



MAY 2017



The 5th Asian Inter-Provincial Novitiate Year
2017-18

The Provincial celebrates his 25th Priestly Anniversary with us.



Last May 1, 2017, the Provincial Superior of the Mary of Morning Star Province (Thailand) – Fr. Winai Plienbumrung, CSS, celebrated his 25th year of priestly anniversary here in our Novitiate community in Phuket. As a form of thanksgiving to the Lord, the community started the day with a Eucharistic celebration with Fr. Winai as the main celebrant. The mass was attended by other Thai confreres, brothers and novices. Also present in the celebration were the parishioners. Before the mass ended, Fr. Winai expressed his gratitude by imparting his message. He was very thankful to his confreres and to God for giving him inspiration and guidance throughout his priestly life. He also remembered his priest companions who 25 years ago were ordained together with him. After the mass, the parishioners gave their special gifts to Fr. Winai. The Provincial Superior received cakes, fruits and flowers from the parishioners. The celebration concluded with a lavish breakfast shared by everyone. - Nov. Crizaldy Suganob



Visiting the sick: a new experience

Every first Friday of the month is the day we visit our dear parishioners who are sick. In the month of May we visited one parishioner whose house is located near our parish, the Assumption Church. Together with our Novice Master, Fr. Joseph, CSS, and our Spiritual Director and pastor of Assumption Church, Fr. Paul, CSS, we gathered to pray for the fast healing of the parishioner. After the prayer Fr. Paul gave the Holy Communion and blessed her that God may guide her in her journey here in this life. We as young Stigmatines must learn the ministry of taking care of the sick as young as we are for us to be more prepared in our ministry in the future. The sick need the healing presence of Christ and the power of the Spirit to both fight against disease and to find comfort and hope. We likewise, needs the sick to teach what is most important in life and to witness to the power of the gospel. - Nov. Zakarias Selong

Foundation day anniversary of the Diocesan Seminary, Surat Thani

On May 6, 2017, we attended the foundation day celebration of the Diocesan Seminary (St. Dominic Savio Seminary) in Surat Thani. The Eucharistic celebration was presided by Bishop Joseph Prathan (the Bishop of the Diocese of Surat Thani). There were also diocesan and religious priests who participated in the said celebration. Faithful of the diocese as well as friends and the families of the seminarians were also present to join them in their special day. The diocese also accepted 8 new minor seminarians aged 11 to 13 during the celebration, adding to the growing number of vacations since they started the seminary few years ago.



Community day: Places we visited in Phuket, Thailand

There's always a first time for everything and I guarantee experiencing things for the first time are always memorable, and exciting, as the saying goes. Going out of the country is thrilling and fun and it is a new adventure for us new accepted Novices. For almost a month of our stay here, we have seen different kinds of culture and tradition that is very different from ours. Of course, our stay here in Thailand for Novitiate is not complete without travelling and road trips. Here are some places around Phuket that we have visited:



Phuket Aquarium

1) *Phuket Aquarium* is located at the very end of Cape Panwa. The site is recently renovated and with hundreds of tropical, colorful and exotic marine creatures, the Aquarium is a hit to those who may not have come up this close and personal with such unusual sea life before.

2) *Panwa View Point* (Khao Khad View Tower). The tower caters to a 360-degree views out over Southern and Eastern Phuket. Islands on those sides of Phuket are really captivating, they remind us of God's beautiful work of creation.



Panwa View Point



Khao Rang View Point



Old Phuket Town



Big Buddha

3) *Khao Rang View Point*. Khao Rang Viewpoint (also called Rang Hill Viewpoint) is among the most famous of the many viewpoints around Phuket. The charming location offers unrivalled views to the south, right across the island's main city and all the way to the Big Buddha, atop the hills in the distance. Some of the small, verdant islands off Phuket's east coast are also visible. The viewpoint itself is marked with a beautiful open pagoda, which leads out to a large viewing platform at the edge of the hilltop.

4) *Old Phuket Town*. At night time the streets of the Old Town Phuket comes into life. Mobile restaurants, shops from apparel to all kinds, music and dances too occupy the narrow old streets of Phuket. People of all races come together, sharing cultures and etc. respecting differences.

5) *The Big Buddha*. Phuket's Big Buddha is one of the island's most important and revered

landmark. The huge image sits on top of the Nakkerd Hills between Chalong and Kata and, at 45 metres tall, it is easily seen from far away. The lofty site offers the best 360-degree views of the island, with sweeping vistas of Phuket Town, Kata, Karon beaches, Chalong Bay and more.
– Nov. Joshua dela Cerna

100th day's memorial of death of Fr. Rafael Suabsak, CSS

Every person has a special day as a memory. And this memory will never end in their mind. As a Stigmatine family, we have a memory for the departed ones. Last May 26, the Stigmatine family in Phuket celebrated the 100th days of the death of Fr. Rafael, C.S.S. In this time, at 10:00 in the morning we had special mass in honor of Fr. Rafael in our Parish Church in Phang nga. We, the Novitiate community together with some parishioners joined our prayers for eternal repose of Fr. Rafael. We were welcomed by Fr. Dominic, the acting parish priest. Our mass was presided by Fr. John Pipat, C.S.S. and was concelebrated by Fr. Paul, C.S.S., Fr. Joseph, C.S.S., and Fr.

Dominic, Css. To pray for the departed ones is a part of Christian life. Here in the novitiate we do pray for the departed, especially the members of the congregation. In the same way we pray for the people around us, we also pray for those people whom gone ahead of us from this life. - Nov. Abdon Ferianto



Learning Thai Culture

On May 31, 2017 we have been given time by Fr. Joseph, the Novice Master to learn about Thai culture and General Manner with Professor Jiamjit. She was once a University Professor but now she is retired. During the 45 minutes we learn about many things, more interestingly we learned how to greet with each other accordingly and properly in the Thai custom – the “The Wai”. It is a sign of greeting or mutual recognition, she pointed to us, made by raising both



hands, palms joined to a position highly touching the body somewhere between the chest and the forehead. We were all very happy to learn from her. At the end of the program, we performed the song “Give Thanks” as a heartfelt gratitude for her lesson and has consented to spend time with us. - Nov. Kornelis Keko



— HAPPY —

Birthday

to all May birthday celebrants, among them:

BRO. JOEFREY DANTAYANA, CSS – MAY 3

FR. ACHILLE KOUASSI, CSS – MAY 12

FR. REBY ARAZO, CSS – MAY 16

FR. WINAI PLIENBUMRUNG, CSS – MAY 28

DEATH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR CONFRERES



DONALD SAULNIER, CSS
(Priest)

May 11, 1994



SAKDIPHAT JOHN BOSCO
KITSAKUL, CSS

(Priest)

May 21, 2013



EGIDIO AIRAGHI, CSS
(Priest)

May 31, 1958