

The Inter-Provincial Novitiate Community

Phuket, Thailand

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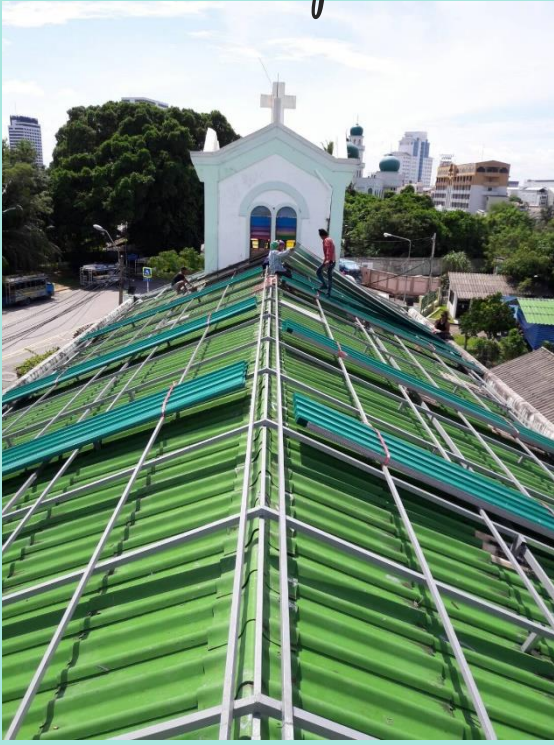
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The Novitiate Community on helping the parishioners in making "Banana Chips". This is a fund raising activity which is intended for the reconstruction of the roof in Assumption Church.



For more than 60 years, Our Lady of Assumption Church here in Phuket stands the test of time. This year to assure continuous good quality service to the parishioners and to provide them a fine place for worship, a roof renovation was carried out. The installation of the new roof will prevent the rain water ruin the old structure of the church and would not be a cause for uncomfortable situations during Church celebrations especially the church's feast day is coming. Fr. Paul the pastor of the Church headed the project with the help of the parishioners and the support of the community. The prospect of renovating the church's roof was happily agreed by the parish council upon their meeting. And soon after the project was initiated on the very first of July. Moreover, the Pastor and the council deemed it necessary that the project be participated by all the parishioners. After

all the church does not belong to the pastor or few others but belongs to all parishioners, Fr. Paul announced in one of the Sunday Masses. With this said, the parishioners responded positively and have created groups of persons, each group taking care of a specific creative solutions such as: selling of Banana chips and shrimp paste, selling of umbrellas and T-shirts with printed images of Our Lady of Assumption and some others. We, the novices have also participated in preparing: in cooking especially the banana chips. On our part, we are very happy to have contributed to this said projects. We enjoyed a lot in helping them and we also learned a lot. Fr. Paul as the parish priest wanted that all parishioners to cooperate and participate for repairing the roof and wall of the Assumption Church and so they did and it was successful. – Nov. Abdon

Recollection with Fr. Peter Pakpoom

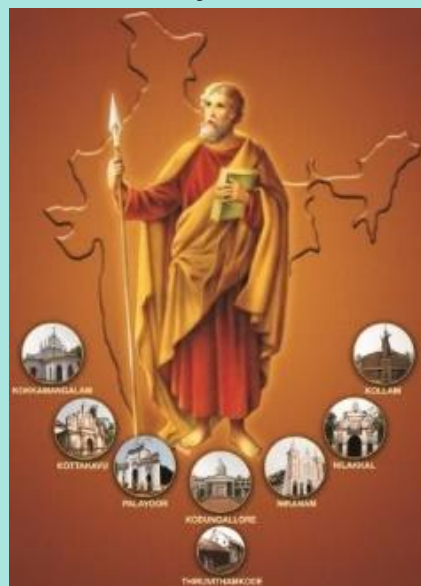
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A good spiritual life is one of the most essential aspects in religious formation. It is a cornerstone that helps one's belief to firmly stand amidst the challenges he faces in his desire of following the Lord. And so, on July 3, 2017 we had a good opportunity to have a recollection in St. Joseph Church with Fr. Peter Pakpoom as our speaker. We were very blessed to have the chance of inviting Fr. Peter as our speaker because on that same week he was expected to travel back to USA for his yearlong apostolic mission. Fr. Peter shared to us about God's divine call for every one of us and the gifts that follow from it. It was an interesting reflection that lasted for one and half hour which was immediately followed by moments of personal meditation and confession. By 11:30 we gathered ourselves to express our gratitude to Fr. Peter by singing a religious song "My Heart's Thanksgiving". Fr. John Pipat, the new pastor of St. Joseph led our prayer before meal and we enjoyed our lunch as one family. After having our lunch we gave our farewell message, wished him a fruitful mission in the US and sang our "Good Bye Song" for Fr. Peter. – Nov. Crizaldy



Feast of Saint Thomas, Apostle

NEWS



On the 3rd of July, Monday we have celebrated the feast day of St. Thomas, Apostle. Fr. Josh (an Indian confrere) headed our celebration. For us Stigmatines, St. Thomas is dear to us. The account of St. John about Jesus' apparition and the confession of St. Thomas' faith is the account that we use on the Feast day of the Five Wounds. After seeing and touching the five wounds of Jesus, St. Thomas confessed: "My Lord and my God." St. Thomas is a good model for us apostolic missionaries because, after his confession of faith, he became ready to abandon everything and travelled outside the Roman Empire to preach the Gospel. At last, the apostle reached India, the place where my co-Indian Novices: Nov. Abin, Nov. Jomon and Nov. Tom come from. According to the tradition, the Apostle reached Muziris, (modern-day North Paravur and Kodungalloor in the State of Kerala, India) in AD 52. The Apostle wanted a great

fight in the place in order to proclaim the Christian faith because it was the place of dark and superstitions. God was with him and did many miracles in order to people to believe. He baptized several people in Kerala and founded what today are known as Saint Thomas Christians or Mar Thoma Nazranis. He is often regarded as the Patron Saint of India. He established Yezh (Seven) ara (half) palligal (churches) or Seven and Half Churches in Kerala. These churches are at: Kodungallur, Palayoor, Kottakkavu (Paravur), Kokkamangalam, Niranam, Nilackal (Chayal), Kollam and Thiruvithamcode (half church). Saint Thomas was martyred at St. Thomas Mount, near Chennai, in AD 72 and his body was interred in Mylapore. He was also called as Didymus which means "the twin" or Mar Thoma in Syriac. St. Thomas is the founder of Syro- Malabar Catholic Church. – Nov. Sonet

Community day at Kata Beach

Sunday afternoon of July 16 was as interesting as any other community days for the past months. This time we spent our community day at the beautiful beach of Kata district. The island of Phuket is very well known for its beautiful beaches but it is only until we had experienced one of them that we can finally affirm it. Having enjoyed its superb white sand, clear water and the giant waves, it is clearly a memorable experience for all of us. – Nov. Jack



A Day with our Dead Missionary Confreres



On the 28th of July, Friday morning the community of the Novitiate dedicated a memorable day in the cemetery of the Assumption Parish for two purposes. First is for cleaning the cemetery and secondly for visiting and offering prayers to our beloved dead confreres. Before cleaning the area we visited the tombs of our great missionary confreres. "We are so grateful", Fr. Joseph addressing the novices, "to our missionaries without whom we are not here standing here. So we owe a lot of gratitude to them." And so, Fr. Joseph encourages us to remember them in our prayers and to express our gratitude to them. Fr. Paul the Pastor of Assumption Church, Fr. Dominic the Pastor of St. Martin of Tour Parish and Bro. Sujin were among us on that day. Fr. Reby was also with us, who leaded us in the prayer for our dead

missionary confreres. After the prayers, each were assigned to clean some areas, plant some flowers and water them. We will visit them again next month. – Nov. Jomon

REMEMBERING OUR DEAR MISSIONARY CONFRERE

FR. MARCO BLASUTIG, CSS (April 18, 1914 - July 3, 1990)



He was born on April 18, 1914 in San Pietro al Natisone. He made his perpetual vows on September 9, 1935 and was ordained priest on July 21, 1938. Few months after his ordination he left for the mission in Yi-shien in China, spending 11 years in mission until the communist occupation begun, he was forced to return back to Italy. He exercised his ministry in Gemonia, until he left for Thailand in 1952, dedicating himself with enthusiasm serving as a parish priest and the principal of Dowroong School. Then he went to Ranong to build a new school. Then when he broke his leg, his long period of suffering started for him. In 1988 he returned to Italy celebrating his 50th year to priesthood, on the same year on October he returned to Thailand residing in seminary of Sampran giving spiritual direction to the seminarian. He died on July 3, 1990 at the age of 76 years old in Sampran. Fr. Marco left us his dedicated life to the mission, have a strong character but with a man of great heart. Very much dedicated to Our Lady and left behind a witness of exemplary religious life.

Sunday on the 30th of July, the novitiate community had the customary end-of-the-month community night, now called the night jam. Every night jam comes with a chosen theme. This time the theme is about the food, culture and customs of our countries. The program was divided into three parts: 1. the cooking (which was done earlier in the afternoon) and the presentation of the food, 2. The visual presentation of the culture and the customs of each country and the 3. The performances of the typical dance of our region of origin. Starting with the cooking at 3:15, continued with the meal and presentation at 6:30, everybody enjoyed the day and were excited to present what we have prepared. Fr. Reby opened the program with the opening prayer and the presentation of the food followed. The whole community was present and were delighted with the presentation of our local food: Rendang sapi from our very own Indonesia, Bicol Express from our Filipino brothers and Kappa Biryani from our brothers from Kerala. While we eat, the presentation of our customs and culture took place. We were happy to be informed of the rich cultures of our countries as well as the diverse customs each have. And we were entertained by the dance performances from Indonesia called Gemu Fa Mi Re, the Pandanggo sa Ilaw of the Filipinos and the Pulikali dance of the Indians. It is also customary on the night jam the handing over of the position of the beadle (the leader of the group for the whole month) which is symbolized by handing over to the new one (this time it is Nov. Abdon) the book of the chronicle. Finally the night jam was ended with a short message coming from Fr. Joseph, the Novice Master. He tells us: that the program is not just for fun but as a form to know better each other because only by knowing that we are able to love. This is what matters most in community life with members of different background, to love and be united in diversity because with differences, religious life becomes more colorful and beautiful. God creates differences in order for us to complement and to share with each other. – Nov. Kornelis





On the evening of Thursday, the 27th of July the novitiate community celebrated the birthday of one of our community members, Fr. Michael Jeerasak. He is the director of Dowroong Wittaya School, Phuket. After the singing the birthday song, kind wishes from our beadle

and gifts from Fr. Joseph and Bro. Sujin were given. And finally we helped ourselves with good food prepared for us by the community. It was a beautiful night which gives us a real meaning of a joyful community life. And on the morning of the actual day of Fr. Michael's birthday, we return to the community house and offered birthday song and another kind wishes from one of us. We can see that he was very happy and delighted to hear some songs that we prepared for him. He was very thankful for our presence. – Nov. Abin

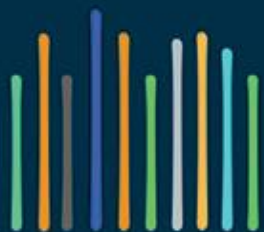
ANNOUNCEMENT

Our Lady of Assumption Church, Phuket
Invites you to the Celebration of the Parish Feast Day
and
the 25th Priestly Anniversary of:

Fr. Winai Plienbumrung, CSS
Fr. Wasan Pirulhwong, CSS and Fr. Wichien Radomkit, CSS

Sunday, August 20, 2017 - 10:00 am
to be Presided by Bishop Joseph Pratan, SDB

OUR VERY BEST



BIRTHDAY WISHES

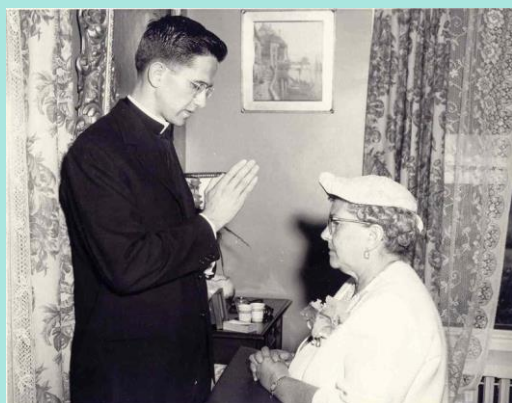
TO OUR CONFRES

Fr. Peter Uttana, CSS – June 4

Bro. Elmer Sarmiento, CSS – July 12

Fr. Michael Jeerasak, CSS – July 28

Bro. Ulisses Amora, CSS – July 30



Congratulations!
To Fr. Joseph Henchey, CSS
On his 61th Priestly Anniversary
22nd of July