



THE 7TH NOVITIATE YEAR (2019 - 2020)

June - July 2019

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In this beautiful church community of Mary Help of Christians, on the foot of the mountain in Panom District, Province of Pangasinana, we enjoyed spiritually our annual retreat last May 24 to 29.

Our retreatants with Fr. Jerry Tapay pose with the image of our Lady and preparing for the procession to the church.



Fr. Jerry Tapay, a Salesian missionary from the Philippines, a pastor of the same church, became our retreat master. Fr. Jerry helped us prepare our four former Nov-

ices and 3 Thai brothers who were, at that time, about to receive their First Profession and Perpetual Profession respectively. We are grateful for Fr. Jerry for his guidance and meaningful reflections during the length of our retreat.

First Profession 2019



With great joy and thankfulness to God, we in the Inter-provincial Novitiate community shares the fruit of our labour - the Profession of our Novices. And we acknowledge with gratitude those people who have been part of our Novitiate formation.

On June 2, 2019, Sunday at Assumption Church, Phuket, witnessed by the parishioners and by our confreres present, the novices publicly pronounced their vows and was accepted by Fr. Joseph Wattanasak, the Thai Provincial Superior. They were the 6th batch of novices to professed in this Asian Inter-Provincial Novitiate Program.



The newly professed, from left Bro. Donrich Dacayana from Phil, Bro. Jhan Rey Cardosa from Phil and Bro. Petrus Renatus Lijung from Indonesia post with thier farmators Fr. Reby Arazo, Fr. Joseph Wattanasak Srivorakul and Fr. Paul Krittapat Jumjon.



The newly professed brothers are back to their respective countries to embark in another stage of formation. We pray and wish them all the best.

June 12 Celebrations

Great news from the Thai province: the perpetual profession of the three Thai brothers namely Bro. Benedict Tawachai Kresaesing, Bro. Michael Nattawut Busabok and Bro. Clement Ratchanon Bunphrasom. The profession took place at the Stigmatine Seminary in Samphran, Nakhon Pathom last June 12 on the occasion of the Solemnity of the Founder. The celebration was headed by the Thai Provincial Fr. Joseph

Wattanasak Srivorakul and was attended by all the Thai confreres, the Bishop of Ratchaburi Diocese Bishop John Bosco Panya Kritcharon, friend priests, families and relatives and friends of the celebrators.

On the same celebration too were the 25th and the 50th Priestly Anniversaries of Fr. Peter Pramote and Fr. Ferdinando Ronconni respectively.



Pic 1. The 3 brothers making their Perpetual Profession. From left Bro. Ratchanon, Brother Tawatchai and Bro. Nattawut.

Pic 2. The brothers post with the Thai minor seminarians with their formator Fr. Supachai.



Pic 3. Fr. Joseph Wattanasak at the center with Fr. Ferdinando on left and Fr. Pramote on the right beside Bishop Panya Krichanon, and all the Thai confreres and guest priests.



Acceptance to the Novitiate



Welcome to the novitiate year! Last June 21 we have accepted into the novitiate year four of our young brothers from three asian countries. From the south of the Philippines we have Nov. Revin Nicole Lunasin. Two novices came from Flores, Indonesia namely Nov. Elias Kaesnube abd Damianus Sodok Kelen and one from Ayuttaya, Thailand Nov. Nicholas Kultawat Sangkarat.

The new novices were presented by their Novice Master, Fr. Reby Arazo to Fr. Joseph Wattanasak, the Provincial of the Province of Mary the Morning Star Province, who then accepted them as the 7th group of the Asian Inter-Provincial Novitiate in Phuket, Thailand.

Several of the Thai confreres and visitor Fr. Donato Lovito from Indonesia, were present on this celebration. Some the parishioners of Our Lady of Assumption church were also present to welcome our new batch of novices.



Retreat with Fr. Donato Lovito

Father Donato in the novitiate – we were blessed to have him for many reasons. First for accompanying two of our candidates from Flores, Indonesia.



They arrived last June 19. Secondly, for facilitating our 5-day retreat on the start of our Novitiate year from June 24 to 28. And lastly, for affecting us his contagious holiness. We in the novitiate expresses our heartfelt gratitude to Fr. Donato for his presence. He left Phuket to Flores on the 29th with our best regards to our Stigmatine community in Flores, Indonesia.

We also had the chance to visit our deceased missionary confreres in our cemetery here in Phuket. We offered prayers for them after cleaning their tombs.

Fr. Donato was so kind to help us in cleaning the tomb area.



Thai Manner and Culture Lecture

Sawatdee krap (and Wai gesture) our greetings to all. Last July 12 we learned a lot from our first lecture in the novitiate year – Thai Manners and Culture by Sister Lakkana and other members of her congregation, the Sisters of the Good Shepherd.



We deemed it necessary for us here in the novitiate to learn the basics of Thai manners and its culture because we too are involved in the parish church activities with the Thai parishioners and also for our personal enrichment.

Sr. Lakkana, who headed the lecture, demonstrates to novices Thai proper gestures we can use to make our conversation more polite when we speak to others.



Dowroong School Open House



July 26, Friday, Dowroong School Phuket celebrated its Open House ceremony for the new building - St. Gaspar building.

The celebration encludes Thai Language tournament between four Stigmatine Schools namely; Dowroong School (Phuket), Darunothai School (Trang), Sri Arunothai School (Ranong) and Marie Rak School (Pang-nga) of which Dowroong was the winner.

A bazaar of the different school clubs and subjects were made available for the visitors, parents and other competing students.



Fr. Michael Jeerasak and Sr. Duangkae hold the Royal Victory Cup won by Dowroong competing students. Beside them were the judges of the tournament coming from the different institutes and schools here in Phuket.



Recollection with Fr. John Pipat



Last July 30, we are blessed to have Fr. John Pipat, Pastor of St. Joseph Church in Changtalay, to facilitate our recollection of the month and hear our confession. We are grateful for his presence and the reflection he imparted to us.

Novices post with Fr. John after the recollection. We are also glad to have Fr. Joseph Niran with us during these days.



Announcements



The Congregation of the Sacred Stigmata of our Lord Jesus Christ
STIGMATINE FATHERS and BROTHERS
cordially invites you to the

Diaconal Ordination of
BRO. CARLOS PEZAÑA AVENIDO, CSS

Presbyteral Ordination of
REV. DENNES TORRES ATO, CSS

through the laying on of hands of
MOST REV. JESSE E. MERCADO, DD
Bishop of Parañaque

On August 10, 2019, Saturday, 9:30 am
at the Shrine of the Five Wounds of Jesus
Talon 1, Las Pinas City, Philippines

"Pro Christo ergo legatione fungimur." 2 Cor 5:20

August 10, 2019
Ordinations
Shrine of the Five Wounds, Las Pinas



Our Lady of Assumption Church, Phuket
Invites you to the Celebration of the Parish Feast day

Sunday | August 18, 2019 | 10:00 AM
Holy Mass to be Presided by: Bishop Joseph Pratan Sridarunsil, SDB

August 18, 2019
Feast day of Assumption Church
Phuket



to our birthday celebrators of the months of June and July

June 2 - Fr. Peter Waranyu

June 18 - Fr. Joel Barcelona

June 20 - Bro. Jerson Rey

June 22 - Fr. Peter Pramote

June 25 - Fr. Maximo

June 29 - Peter Pakpoom

July 4 - Fr. Joseph Yuttana

July 5 - Sr. Duangkae

July 5 - Bro. Jung Petrus

July 28 - Fr. Michael Jeerasak

July 30 - Bro. Ulysses