



SAINT JOSEPH OF CURPETINO PROVINCE THE MISSION OF VIETNAM



Postulants

On Saturday, September 3rd, at the St. Anthony Friary, 8 men were welcomed as Postulants to our Province.

Second Year

- 1. Joseph Tam Cong Nguyen DOB: 01/23/1989
- 2. Dominic Chuong Cong Dinh DOB: 11/02/1992

First Year

- 1. Michael Vinh Van Lam DOB: 06/01/1986
- 2. Joseph Duc Van Tran DOB: 01/20/1987
- 3. Joseph Hoan Kim Dam DOB: 11/23/1988
- 4. Joseph Huynh Duc Vu DOB: 02/16/1989
- 5. Joseph Huy Quoc Nguyen DOB: 03/18/1990
- 6. Peter Tinh Dinh Tran DOB: 09/10/1995

The Lord God has inspired them to our Franciscan Family. May He finish what He has done from them with the help of the Friars.



September 17 - we celebrated the Feast of St. Francis Stigmata.

September 18, we celebrated the Feast of St. Joseph of Cupertino, a mystic who was perhaps most famous for his ability to fly.



On September 14th, the student friars celebrated the Moon Festival by giving lanterns and candies to all the poor children who live around the friary



Our student friars start their new ministry for the school year.

Several students make soup, roll it down the street to the hospital and serve lunch to more than 200 patients.

May God give them strength and enthusiasm to keep this work with an ardent love.



A GROUP PICTURE OF ALL THE STUDENTS AT THE FRANCISCAN SEMINARY.



ST. ANTHONY PORRIDGE POT.

Fra. Dom Nghia Hoang

Saturday afternoon , Friars of the Hospital Pastoral Group of St. Anthony Friary rolled down the “St. Anthony Porridge Pot” to the patients in Thu Duc Hospital, a prelude to a new pastoral year the friary .

“St. Anthony Porridge Pot” is formerly known as “Cookware Free” of the Chut Hong Phai Team where our Friars had worked for nearly past two years. Because the needs of the poor patients are growing and this team can work no more, we felt fearless to undertake this work as our weekend ministry.

The first day of the new ministry, the whole group eagerly prepared for the new job, and so was Fr. Joseph Truong – our Guardian. He went up to the gate to encourage us. Out there, many of us were clumsy limbs of not knowing how to start serving because more than half the members of the group are new. Those Friars have done this work before, went forth enthusiastically to announce to patients that there is a “free porridge pot” serving. At the announcement there were many patients who hesitated at first since they never thought “free porridge will be good”. And then slowly some patients came to receive porridge, they ate and said this is “delicious soup”. So many people

quickly queued up to receive porridge. Some even asked for more for dinner later. When we became more familiar with the job, we freely distributed up to the last bowl. Compassionately, some Friars even brought the soup to serve patients in bed. Though being busy with distributing the food, we became more enthusiastic by the smiles from the patients. Though this work is strenuous, we were glad for carrying little happiness to those poor sick, handicapped. Though Be Sleepless and spending more time to prepare and serve people, we yet feel very happy.



“St. Anthony Porridge Pot” carries a message of love to share; it is a bridge, which we are spans, that bridges the compassionate heart of the benefactors to disadvantaged and wretched people in the hospital. However, the writer wishes that instead of being spans in this bridge, we, Friars could also be part of that bridge by using our personal saving for this cookware. To do so, we are not merely the instrument of peace but also the messenger who conceive the peace of God for everyone.

New Priests and Solemn Professed Friars Celebrated Thanksgiving Mass

At St. Anthony Friary was indeed graced last September 9, 2016 because of the presence of two newly ordained priests, Fr. Peter Phuoc, Fr. Anthony and 4 newly Solemn Professed Friars: Dom. Nghia, Jos. Luan, JB. Dien and

Peter Duy who celebrated a mass in gratitude to God for the gift of the priesthood and brotherhood. More priests like Jesus would mean more workers to promote the Kingdom and its justice.

Let keep them in our prayers for their perseverance in holiness after the example of our Seraphic Father Francis.

“BE HOLY FOR YOUR FATHER IS HOLY” (cf. 1Pet 1,16)

