
Conventual Franciscans Vietnam Mission

NEWSLETTER



From left to right:

Renewal of Vows

On March 19, 2017, the Feast of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Friars in both the Annunciation and St Anthony Friaries gathered together at St Anthony friary in Saigon to celebrate the Feast together with the renewal of Vows of 7 student Friars. Fr Joseph Luc Vu, the Delegate of the Delegation of Vietnam received the Vows on behalf of Fr Provincial John Heinz during the Sunday Mass.

Friars: Michael Hoang, Joseph Cuong, Joseph Nhan, Dom Tien, Father Luke, Joseph Vuong, Stephan Tang and Joseph Cuong.



Fraternal Visitation of Friar Benedict Baek- Assistant General for FAMC

From March 7 to March 12, 2017, Friar Benedict Baek, Assistant General for FAMC had conducted his fraternal visit to friars in the Delegation of Vietnam. During this visit, Friar Benedict had opportunity to visit both the Annunciation and St Anthony friaries in Saigon area. He also had a chance to give brief updated News of the Order worldwide and then a very touching, encouraging and challenging talk about our situations and future in Vietnam to our Student Friars. We thanked him for his visitation which somehow giving us a kind of feelings of belonging and of being responsible for our future as Friars Conventual in Vietnam.



Lenten Season

Lenten Season is really a suitable and blessing time for us to come back to God and to oneself in order to participate actively and fully in the celebration of our Salvation in Risen Christ from the death. During Lent, the friars in St Anthony friary, beside the regular practices from our Constitutions, had decided together to commit ourselves to act of charity towards one another through fraternal correction and to others through Hospital Soup kitchen and visitation of the sick and of the poor families in the surrounding areas, to prayers with the addition of weekly Stations of the Cross on

Wednesday night and to our awareness of keeping our environment clean through the cleaning up the streets weekly, recycling used items and saving energy.



The friars in St Anthony Friary have marked this Lenten Season with our monthly Day of Recollection with the theme of Fraternal Correction. Fraternal correction is most **difficult**, even with the best of intentions of helping a brother to grow. Correction is not merely a fraternal **charity** but also a **responsibility** of each friar towards one another. May God burn our hearts with his fire of love so that we can help each other sincerely to live out our charism with a heart of mercy, respect, care and prayer.



The
Season
of
Lent



Have a Lenten that is blessed with the forgiving hands of the Lord.