



THE 7TH NOVITIATE YEAR (2019-2020)

MAY-JUNE 2020



“Lord, grant us mistrust of ourselves and confidence in you.”

-St. Gaspar Bertoni

Inside

Charity Works on Purpose

Debut into Religious Life

Self-Directive Retreat 2020

Happy Feast Day St. Gaspar !

and others



Charity Works on Purpose: A recollection with Sr. Lakhana

It was on the 11th of May 2020 when the Novitiate Community had the chance to invite Sr. Lakhana (from Good Shepherds community) to share her experience about charity works in this time of pandemic. Upon Sharing, Sr. genuinely provided the community an engaging thought about social works based on her firsthand experience in the field of social action. She authentically conveyed a lot of inspiring words and actions but what really captured the community's heart were these following thoughts:

1. When people see the good things you genuinely do for others, they get to be determined to help. This is charity in progress
2. Coming out from your comfort zone to help others is the sweetest thing to offer.
3. When you have the opportunity to help, don't think too much. Go straight forward.
4. We have just enough to provide for the needy but God has been so gracious to sustain our efforts.
5. To remain silent in this time of crisis is not humane.

These were just a simple purposes of Sister Lakhana's intention upon helping the poor and the needy. She concluded the talk upon saying "Stay healthy in God's presence."

-Bro. Nicholas Kulltawat Sangkarat, CSS

Debut into Religious life



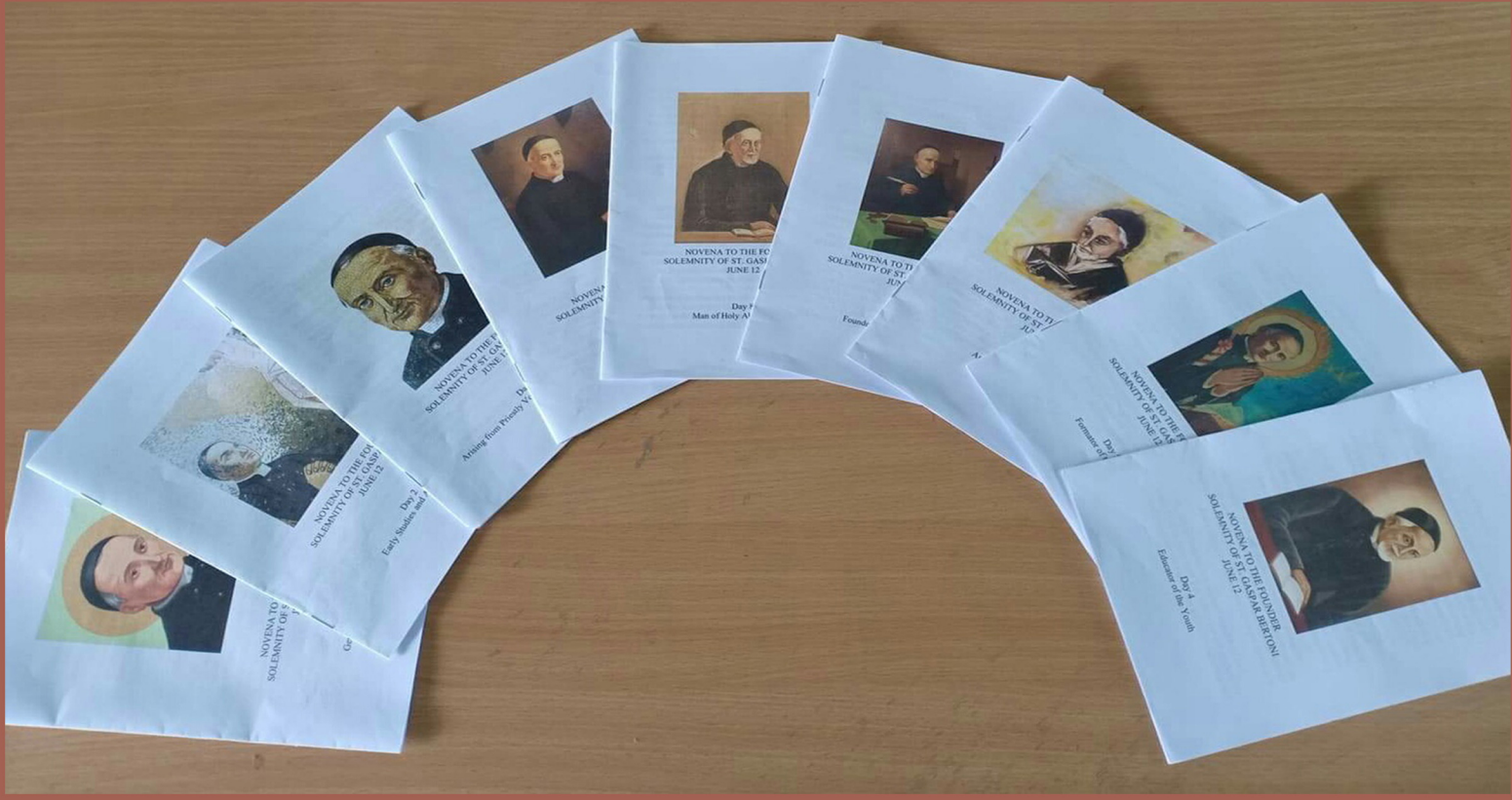
Assumption Church Phuket-On last June 07, 2020 the Stigmatine Novitiate community thankfully celebrated the first profession of Bro. Elias Kaesnube, CSS, Bro. Nicholas Kultawat Sangkarat, CSS, Bro. Damianus Sodok Kelen, CSS and Bro. Revin Nicole Lunasin, CSS. The celebration was rather simple but serene. The setting took place in Assumption Church-Phuket at exactly 9:30 am. It was presided by Fr. Joseph Wattanasak (Provincial-Superior) along with Fr. Reby Glenn Arazo (Novice Master) and Fr. Paul Krittapat (Church's Pastor).

During the homily, Fr. Joseph left an engaging thought about religious life as he said "I know you are all fuelled by the desire of wearing the cassock for the first time but I do hope that this desire would last until you get through Priesthood." These words left a long lasting impression to the newly professed brothers. They were helped to realize that professing the vows encompasses commitment and consistency. It genuinely allowed them to recognize that their vocations came from God and the commitment to be done should come from them. This became now their progressive grasp of awareness regarding the possible accountabilities and consequences they needed to face in the near future.

It was indeed a blissful day; they were all blazed with zeal as they put on their cassock for the first time. This day reminded them about the words of Fr. Gaspar saying "Lord, grant us mistrust of ourselves and confidence in you." The newly professed brothers cherished the moment to thank God and the Community for all the guidance in the entire year of formation process. Viva San Gaspar!

Bro. Revin Nicole Lunasin, CSS





Self-directive Retreat 2020

Phuket Thailand –On last 3rd of June 2020, the community had decided to have a self-directive retreat for the Novices before taking the First profession. The retreat was intended to incorporate with the 9 days of Novena to the founder. It comprised in- deep reflections and meditations about the life and works of St. Gaspar in which day-by-day they desired to spend some time upon reflecting the Spiritual writings St. Gaspar Bertoni.

It was a bit new because usually the community do the annual retreat outside the formation house. But due to the upsurge of this covid19 crisis the travels weren't allowed, caused by the lockdown series. Despite of these uncertainties the Novitiate community still managed to create an atmosphere of silence and mediation as they went through the retreat exercises. In fact, the call of this self-directive retreat was to encourage common prayer for those affected by this present crisis. - Bro. Damianus Sodok Kelen, CSS



Viva ! St.Gaspar Bertoni



The Catholic Church assigns one date out of the year for each and every canonized saint — known as the saint's feast day. The saints are remembered on their individual feast days with special mention, prayers, and possibly a scripture reading. A saint's feast day can be the day of their actual death or a day assigned by the Church. Typically, the Church only assigns a day when the day of death is unknown or if several other saints are already assigned to that day. The number of canonized saints, however, is greater than the number of days in a calendar year. So two or more saints often share the same feast day. Because overlap often occurs, and the Church isn't sure of the date of death of some saints, other calendar dates are sometimes chosen — such as the day that the saint was canonized.

It was a nice Friday. The Stigmatine congregation and whole Christian believers around the world, celebrated the feast day of St. Gaspar Bertoni, priest and founder. St. Gaspar Bertoni was born on October 9, 1777 in Verona-Italy. He was a simple man and an example of great virtue to everybody. At 15 years of age, St. Gaspar started his philosophical studies. Notice in his notebooks the heading: L.D.S. and the sketches of the passion of Jesus with the blood flowing from his wounds. At 18 years of age, St. Gaspar started his theological courses in the seminary. On April 12, 1799, he was ordained as Deacon and a year after, on September 20, 1800, he was ordained as diocesan priest. On June 1802, he founded Marian Oratory and November 4, 1816, he founded Congregation of the Sacred Stigmata of Our Lord Jesus Christ. A year after, he was given a title "Apostolic Missionary" by pope Pius VII. St. Gaspar started his sickness on 1812 until the end of his earthly life and he was considering it as "School of Suffering". St. Gaspar Bertoni died on June 12, 1853 at the age of 75. He was canonized by Pope John Paul II on November 1, 1989.

For us, novitiate community, we began the feast day of the founder with novena that are said for nine straight days. In these days, we meditated upon the earthly life and the words of St. Gaspar Bertoni. And on the exact day, June 12, together with Phuket community, some sisters and parishioners we celebrated the mass in the community chapel. After the mass, we continued with our activities. And in the evening we had dinner together in the community house. During meal, the new profess brothers, presented a song and poem about the life of St. Gaspar Bertoni and after that we continued our meal and conversation as brothers in Christ and children of St. Gaspar Bertoni. Happy feast day to all. - Bro. Elias Kaesnube, CSS

Entrance to the Novitiate Year 2020-2021



Dearest Conferes, last June 5, 2020 at 6:30 in the evening, four postulants (3 from Philippines and 1 from Indonesia) were accepted into the novitiate in their own respective contries. They will stay in their contries for the mean time. Assigned to their care are Fr. Romolo Bertoni and Fr. Donato Lovito. We join in praying for them and for their journey into the novitiate formation. Viva St. Gaspar Bertoni !



Nov. John Paul Molina, 23
Philippines



Nov. Arnel Sabellano, 23
Philippines



Nov. Kelvin Kennt Generalo, 25
Philippines



Nov. Jonisius Kabosu, 27
Indonesia



The newly accepted novices in their own contries.



≡ HAPPY ≡
birthday

Fathers and Brothers

Month of May

Bro. Joefrey, CSS - May 03

Fr. Reby Glenn, CSS- May 16

Fr. Winai, CSS- May 28

Month of June

Fr. Peter Waranyu, CSS - June 2

Fr. Joel Barcelona, CSS - June 18

Bro. Jerson Rey, CSS- June 20

Fr. Peter Pramote, CSS- June 22

Fr. Maximo Jr., CSS- June 25

Fr. Peter Pakpoom, CSS- June 29