



THE 7TH NOVITIATE YEAR (2019 - 2020)

OCTOBER-NOVEMBER 2019



# Activities of the month

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# Recollection with Fr. Abel Maglines

Last October 11, Fr. Abel Maglines, delegate superior of the Philippine delegation, told us during our monthly recollection with him that: *when we talk about community life, love is always at the core*. Happiness in the community follows. It is the love modeled in the love that is shared in the Holy Trinity and is being shared to us as a gift.

As a special gift, it is our duty to keep this love alive in our community. Love must take precedence in every activity we are to take. If we do our duties with love, we will have a fruitful and an effective community. The Lord has given us an example and his words are timeless: love others as you love yourself. Make charity be the foundation of building a fraternal community.

And the rest of the virtues follow; help will come easily, living together smoothly, problems and trials will become lessons in life.

Fr. Abel stayed with us for a couple of days, sharing with us his stories and experiences in his community. We are grateful for his presence. – Nov. Kultawat





## October: the Rosary Month

The Rosary Month has arrived, a month, we in the novitiate, spend praying the Holy Rosary in the houses of the parishioners of Our Lady of Assumption church.

The Holy Rosary is usually done in the evening, one or two houses almost everyday of the month. Thursday evening Rosaries are done in the church.

The Rosary is attended by a good number of parishioners including sisters from different communities. Phuket community church is international, we are proud to say, and so different languages are used in saying our rosary.

The month of the Holy Rosary was started by a mass in honor of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary asking her to guide us through the whole month activity that we will do. The culmination mass also was celebrated in the church with a simple procession of the image of Our Lady around the church.

The Pastor Fr. Paul urges the people: praying the Holy Rosary does not stop on the month of October but pray the Holy Rosary everyday.

We, the novices are thankful to the Pastor Fr. Paul Krottapat for organizing and letting us participate in this wonderful tradition in honor of our Lady of the Holy Rosary. - Nov. Elias





## The Superiors visit Phuket

Last Oct. 29, 2019, Phuket community humbly welcomed the Gen. Superior and the Council of Superiors during their visit to the south after their Superiors' meeting that took place in Baan Phu Waan Center, in Bangkok last October 20 to 27. The meeting was attended by Fr. Rubens Sodre Miranda, CSS (Gen. Superior) with his councilors; Fr. Nelton Pezzini, CSS, Fr. David Kalyosi, CSS and Fr. Claudio Montolli, CSS, and the rest of the Provincial superiors of the congregation namely, Fr. Robert White, CSS, Fr. Andriano Jose Dos Santos, CSS, Fr. Silvano Nicoletto CSS, Fr. Bruno Pacciotti CSS, Fr. Anthony Vincent Mashaka CSS, Fr. Wattanasak Srivorakul and Fr. Jordelio Silesledo, CSS.

Fr. Joseph Wattanasak, CSS (Provincial Superior) organized a certain program for the Superiors which were purposefully intended for their one week stay in the Phuket community. The Superiors literally enjoyed much the atmos-

phere of serene calmness and modest weather. This was the reason why you can actually see in their faces how much they loved the people, the food and the culture.

One of their programs was to visit the neighboring Stigmatine communities and schools in the south. That's why they've got the chance to meet and greet some of the confreres and students which possibly made them captivated by the warm welcome of the communities.

During the course of their stay in the Novitiate community, the Novices had the chance also to connect with them through fraternal communication even though there's a language barrier but still they've got the chance to eat, sing and laugh with them.

It was indeed a very fruitful visit of the Superiors. Everyone was helped to realize that the Stigmatine Congregation truly values vocation. - Nov. Bensoy







Fr. General talking to the school assembly during his visit, with the superiors to Dowroong School, Phuket



Fr. General posts in front of Darunothai School, Trang accompanied by Fr. Sittichai and Fr. Yuttana of Trang community.



The superiors meeting the novices for the first time.



Fr. General with Fr. Ronconi, missionary to Thailand for 30 years. Fr. General and the rests of the superiors in Phuket community.



# All Souls' Day Celebration

November 2, All Souls' Day, was a memorable day for us. On this day a mass dedicated to our departed confreres and parishioners was held in our cemetery here in Phuket. The celebration would not be possible without the cooperation of the parishioners and our community here in Phuket.

Thanks to all who have participated in the preparation: the parishioners headed by the pastor and the novices for instance made a two-day cleaning preparation of the cemetery; cutting and sweeping the lawn, one-day candle making and the last minute preparations like putting on the tents and chairs,

flower decorations and the Mass preparations. Finally, the Mass was successful, it was started at 7:00 in the evening and was attended by a good number of parishioners. We were also blessed to have the presence of Fr. Reubens, our General Superior and his Councilor Fr. Claudio and Bro. Bruno, provincial superior of Our Lady of Hope Province. Before the end of the Mass, a blessing for the dead took place. Parishioners spent a couple time visiting the tombs of their departed and others help themselves with some snacks prepared for all by the Sisters from the Darasamuth School. – Nov. Kultawat





## Pang-nga Feast day



On this day, October 3, Sunday, our school community in the Province of Pang-nga celebrated their parish patron saint, St. Martin of Tours. The novitiate community was invited to celebrate with them together with Fr. Joseph Wattanasak, the Provincial.

Fr. Peter Pakpoom, the pastor of the church was so glad to welcome us specially the General superior and his councilor Fr. Claudio and Fr. Bruno, Provincial of Our Lady of Hope.

The celebration started at 10:00. Bishop Joseph Pratan was the main celebrant. There were also priests from the diocese who joined the said celebration, with them their seminarians too who became the choir and the mass servers.

Lunch were served after the mass while the kindergarten pupils carried on with their dances and presentations. The celebration went quite well and successful. With very few church parishioners, the celebration was very meaningful because we have seen the participation of the non-Catholic teachers; they did their best in welcoming and accommodating all the visitors. – Nov. Elias



# The 203rd Stigmatine Founding Anniversary

Last Nov. 4, 2019 the Novitiate Community sentimentally celebrated the 203rd Stigmatine Founding Anniversary. It was formally attended by the actual presence of Fr. John Pipat, CSS, Fr. Michael Jeerasak, CSS, Bro. Sujin, CSS, Sis. Duangkhae and Sis Eat. Fr. Paul the superior of the community officially opened the activity with a prayer. The celebration was rather simple but smoothly planned by the community. This was purposefully dedicated to the hardwork and exceptional patience of Fr. Gaspar together with the first Stigmatines in founding the Congregation. What highlighted the celebration was the “ex-

temporaneous speech activity” wherein everyone was resiliently encouraged in picking up some chosen quotation of our dear Founder and says something about it in less than 2 minutes impromptu. At first, the Novices thought that the others wouldn’t be joining to the said activity but to their surprise everyone harmoniously participated. This was the reason why the atmosphere of serene enjoyments filled each other’s heart for everybody shares their joy, thoughts and experience in the community. Indeed, it was just a splendid blast of happiness. Everyone was valuably encouraged. - Nov. Bensoy





## Fr. Bruno with the Novices

Last October 29, the novices were blessed to listen to Fr. Bruno Facciotti, provincial superior of our Lady of Hope Province, talking about the features of our charism. He said there are several features or characteristics of our Stigmatine charism that we cannot miss. Our congregation's charism is to help the local bishop in special way, in the evangelization. Evangelization starts at home, in our case, in our community, and it is molded by living a common life. The once bishop of Verona made an abrupt visit to the Stimate found that everything in the Stimate is in common. This is one of our features and so we are to do the same. Another characteristic of our charism is the call to ex-

cellence. Excel in everything our dear father invites us. Another is the vows and prayer. Both are intertwined. Pray, he urges us to be sustained by the vows the we are to receive in the future because they are our identity as Stigmatine. Next feature is to live a simple life – evangelical poverty. These are among the many features or characteristics of the charism congregation that Fr. Bruno mentioned on our meeting with him. In the end, he encourages us to continue to pray, support each other and cherish this special year in the formation. It is with great gratitude that Fr. Bruno has spent with us a couple of hours instructing us regarding our Stigmatine spirit. - Nov. Damian



Fr. Bruno with the Novices; from left, Nov. Toon from Thailand, Nov. Elias and Nov. Damian from Indonesia and Nov. Revin from the Philippines.





OCTOBER and NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY CELEBRATORS

Oct. 7 - Bro. Jestonie

Oct. 18 - Bro. Thawatchai

Oct. 23 - Fr. Jojo and Fr. Jimado

Nov. 9 - Bro. Romel and Bro. Jessie James

Nov. 13 - Fr. Jessie

Nov. 17 - Fr. Weerasak and Bro. Ratchanon

Nov. 18 - Nov. Damianus

and to all birthday celebrators of the months of October  
and November