



THE 4TH INTER-PROVINCIAL NOVITIATE YEAR (2016-17)

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## THE ARRIVAL OF THE CANDIDATES | APRIL 20, 21

Last April 20, the first group of candidates from the Philippines arrived in Phuket. The two Filipino postulants namely; Crizaldy Suganob, 21 years old and Joshua Della Cerna, 22 years old, were accompanied by Fr. Achille Kouassi, CSS – confrere in-charge of the Religious Brothers in Manila and were happily welcomed by the Novitiate Community. The second group from Indonesia arrived the following day in Phuket. They were Kornelis Keko, 24 years old, Abdon Ferianto, 29 years old and Zakarias Selong, 29 years old. They were accompanied by their formator Fr. Donato Lovito, CSS. The novices happily welcomed them and were glad to receive their new brothers, ready to impart to them their experiences in the novitiate. The whole Phuket community officially welcomes them and blesses them as they are about to embark in another phase in their journey to the religious life. Let us altogether join our prayers for their perseverance and fruitful journey.



*Nov. Crizaldy Suganob*  
21  
Philippines



*Nov. Joshua Della Cerna*  
22  
Philippines



*Nov. Kornelis Keko*  
24  
Indonesia

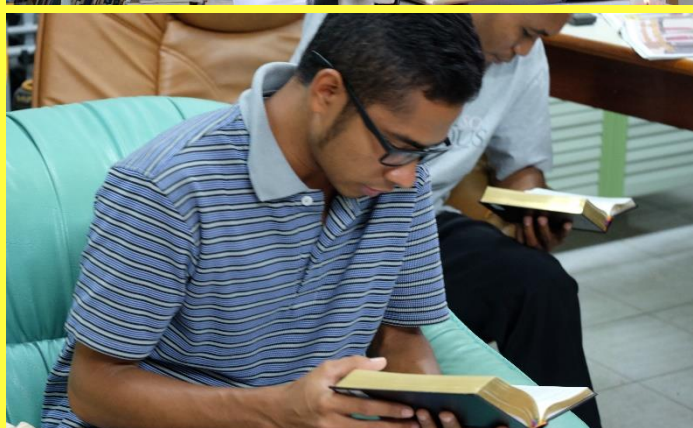
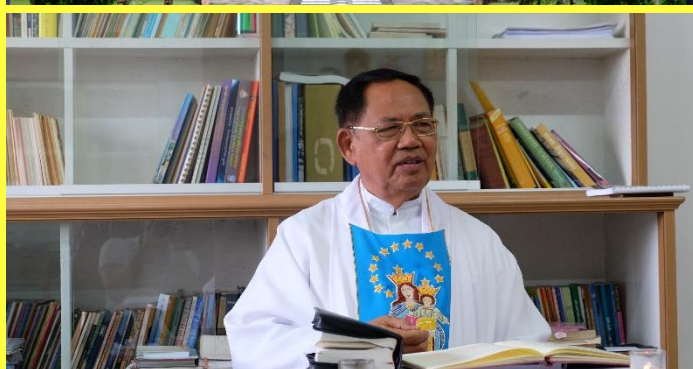


*Nov. Abdon Ferianto*  
29  
Indonesia



*Nov. Zakarias Selong*  
29  
Indonesia

## THE RETREAT AT PHANOM PROVINCE | APRIL 23 – 27



"In silence we can hear the tenderness of God", quoting Pope Francis, Fr. Jerry Tapay, SDB imparted this message to us. He added, "God comes to us in every event of our lives and if this event is truly treasured it becomes an encounter. This happens when we learn to value silence, it becomes an encounter with the Lord – an experience of the Divine." These are some of the words of Fr. Jerry who became our retreat master in his parish community (Mary Help of Christian Parish) in Phanom District, part of Surathani Province last April 23 to 27. The purpose of the retreat is to prepare our five novices spiritually before having their religious profession. It is also a good preparation for our five new young brothers from Indonesia and the Philippines who were preparing for their acceptance to the novitiate. We were joined too by our three Thai professed who were preparing for their renewal of vows. We were also joined by our priest confreres Fr. Reby Arazo, CSS the assistant, Fr. Achille Kouassi, CSS and Fr. Donato Lovito, CSS. They were also a big help for us especially their presence during the retreat. We are very thankful to Fr. Jerry Tapay for accepting us in his parish community and becoming our retreat master, we all agreed that we learned a lot from him, we learned from his dedication and courage in the mission and we learned from his personal encounter with the Lord throughout his religious life as a missionary.

**THE ACCEPTANCE TO THE NOVITIATE | APRIL 29**

St. Gaspar Bertonni has always provided his religious family with new young members and sons, since he founded it on November 4, 1816. Last April 29, 2017, after the provinces of Mary the Morning Star and Our Lady of Hope have accepted the applications of these five young brothers (two from the Philippines and three from Indonesia), the congregation welcomed them to the novitiate formation officially. The novitiate is a period of special formation to the religious and Stigmatine life. The special vocation of this religious family is the call to holiness through the apostolic life of serving the needs of the local and the universal Church as a competent and ready specialist for any kind of pastoral ministry. Fr. Winai Plienbumrung, CSS the Provincial of the Thai Province officiated the rite of acceptance to the novitiate. Confreres from both Provinces and some parishioners also participated this memorable event. The renewal of vows of our three Thai professed brothers also took place after the rite of acceptance. Fr. Winai also accepted the renewal of their religious vows. We ask all of you to pray for these newly admitted novices, for their perseverance in their novitiate journey.



**THE PROFESSION | APRIL 30**

Welcome to the religious life! We novitiate community in the name of both Provinces of Mary Morning Star and Our Lady of Hope, Phuket proudly announces the religious profession of our five Filipino new religious brothers last Sunday, April 30, 2017 in Our Lady of Assumption Parish, Phuket. They are Bro. Herbert Aninion, CSS, Bro. Joefrey Dantayana, CSS, Bro. Ryan Mark Gabales, CSS, Bro. Norielgar Hernando, CSS and Bro. Jayson Libas, CSS. These young men have expressed their profession publicly, witnessed by our confreres and the parishioners and were accepted by the Provincial Fr. Winai Plienbumrung, CSS. We join our prayers for these young professed that they, who desired to follow Christ perfectly and who resolved to live in chastity for the sake of the Kingdom of Heaven, to love a poverty and simplicity of life, and to offer the sacrifice of your obedience, may the Lord sustain them and keep them committed to their promises.



CONGRATULATIONS!



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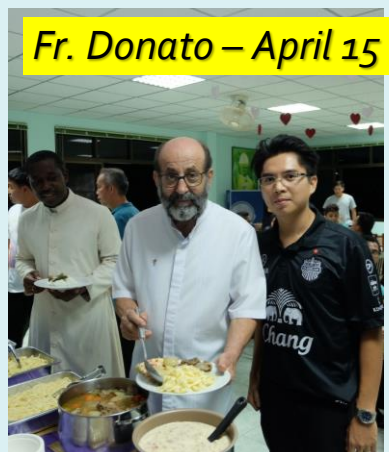
*Birthday*  
to all April birthday celebrants, among them:



Fr. Ronconni – April 15



Bro. Sujin – April 28



Fr. Donato – April 15



Fr. Joseph Wattanasak – April 28



Fr. Mark Sittichai – April 17



Fr. Abel – April 28