



Msgr. Schraven's cause gets goin'



The cause for beatification of Msgr. Schraven as a martyr has been approved last January 18, 2013 by the Congregation for the Causes of Saints. His cause has been elevated for scrutiny through the efforts of Msgr. Schraven Foundation, the Dutch Province and Diocese of Roermond. Msgr. Schraven and 7 other Vincentians were brutally killed in 1937 by invading Japanese soldiers while protecting Chinese women to become “comfort women”, which has become known as the “Massacre of Zhengding Church”. Let us pray that we may have new Vincentian martyr-saints in the near future. For more information you may go to:

<http://www.ucanews.com/news/moves-start-in-the-netherlands-to-beatify-bishop-frans-schraven/67891>

Fr. Peter Reedy joins China mission



A confrere from Australian Province, Fr. Peter Reedy arrived in Beijing last February to join the mission in mainland China. Given a Chinese name of *Lei Guo Xin*. 雷國信, he now takes Mandarin classes at a nearby language school as preparation for his future ministry and as legal reason to stay longer in China. Ordained in 1981, Fr. Peter had been assigned in various ministries in his mother province – in parish, formation and administrative ministries both in Australia and in Fiji. As he prepares for his new mission, he brings abundant experiences and professional supervisory skills hoping that these could help support the works of CM in China. He and the Chinese Province are thankful for the generosity of Australian Province for letting him be part of China mission.

New PP for Tainan's SV

Fr. Murji was installed by Bishop Lin as new parish priest of St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Tainan City last February 24, 2013 during a Sunday Eucharistic celebration. Witnessed by Fr. Kusno and a hundred of parishioners, Fr. Murji received from the bishop a baptismal book and a key to the parish church as symbolic gesture of taking responsibility as pastor. Before his recent assignment, he served for three years as assistant parish priest of the combined parishes of Shilin, Shipai and Lanya in Taipei City. Being his first time to handle parish administrative position, his previous pastoral experiences would help him have enough wisdom to bring the parish into new heights.



Fr. Andrew goes back to mother Province



After almost 11 years of being part of the Chinese Province and ministering with Chinese communities in Taipei and Tainan, Fr. Andrew Stepanczuk went back last March 5, 2013 to his mother province – the Polish Province - to recover from some ailments. Going back to Poland was a hard decision both for him and for the Chinese Province. May he find his place in Poland despite leaving his heart in Taiwan.

SV Senior High goes 48

St. Vincent High School celebrated its 48th anniversary last March 15 by organizing a marathon for charity. About 500 students participated in the event with a theme “Faith, Hope, and Love”. Participants were motivated to run for the benefit of others since each has to collect NT\$ 100 from



parents, teachers, alumni, confreres, parishioners and friends before they could join the said marathon. The money collected will be donated for the summer camp activity of poor children this coming July.

St. Joseph Parish turns 60

St. Joseph Parish in Tainan City celebrated their 60th Foundation Anniversary last March 19, on the Feast of St. Joseph. Many priests from Tainan Diocese concelebrated with Bishop Lin as their way of showing appreciation for the Vincentian presence in the diocese. The American Vincentians have a long and colorful presence in the diocese as they established many parishes in the diocese. At present, there are only three parishes in the Diocese of Tainan under the Vincentians.

It's 50 for Fr. Cor!



The ever low-profile Fr. Cor Willems celebrated his golden anniversary as a priest last March 17, 2013 with his parishioners in Jiao Xi Parish. Attended by parishioners from Tou Cheng and Jiao Xi and honored by the presence of his family from the Netherlands, Fr. Cor was happy and thankful to reach a milestone of his priestly life.

On March 19, on the Feast of St. Joseph, it was the turn of confreres and members of Vincentian Family to celebrate his golden jubilee by celebrating a Mass with him. Confreres went to Toucheng a day before for a pilgrimage at Our Lady's Shrine and enjoy each other's camaraderie with delicious local culinary specialties.

More confreres visit China

In recent months, several confreres have visited mainland China for different reasons. Fr. Hugh O'Donnell went for more than week to Hebei Province to follow-up on some diocesan priests who attended the program in Chicago; while Fr. Kusno Bintoro went last February 24 - March 6 to Tianjin to give short course with Tianjin Daughters of Charity and later went to Xijiazhuang for another short course on priests in difficulties. Frs. Dandy Labitag and Matthew Thundiyl went together to Beijing, Kunming and Tianjin last March 14-23 to visit places and discuss with some local leaders on possible cooperation for charitable and social service projects. Hopefully their presence and works in Mainland would open more possibilities for the Vincentians in the near future.



HAPPY EASTER!!!

In the know... Fr. Corneille Jean Willems

Born on January 22, 1936
Took vows on September 21, 1956
Ordained priest on March 19, 1963
Arrived in Taiwan on September 1963
Studied Taiwanese in Xinchu from 1963-1964
Assigned as Assistant Parish Priest of Jiaoxi in 1964
Worked with people who have polio from 1966-1995
Works with migrant workers since 1993
Parish Priest of Toucheng and Jiaoxi since 1993



Upcoming Events

April 11, 2013 :
 Birthday - Fr. Henk de Cuijper
April 12, 2013:
 Provincial Council Meeting
April 13, 2013 :
 Diaconal Ordination - Sem. Thomas Gao Xiang
May 6-9, 2013 :
 Provincial Convocation