



Meeting of Brothers Visitor in Rome

The Meeting of Brother Visitors took place in the Mother House from May 30 - June 8, 2016. Attended by 26 Brother Visitors and Auxiliary Visitors, the meeting several key issues facing the Institute today. The 10 day meeting was divided into three “blocks”, namely: The Institute Today (May 30 and 31), Leadership In and by Association (June 1 - 3), Support of the Visitor (June 6 - 8). June 4 was a free day and June 5 was Recollection Day. Br. Joe Klong and myself represented LEAD.

In his inspiring opening address, Brother Superior reminded us to keep in mind that “the fundamental purpose of our pastoral leadership is, before all else, to encourage love of God and next of our neighbors because these are the principal commandments given to us by God and because anything we do is useless if separated from these two commandments”.

The General Council played a key role in the 10 day meeting with Br. Aidan Kilty the main facilitator.

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Singapore Brothers' Retreat in Thailand

The Brothers working in Singapore together with Christopher Soosai and Jeffery Chan from Hong Kong, arrived at the Redemptorist Institute for Spirituality, Min Buri, Thailand, which is also their Provincialate. This period is the mid-way of the calendared school year in Singapore and it is a well-deserved break away from the busyness and routine of our apostolate. We were grateful for the guidance of Fr. Apisit (Joe) during the duration of our annual retreat. He started off the retreat with the theme of rest followed by compassion and vulnerability. The sessions were meaningful and appropriately catered for us. These few quiet days without much distraction and with time on our hands gave us the opportunity to sit and talk among ourselves during meal times and watch religious movies in the evening. We would like to take this opportunity to also thank Bros. Peter Boonchert for allowing us to use the community 12-seater vehicle; Danai for organising this time, and the Thai brothers who in one way or another helped us walked closer to our Lord. (Br. Kelvin Tan FSC)



Front row: Gregory, Fr Joe Apisit CSsR, Paul, Nicholas
Back row: Kelvin, Christopher, Danai, Jeffery

Catholic Church and Social Communication Seminar in Myanmar

The theme of our seminar with Mr. Séan Patrick, Director of Vatican Radio, English Program, is Catholic Church and Social Communication. He came from Vatican city, Rome with the Pauline Media Group from the Philippines. He gave us this seminar for three days, starting on Sunday, June 12. We began with Holy Mass led by Cardinal Charles Mg Bo, and ended Tuesday, June 14. Many religious sisters, brothers, priests, lay people and even Bishops attended this seminar. (Br. Quilino FSC)



70th Anniversary Celebration of His Majesty the King's Accession to the Throne



His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej was crowned in June 9, 1946 and is the longest reigning current monarch in the world. His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej is a well loved and respected King of Thailand. Thai people see the king as the "father" and his birthday is also marked with a public holiday and celebrated as Father's Day. Thai people are keenly aware of the fact that throughout the 70 years of his reign, His Majesty the King has conducted himself firmly in accordance with the Kingly Virtues. Above all, he has been working tirelessly for the peace and happiness of the land and the people.

All the La Salle Schools in Thailand conducted ceremonies to celebrate this event. (Brothers of Thailand)

Newsbits

- Condolences to Br. Matthew Bay FSC and family. His elder Brother passed away earlier this month. We are with you in prayers, Matthew.
- Check out this cute first communion picture from SJI International, Singapore. Sent by their equally cute President. Thanks, Larry.



Health and Wellness

When was the last time you had a medical check-up? This article outlines the most common excuses men use to avoid seeing their doctors. Have you used any of these?

1) Twenty-two percent of the men surveyed said that being too busy would stop them from going to their annual checkups., 2) Twenty one percent of the men surveyed said they would avoid a checkup out of fear that the doctor would find something seriously wrong with them. 3) Eighteen percent of men say they would avoid an annual checkup in order to get out of an uncomfortable body exam like a prostate check.

Read more: (<http://www.menshealth.com/health/excuses-for-not-seeing-a-doctor>)

Fraternally,

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