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From the Editorial Desk...

With joy we bring out the 21st issue of our *News Letter* aimed at keeping all the members informed of the various activities, undertakings and events that are happening in the various parts of the Congregation. May we kindly remind everyone, especially the Provincial, Vice Provincial and Delegation Governance, to send us on time the news items to be published. Let us, as one family, share among ourselves all our achievements and our endeavours. We always welcome the corrections and suggestions for the betterment. We regret also for the errors and omissions if any. May the God grant us the grace to be courageous and joyful messengers of the Good News and a shining stars that lead others to the feet of the Lord. We wish everyone

**A Very Happy Christmas &
Grace filled New Year 2021**

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE 2020



Dear Confreres,

What an incredible year 2020 has been as we have all experienced the Covid-19 pandemic. We have so far survived (with the grace of God) a time that will be written in the history books. A time we never expected or prepared for (maybe we should have).

However, it has been a time when we should have become closer to family, confreres, friends, parishioners and neighbours. When what is truly important has shone out in our relationships and how we have helped each other in times of need by our actions whether it be by wearing a mask, visiting the lonely or helping with one of the many community projects set up for helping the poor and needy. I have been humbled to witness individual members of the Congregation working in co-operation with those who do not call themselves Christians. The love of neighbour and humanity in a world co-operating against a common 'enemy', the virus, shows us clearly what man can do when put to the test.

The parable of the Good Samaritan speaks volumes in these times and should inspire us to review our actions this year. Have we passed by on the other side of the road, focused on our needs and desires or have we stepped up to the stranger and offered our help and support? Everyone is our neighbour, not just our friends but also those we do not know or even like. I really hope, as Missionaries of Faith, we can say and know in our hearts that we have done everything we could to be a Good Samaritan to all those around us. To lead by example and display joy and positivity when there has been so much fear, sadness and negativity around.

I wish you and your families and friends a safe, peaceful, blessed and joyful Christmas and New Year 2021 and that you are all filled with the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit.

God bless you all.



Rev. Fr. Jesus Dajac, mf
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Superior General

On-going Formation Corner

PROJECT EVALUATION

-Fr. Jaison Kalathiparambil mf

The project of ongoing formation and its various elements have been discussed in “Ongoing formation corner” for the past one year. Preparation and actualisation of a project require a lot of time, resources and manpower. A goal setting project – model for our ongoing formation project – provides a trajectory for arriving at the projected objectives. It integrates various components, foresees employment of adequate competences, and sets different personnel roles for its efficiency. Though the interaction of these various elements ensures its logical conclusion, it offers no guarantee of an automatic goal fulfilment. Various factors influence the functioning of a project. Project evaluation is the tool to identify the level of its functioning, to appreciate its efficient elements, to reinforce its weak elements and to remedy the glitches in it. It is concerned about verifying the efficacy of the project. A detailed study of project evaluation is imperative to complete our discussion of project of ongoing formation.

1. Misconceptions regarding evaluation

Evaluation is a fact-finding exercise. It evaluates the validity of methods used, the correctness of the contents included, the effectiveness of the projected itinerary, the impact of the formative activity and the status of the formee. It aims at improving the performance level of the project. Intermediary and final evaluations are a must to attain better results. There are some misconceptions and fears which impede a sincere evaluation. They are:

- it is a fault-finding exercise. Often there is a prevalent fear of possible personal accusations for the less effective performance of the project. For this reason, many formators do not favour an evaluation.
- it is a device for judging individuals and their style of functioning. For some formators it is a threat as it calls for accountability; for some others it is an unwanted intrusion into the rights of the formator.
- evaluation is needed only for the formees. Most of the formators are very enthusiastic about evaluating the achievement levels of the formees. Promotion of a formee to the successive level of formation depends upon it.¹ But the fact is that it is only a part of the project and often the concerned persons are tempted to limit the evaluation to this exercise.

Our formators need not be prey to such negative ideas about evaluation. Approached with a positive attitude, it could improve considerably their personal competence and efficacy of their project. Recognising this they should volunteer for a comprehensive and periodical evaluation.

2. The notion of evaluation

Many consider the practice of evaluation as a 20th century phenomenon. In fact, it developed side by side the industrial revolution in different areas of the industrialised society, ranging from production lines to education. An evaluation of teacher's performance was already in practice in England in the 19th century itself. Royal commissions in England and presidential commissions in the USA were engaged for the purpose. Proposals of improvements and policies were based on their reports.² The word "evaluation" indicates «the process of judging or calculating the quality, importance, amount, or value of something».³ This term is widely used in educational assessment today more than ever, be it of the individual student or the academic programme. It refers to various moments of taking stock of the progress of the project. It tries to analyse the quality of the process of education. It uses various instruments like feedback, questionnaires, descriptive reports, etc. It foresees collecting data for assessing the quality of the formative itinerary, assessing each element of it.⁴

The description above clearly denotes that in a project of formation, evaluation plays the same role of quality assessment in an industry. It reviews the project and verifies the effectiveness of its components in achieving the projected goal or objective. Evaluation should be present right from its beginning to its end for better results. It requires the **situational analysis** at the beginning to situate the point of departure,⁵ the **formative evaluation** during its actualisation to rectify the possible errors and the **summative evaluation** at its conclusion to assess the overall performance.⁶ All these are equally important for the success of the project.

3. Some models of evaluation

A good project also contains its evaluation model with well-defined criteria. These differ according to the concepts and structures that it contains. All of them invariably arrive at due conclusions on the performance of the project.⁷ The selection of these depend upon the persons who prepare the project. The formation team can adopt a suitable instrument of evaluation, that it deems effective.

Some of the popular evaluation models used in formation projects are: **comparison model** (comparing the subjects and obtaining points on an evaluation scale), **goal assessment model** (assessing the goal achievement level) and **diagnostic model** (reviewing the situation of the formee before and after the formative action).⁸ However, many scholars suggest the use of different models suitable for different elements of the project. It also can vary according to the type of itinerary proposed. «For example, consider combining test data from a goals-oriented approach, resource allocation data from the decision-oriented approach, and observational and interview data from the naturalistic approach».⁹ In conclusion, the criteria of choosing a particular model should be its ability to answer various questions about the project and its performance.

4. Ongoing formation and evaluation

The unorganised nature of ongoing formation due to various incompatibilities – discussed in previous issues – make its evaluation difficult. Especially when it is considered as the responsibility of each individual priest to revive his vocational commitment. The best solution could be organising groups according to age, responsibilities, special needs, culture, geographical areas etc., so that the formative activity would be a concrete response to their real life situations.¹⁰ Preparing a formation project for such target groups is viable. Once such programme is in place then evaluation also is possible as it provides a structural and concrete framework. Furthermore, different means of priestly fraternity – fraternal meetings, spiritual direction and confession, retreats, a common table, common life, and priestly associations¹¹ – can be given a concrete structure by enveloping them in a project. It is not for a rigorous enforcement, but for providing an appealing and useful means. It proposes evaluation as an integral part, the result of which will be helpful for updating and bettering the formative itinerary.¹² Lacking such an integral and structural approach, ongoing formation would remain vague, not serving the purpose.

In the framework of a project every person involved therein becomes its protagonist. Each one feels enthusiastic as an active player in this review exercise. This process evaluates not only the projected itinerary but also the unforeseen matters that influenced the realisation of it. The timing of evaluation could be at three moments like any project: at the initial stage to understand from where to start, during the formative action to verify the efficacy and at the conclusion for an overall evaluation.

Questionnaire and *feedback* could be two effective models of evaluation. It could be at individual level or at community level. The subjects who undertake the formative itinerary of ongoing formation are adults and priests. Special care should be taken to make them not feel forced or constrained to offer an opinion. In a spirit of fraternal solicitude, the superiors and the formators need to elicit a sincere evaluation. It must come out of evoking the personal responsibility in availing and fructifying the project. Conscious of his personal situation at the beginning and at the conclusion, the individual shall give a sincere opinion of the pros and cons of the formative itinerary that he undertook. It is out of concern for the betterment of the programme and the benefit of the congregation.

Conclusion

Ongoing formation aims at rekindling the gift of vocation. A well-prepared project, focused on specific target groups, is necessary to make it more concrete and functional. It begins with a **diagnostic evaluation** to set clear objectives and to organise formative itinerary. The **intermediary/formative evaluation**, during its actualisation, rectifies possible errors. At the conclusion of the project a **summative evaluation** gives an overview of the whole project and its goal-reaching efficacy (models of these shall be provided in the next issue). Superiors, formators and the subjects are protagonists of evaluation. Evaluation should be

approached positively and sincerely. It should be done with mutual respect, avoiding unwanted criticism and uncharitable remarks. It should concern the functionality and efficacy of the project in attaining its objectives and goals. Such a pedagogical approach to ongoing formation, undoubtedly, can revive the members and the congregation.

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NEWS FROM THE CONGREGATION

40th Year of Sacerdotal Ordination

The editorial board is very glad to remind every member of the Congregation that our Vicar General, **Fr. Domenico BERGE**, has recently entered the 40th year of his priestly life and ministry. With grateful heart we offer him our sincere congratulations. He was ordained priest on 13 December 1981. Let us express our wholehearted gratitude to the Lord for the gift of Fr. Domenico to our Congregation and for all the selfless and generous services that he has rendered in our Institute for the good of the universal Church and for the greater glory of God. Let us also pray that he may conform himself more and more to Jesus the Evangelizer and Good Shepherd and be an ardent missionary.

Towards the Silver Jubilee of Sacerdotal Ordination

The editorial board is happy to inform every member of the Congregation that two of our confreres, Fr. Carlo Benjamin MAGNAYE and Fr. Linus Julian SARTE, have entered the 25th year of their priestly life and ministry. We extend them our hearty congratulations. They were ordained priests on 23 November 1996. Let us thank the Lord for the gift of these two confreres and for all the generous services that they have rendered in the Congregation for the good of the Church and for the greater glory of God. Let us also pray that they may conform themselves more and more to Jesus the Evangelizer and Good Shepherd.

Province of the Philippines

Installation of Lectors and Acolytes

On 6 December 2020, the second Sunday of Advent at South Gate subd. Chapel, Rev. Fr. Ricardo B. Basquiñes, Provincial Superior of the Province of the Philippines conferred the ministry of Acolyte and Lector to some of our seminarians. Sem. Jaymark Adallya and sem. Cezar James were installed as Acolytes, while sem. Victor Bonite, sem. Andrew Dung Lac - Pham Hoang Phu and sem. John Baptist – Tran Van Truyen were installed as Lectors.

The five seminarians showed their willingness to embrace these ministries as a sign of their preparation for Holy Orders and above all to serve as servants of the Word of God and of the Holy Eucharist. The receiving of these ministries does not aim to have a position or status but it is the important marks of these brothers in their journey of consecrated life. Having the duty to proclaim the Word of God and to serve at the altar are two privileges but these ministries also require responsible and serious awareness of what they have received especially committing themselves in carrying out these ministries with a whole, holy and grateful manner.

In the rite of installation of these ministries, after being called out by Rev. Fr. Federico I. ASESOR (Boyet), Rector of the theology department, each brother one after another, stepped on to receive the Sacred Scriptures and the Cyborium as a sign of loyalty to the Word of God and His Body and Blood.

Let us give thanks to our God for His abundant graces for the Church, the Congregation and particularly for these brothers. May the grace of God always be upon these brothers so that they would be more holy, loyal and generously serve God and his people through the ministries that they have received.

First Profession and the Renewal of the Vows

“Grace upon Grace”

On Monday, 23 November 2020, one of the novices Sem. Kristy A. Esteban professed his First Religious Profession in the hands of Rev. Fr. Ricardo Basquiñez, mf, Provincial Superior of the Province of the Philippines. He hails from the Visayas Region of the Philippines.



Reflecting on the Gospel of Luke (11:27-28), the Provincial Superior in his homily reminded everyone that we do not have the

capacity to be Christ's real mother. But, by listening to His Words and living out His message we become Christ's brothers, sisters, mothers. Furthermore, he reminded everyone that we must always find joy in the works we do, in the situation we are, and in everything that there is. He said this because in spite of having a global pandemic it is still God's grace that allowed one member to profess his vows.

During the same celebration another seminarian, Edgar Bele, renewed his religious vows; another reason to celebrate! He is currently assigned in the provincial house as part of his formation.

It is indeed grace upon grace because most of the members of the Province were able to gather together again. A good number of priests were present during the celebration. The seminarians studying theology were also present and were assigned as servers during the Eucharistic celebration, while the novices served as the choir. Some friends also participated in the celebration. The day ended with an evening meal coupled with stories shared by everyone present.



Province of St. Paul (IND)

Inauguration of the New Provincial House

With immense joy the Province of St. Paul is happy to inform every member of the Congregation that a part of the new Provincial House is getting ready for the inauguration and the blessing. The photo seen in the invitation card is the entire structure of the building. With the substantial help of some of the benefactors from Austria and elsewhere and also with the generous contribution of some of our confreres we have been able to finish the ground floor of the proposed house. We firmly believe that the Providence of God through various people would certainly help us in the future to complete the entire building.

"O Lord God, with your blessing shall the house of your servant be blessed forever" (2 Sam 7:29)

With immense joy and profound gratitude to the Triune God, We, the Missionaries of Faith, Province of St. Paul, Solicit your esteemed presence on the occasion of the Blessing and Opening of the Provincial House on **Monday 28 December 2020, at 10.30 AM**, at Maria Nagar, Malampuzha, Palakkad Dt., Kerala.

Blessing and Solemn Eucharistic celebration will be presided over by
Most Rev. Dr. Antony Samy Peter Abir, Bishop of Sultanpet.

Inauguration and opening by **Very Rev. Dr. Martin Alukaputhussery mf**, Provincial Superior, Missionaries of Faith, St. Paul's Province, India.

Your gracious presence is the momentous need of the day.
Please join us in thanking the Lord for all His bountiful blessings.

Wish you a Blessed Christmas & Prosperous New Year 2021

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On this joyous occasion, given the covid – 19 worldwide pandemic situation, we invite you all to participate, at least spiritually, in the inauguration and blessing of this New Provincial House that will take place on 28 December 2020. Further details are given on the invitation card seen here. Please do pray for the success of the programme.

First holy communion and distribution of Food kit at St. Joseph's Church, Kattakulam

On 22 November 2020 during a solemn eucharistic celebration, officiated by Fr. Tom Jose, the Parish Priest, 9 children of the parish received the first holy communion amidst the Covid-19 pandemic.



During this period of great necessity the parish, with the help of Zhu chi Buddhist foundation, Thailand, also distributed free food kit worth Rs. 2000, for all the families in the parish as well as the poor families in the nearby villages.



Province of St.Peter (IND)

News from the Formation House

“I am the Light of the world whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life” (John 8:12). Fr. Paul Palipe, the Rector of Holy Trinity Major Seminary at Nadipalli conducted a solemn Eucharistic Adoration for all the conferrers of Missionaries of Faith and for the wounded world that Jesus, the True Light, may help all the Missionaries of Faith to walk in his light in order to brighten the path of others.



News from Allipalli Parish

Fr. Santhosh Kumar Pandika, the Pastor of the Parish began the Christmas celebrations in the parish sub-stations very grandly and encouraged the youth to prepare different models of cribs with their creative ideas and announced a prize for the best crib of the year 2020.





News from Pallagutta Parish

Fr. Arul Raju Dasari, the pastor of the parish, “a poor priest for the poor”, generated income from the local donors and with the help of free masonry, constructed houses for the poor people in his parish. He also worked side by side with workers in order to realize this noble cause. Let us appreciate the true missionary zeal of our confrere and pray for him.



News from Yarraguntapalli Parish

Renovation and construction of VYAKULA MATHA MANDIRAMU (PIETA Shrine) at Yarraguntapalli parish. Fr. Prasad Yajjala, the pastor of the parish, with his missionary zeal was able to get the help of a leading Hindu local politicians of the village, Mr. Kumbampaati Harikrishnan and his family for the realization of this beautiful work.



News from Azzampudi Parish

The Solemnity of St. Francis Xavier, Patron saint of the parish church was celebrated very grandly and prayerfully on 3 December 2020, following all the Covid-19 instructions given by the police department and government officials. This year the parish priest, Fr. Raju Baluvuri, had invited H. E. Msgr. Doraboina Moses Prakasam, Bishop of the diocese of Nellore and our Provincial Superior, Rev. Fr. Maria Joji Rai and many other priests.



News from Holy Trinity English Medium School

Fr. Ramesh Eachu, the Principal & Correspondent, after the reopening of the Schools in India, had requested some of his friends who are working in abroad to contribute something for fixing the floor mat and window curtains in the computer lab of the school. One of his friends responded very positively and helped to fix the floor mat and curtains in the computer lab. Now the students are very much happy to use the beautiful computer lab in the school for the computerised education.



Province of Viet Nam

Annual Retreat for the Postulants and Aspirants

The Annual Retreat for postulants was conducted from 3 – 6 September 2020 at the Institute of God's Word, the Provincial House. Rev. Joseph Nguyen Van THANH, mf, the novice master of the Vietnamese Province was the guiding person for this annual retreat with the theme: "Rabbi, where are you staying?" (Jn 1:38). On the evening of the last day of the retreat, the Postulants and the Aspirants



participated in a moral conference held by Fr. Joseph Phan Trong QUANG, mf, the General councillor, on the Consecrated life in the Church today.



First Communion and Confirmation at Dau Tieng Parish & the Inauguration of the Parish Pastoral Centre

On 19 September 2020 Dau Tieng Parish joyfully welcomed Most Rev. Joseph Nguyen Tan TUOC, Bishop of the diocese of Phu Cuong, to the parish and to preside over the Holy Eucharist during which 37 children received the First Holy Communion, 39 children received the sacrament of Confirmation and other 26 students who made the confession of faith received the Communion. The priests of



the Province of Vietnam, the dean of the Binh Long deanery, the priests inside and outside the Ben Cat deanery joined the Bishop in the concelebration. Other religious, guests, the parents of those who received the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion and all the parishioners participated in the function.

During this visitation, the Bishop also inaugurated the Parish Pastoral Centre. The day was also the 20th priestly anniversary and 60th longevity Mass of Fr. Joseph Nguyen Thai NGHI, mf, the pastor of Dau Tieng parish.

Currently, Dau Tieng Parish is served by two MF priests: Fr. Joseph Nguyen Thai Nghi, and Fr. Joseph Tran Van Lam. Dau Tieng parish is also in the process of constructing the Church with an estimated completion cost of nearly 40 billion VND. This work is at the completion stage.



Pastoral Projects for Children in the Mid - Autumn Festival

The Mid-Autumn Festival is a harvest festival celebrated particularly by the Vietnamese. The festival is held on the 15th day of the 8th month of the lunar calendar with full moon at night (this year it was on October 1). The Missionaries of Faith organized featured programmes for the children on that occasion in the Provincial House and in all parishes that are entrusted to us in different Dioceses. On this special day for the Vietnamese children, many different gifts were distributed to them besides the efforts to evangelize the



culture of the place, as well as help the education of young people.



Opening a Training Course of Assistant Chaplains of the Vietnamese Eucharistic Youth Movement

On 26 September 2020 the Province of Viet Nam, along with the Training Committee of the Andrew Phu Yen Federation of the Archdiocese of Saigon, organized a training course of assistant Chaplains for the brothers of the Province.



Before attending the opening ceremony, the participants had a short meeting with the Training Committee. Before the opening ceremony the trainers instructed the participants some of the rigorous skills of the Vietnamese Eucharistic Youth Movement. The course will get over on 6 June 2021. This course will impart effective skills to our brothers which will enable them to be efficient youth leaders.



Blessing of the Parish Pastoral Centre at Ba Tra and Thanksgiving Mass for the 60 years of age of the Pastor, other Priests and Parishioners



On 29 September 2020, Most Rev. Joseph Nguyen Tan Tuoc, Bishop of the diocese of Phu Cuong, blessed the new Parish Pastoral Centre and presided over the thanksgiving Mass for the 60 years of age of the Pastor, Fr. Michel Hoang Do Doc, mf, other Priests, Fr. Joseph Phan Trong Quang, mf, Fr. Joshep Nguyen Thai Nghi, mf, Fr. Thomas Truong Hoang Phuc, mf, Fr. Nicholas Vu Duy

Tan, omi, Fr. John Baptist Tran Kim Thoi, msc and the parishioners, Mr. Luke Pham Xuan Danh, Mr. Peter Nguyen Ngoc Dung and Mrs. Maria Doan Thi Van. At the end of the Holy Mass, the bishop handed over to them the Papal Blessing Parchments on the occasion of their 60th year of age. This pastoral centre was built in about 10 months and in a good place that the parish kids can learn catechism and have other pastoral activities.



Visit of His Excellency, Most Rev. Joseph Nguyen Tan Tuoc, Bishop of the the diocese of Phu Cuong to the Institute of God's Word Community.

On 22 October 2020, Most Rev. Joseph Nguyen Tan Tuoc, Bishop of the Phu Cuong diocese visited the Institute of God's Word Community, the MF Provincial House.

On the occasion of the beginning of the new school year, His Excellency had a meeting with all brothers in the juniorate at the formation house. He reminded the brothers to be aware of self-formation and distinguish between learning and training to achieve maturity not only in terms of "mind" but also of "heart" for the life as religious and priests in the future. He reminded that the fruit of that maturity is brotherly charity which is the sharing of responsibilities in common life. After finishing the meeting, the bishop had dinner with the community in gratitude and communion.



Thanksgiving Mass at St. Paul's chapel of the Tru Van Tho Mission, Cay Truong Parish

On 25 October 2020, Most Rev. Joseph Nguyen Tan Tuoc, Bishop of the Phu Cuong diocese, blessed St. Paul's chapel of the Tru Van Tho Mission, Cay Truong Parish and presided over the Thanksgiving Mass along with Fr. Thomas Dinh Ngoc Loc, mf, the Provincial Superior, dean and other MF priests, in the presence of deacons, religious, many parishioners and guests.



Cay Truong Parish has more than 400 parishioners, most of whom are rubber tapping workers and hired labourers. Five years ago, Fr. Peter Pham Ngoc Hiep, mf, was asked to take care of this Parish. Once he had completed the building of the parish church, and noticing the difficulty of the faithful from Tru Van Tho mission to participate in the daily Holy Mass due to the long distance (about 10 km distant from the parish church), he decided to build a chapel in this mission. The work of the chapel and small rectory was completed in three months.

The chapel of St. Paul is the fruit of the devoted zeal of the parish priest, Fr. Peter and all the parishioners around this area. This is also a highlight on the "Missionaries Footprint" of the Vietnamese Missionaries of the Faith in the particular mission of the Congregation. This opens a bright future in the life of faith for the parishioners living in the region.



Vice-province of Myanmar

Annual Retreat

The annual retreat of Myanmar MF priests was not held in this year due to Covid-19 pandemic. However, we have done it privately in accordance with one's own suitable time and place.

Hearty Congratulations

The Vice-province of Myanmar extends hearty congratulations to our priests, Fr. Louis Gabriel, Fr. Martino Soe Thein and Fr. Phillip Hla Phone who celebrated their 20th Anniversary of their priestly ordination on 25 November 2020. Due to the present pandemic situation the event was celebrated only with community members.



Agreement of Understanding between the Diocese of Myitkyina and the MF Vice-province of Myanmar

An Agreement of Understanding was signed by H. E. Msgr. Francis Daw Tang, Bishop of the diocese of Myitkyina, and Rev. Fr. Louis Gabriel, mf, Superior of MF Vice-province of Myanmar regarding the pastoral



cooperation between the diocese and the Missionaries of Faith. The agreement was signed after due consultation with the Presbyteral Council of the Diocese, with Shadau MF community and with the consent of the Council of the Vice-province. With this agreement the Missionaries of Faith (Fathers) are officially granted permission to have a Retreat and Pilgrimage Centre in the Diocese of Myitkyina. The location is at Shadau Village, St. Paul's Catholic Church Shadau Parish, Kachin State.



Community Activities



Vice-province of Oceania

Greetings and Talofa from the Oceania Vice Province

From all the priests serving here in the Vice-province of Oceania, we wish you all a blessed advent season. It has been a tough year for us all, but with the Presence of God and the strong intercession of the Blessed Mother of God, Mary Queen of Confessors of Faith, we are still standing strong.



Ordination to the Priesthood of Consedine Malaie Fuiava Toleafoa and Peter Timoteo

These Ordinations were the greatest gift to the Oceania Vice-province, the Church of New Zealand, Samoa and Am. Samoa in these trying times. Amid the Covid-19 this Ordination and gift of Priesthood definitely assures the world that God has the upper hand on everything happening in the world at this time. Thanks to the General Council for its efforts in following our two Brothers while they were in Rome for studies; all of you have played an important role in their formation and time away from the Vice-province. To all our Confreres and Friends, Family and benefactors - thanks to you all. This news of the ordination was missed out on the September issue however we still want to make it an official part of the December bulletin.



On Going Communication

Technology now is the mainstream of communication especially within the vast Pacific Ocean. Vice-province Council's weekly catch up and monthly meeting are now through ZOOM. With borders still closed internationally we made sure our far away communities are well informed of the happening within our Vice-province of Oceania; hence the ongoing need for updates and meeting using modern technology.



Parish Ministry- Missionaries of Faith Priest in Mission

Different Dioceses have launched their respective Focus for the years to come; for Auckland Diocese the 3 Year pastoral plan is now launched as the "Mission Map" with a clear vision of everyone becoming Missionary Disciples of the Lord. It is a challenge now for MF in Auckland Diocese to fulfil this mandate as front liners with this mission and to implement our calling as Missionaries

The Priorities of our Mission Map:

- Strengthen the Catholic Communities for the Missionary Discipleship.
- Building a Spirituality for the Youth.
- Care for the poor.

MISSION MAP LAUNCH

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH GREY LYNN

MISSION MAP
To live and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ
SUNDAY 29TH NOVEMBER 2020 @ 9:00AM

SENDING FORTH

Catholic Diocese of Auckland
Te Pheipatanga o Tāmaki Makaurau



Ministry with Young People

We continue to promote vocations to Priesthood and Religious life and helping young people grow in their catholic faith.





2020 Retreat & Planning

Our Vice-province had a week Retreat from 15 - 20 November 2020, at Taupo, in New Zealand, in Samoa at our Residence at Vaitele and Pago with the Diocesan Priests. The themes of the retreat were: Community Life, the Encyclical "*Fratelli Tutti*" and Yearly Planning.



It was a wonderful time to be together to end this strange 2020 with Covid-19 and for preparation for advent and for the New Year.

As we rejoice and celebrate this wonderful season of Christmas, let us not forget to thank Our Lord and Saviour, for coming into our lives. Let us together prepare ourselves to

welcome him into the homes of our hearts. Merry Christmas to you all brothers around the globe.



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Delegation of North America



Deacon Nguyen Du Truong HAI has officially become a member of the DNA on 1 September 2020.

On October 16, the DNA had its zoom Convocation 2020 and at different time zones. There were 18 priests and a deacon in attendance. After the DNA status and financial reports, the discussion ranged from the plan to increase DNA membership to the pandemic situation. Each community gave a short report of what is going on locally.

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