celebration.

Holy Trinity Parish is a small parish located near the new business district of Taipei. Although mostly old, parishioners are very generous and supportive to Vincentian works of charity and social services. Located on the same building is the only existing kindergarten school under the CM.



## Vincentian youth gather



Youth groups from Vincentian parishes in Taiwan and a music band from St. Vincent High School gathered on June 10<sup>th</sup> in Christ the King Parish Church, Taipei to sing songs of praises, give testimonies and encourage each other in a half-day event that brought together the energy and enthusiasm of the youth. While the youth were enjoying their own activities, parishioners from Taipei parishes were also busy distributing catholic paraphernalia to passers-by and SSVP sold second-hand materials for fund-raising. Organized by Fr. Pawel Wierzbicki, the activity culminated with a raffle and distribution of certificate of appreciation to participants. The young people are looking forward to the next gathering in 2018. A short video of the event can be watched on this site

<https://youtu.be/pA1YQZdrvg8> .

### BIRTHDAYS

July 6: Fr. Yohanes Murjiyono (1971)  
 July 15: Fr. Aloysius Budijanto (1965)  
 July 27: Fr. Thomas Gao Xiang (1979)  
 July 29: Fr. Paul Pham (1966)  
 Aug 16: Fr. Joseph Loftus (1958)  
 Aug 21: Fr. Charles Pan (1959)  
           : Fr. Kusno Bintoro (1967)

### ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES

July 8: Fr. Francis Guo (1956)  
 July 18: Fr. Vincent Yang Sang-Soon (2009)  
 Aug 27: Fr. Kusno Bintoro (1996)

### FEASTS AND MEMORIAL

July 9: St. Francis Regis Clet, *memorial*  
 July 30: Bld. Ghebre Michael, *memorial*