

The Inter-Provincial Novitiate Community

Phuket, Thailand

THE 6TH INTER-PROVINCIAL NOVITIATE YEAR (2018-19)

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Novices celebrate the Founder's birthday!

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RECOLLECTION WITH MR. ROY AND MRS. JOLLIE



Last September 20, 2018 we had a recollection with Mr. Roy and Mrs. Julie. A Catholic couple living here in Phuket and good parishioners of Assumption Parish. Mr. Roy is Thai and his wife is Filipina from the south of the Philippines.

The most memorable things that we learn in that recollection is the story of their life's journey and how they put prayer as the most important thing in all the life situations that they experienced.

In the recollection we started to know that Mr. Roy and Mrs. Julie come from families with different religious backgrounds. Mr. Roy comes from a Buddhist family while Mrs. Julie is from a Catholic family. But the interesting thing is when Mr. Roy fell in love with Mrs. Julie and began to know her, he also fell in love with the Lord Jesus and began to know Jesus through the intercession of Mrs. Julie. This happened in the Philippines where at that time Mr. Roy was having his studies there.

As time goes by, their love also goes and God's call goes in their lives. Finally, Mr. Roy and Mrs. Jenny became Catholic couples and very devoted to family life. All the life situations they faced, they always face in the name of God and with faithful prayer. "Face everything in the name of God and with faithful prayer" become the legacy of the them in the sharing they had given us novices. – Nov. Jung

MONTH OF MARY, OUR LADY OF THE HOLY ROSARY



We Catholics especially dedicate the month of October in honor of our Mother Mary – Our Lady of the Holy Rosary. We in the novitiate joined the parishioners of our Lady of Assumption in the opening celebration with the Mass. The annual house to house rosary was also celebrated headed by the pastor Fr. Paul Krittapat. Some parishioners hosted the said house to house rosary and happy to welcome us in their homes, pray together and shared meals together.

Here in the Novitiate we also hosted the house rosary on the 9th of October. It was a meaningful celebration for us because we also celebrated the birthday of our dear Founder St. Gaspar Bertoni. We started the praying of the Rosary at 6:00 pm and was followed by *socialization night* while having dinner. During the program we presented a song entitled "*The Good St. Gaspar*" in honor of the Founder and we presented to the parishioners the string art (the image of our Founder) as a tribute to our founder. There were many parishioners joined us in our celebration including the nuns from the Darasamuth School, Phuket and their workers. Mostly of the parishioners have brought some food too to be shared by all while the novices also prepared Philippine foods for all.

Finally, on October 31st, we had the culminating of the house Rosary. We had our Holy Rosary at Darasamuth School hosted by the Sisters together with their collaborators and some students. The parishioners also joined the rosary together with the novitiate community. The celebration ended with the Mass and a little procession was held right after. – Nov. Jhan Rey

MONTH OF MARY, OUR LADY OF THE HOLY ROSARY



EVERY DROP COUNTS



Scientists up to this moment have yet to discover a suitable replacement for blood and so blood donation is still an essential means for transferring blood among humans.

The Paschal Mystery which is an important concept in our Catholic faith teaches us that Jesus suffered and died for us to redeem us from our sins and did this by shedding His blood from the scourging at the pillar and crowning of thorns to His crucifixion and eventually death by the pierce of a spear to His side on which water and blood gushed forth.

The Novices too, together with their formators Fr. Reby and Fr. Joseph went to the Red Cross Center here in Phuket to donate blood last October 22, 2018. "It is an important charity work" Fr. Joseph said to us for by sharing our blood like Jesus we have helped those in need. – Nov. Chino

LEADERSHIP SEMINAR



Each person has its own concept of a leader. Some describes it as a captain of the team, master of the group or someone that gives command and direction to be followed, etc. However, it can be simplified by looking into its common denominator which is someone who leads; the cleverest way to find it is to see the root word "lead".

Leadership does not limit only by its definition. It has a lot of related topics that is important in molding a good leader and pastor of the church. For this reason, last October 23, 2018, the novitiate community in Thailand had conducted a leadership seminar. The seminar was held in the novitiate conference room. It started from 10 am to 2:30 pm. Mr. Ariel Campos together with his wife Mrs. Donna and his son, John is the speaker of the seminar. Mr. Ariel is currently working at Banyan Hotel in Laguna, Phuket, Thailand. He trains new workers and managers of the hotel.



The seminar was really fun and substantial not only because of the eloquence of the speaker but because of the topic itself. It gives us a lot of beautiful insights and information that is essential for our life as religious. It shows us how to become leaders and managers at the same time in order to empower ourselves; capable of carrying our own mission in the future. – Nov. Donrich

ST. GASPAR BERTONI CHURCH FEAST DAY



On October 27, the Church of St. Gaspar Bertoni in Ranong celebrated its Feast day. We the novitiate community joined them in their celebration. The Mass was celebrated by Bishop Joseph Pratan together with our Stigmatine priests from Ranong and Phuket communities headed by Fr. Joseph, the Provincial and some diocesan priests. The bishop came days before the celebration to meet the people and conduct to them the Lection Divina. On this celebration, the bishop also gave the first communion sacrament for the three children. The number of people who were present at the celebration was not too many, because based on its history the St. Gaspar Bertoni Chapel was built specifically for several families of coffee farmers who worked in the area. Mostly those who joined the celebration came from the other churches. The Stigmatine missionary who founded the chapel and the

Catholic community in this place is Fr. Ronconi, CSS. He was a missionary who came from Italy who now has long lived in Thailand as a Stigmatine missionary. – Nov. Jung

RECOLLECTION WITH FR. PETER PAKPOOM



"The more you give to God, the more you receive from Him." This is what Fr. Peter Pakpoom told us during our recollection with him last October 30.

He shared to us his insights about vocation. He also took the opportunity to know us novices by having us submit to him some basic information about ourselves and asking something before he started the recollection.



After the talk there was a confession followed by the saying Rosary and Mass at 11:00 am with Fr. Joseph, Fr. Dominic and Fr. Reby concelebrating. Overall it was a blessed recollection, enkindling in us the fire of our vocation. Our gratitude to Fr. Peter Pakpoom for guiding us in recollection. – Nov. Chino

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATORS



Fr. Anto – Sept. 2

Fr. Timothy Amarin – Sept. 3

Bro. James Nattawut – Sept. 18

Fr. Matthew Manop – Sept. 21

Bro. Jestonie – Oct. 7

Bro. Fabulas – Oct. 18

Fr. Jimado – Oct. 23

Fr. Jojo – Oct. 23

CONGRATULATIONS!

In advance to:

Bro. Denis Ato – Diaconate on Nov. 26

Bro. Carlos Avenido – Perpetual Profession on Nov. 26