



Conventual Franciscan Vietnam Mission Newsletters

July. 2017

Community Week

From Sunday, July 23, 2017, to Friday, July 28, 2017, the Delegation of Vietnam held the first time, general assembly for a week (Community week) for all friars in the delegation to attend, especially with the presence of Fr James Vu coming back from the Noviciate House in the Philippines and Friars Peter Dong and Joseph Long coming back from Rome. The theme for the conference is: "Lord, what do you want me to do?"



The Assembly began in St Anthony Friary at 7:30pm with the opening Ceremony, to introduce the program of the week and then to highlight the beginning of the week with a special adoration of the Blessed Eucharist. Everyday we started with Mass and Morning Prayer with a spiritual reflection as a way for friars to prepare themselves for the day.



On the first day, we began the Eucharist in honour of the Holy Spirit to convoke his help upon us during the assembly. Fr Joseph Luc, the Delegate of the Delegation, was the main celebrant together with other friar priests in the Delegation. During that day, we had morning and afternoon sessions on Franciscan Spirituality of the theme, given by Fr Francis Xavier Pho Duc Giang OFM.



On the other days, after the Mass and Prayers in the morning, we followed the schedule of the program in which we had times to present and to discuss on some essential issues of the Delegation from the past to the present and towards future. Beside these times for presentations and discussions, the friars also had times for prayers and meditation and recreation in the evening.

To conclude the Conference week, on Friday, we had a day out to have fun and leisure time at Long Cung - Vung Tau, a holiday resort at the beach. We had good time to play and to have Picnic together to build up our fraternal bonding.

Every friar seemed to have an up lifting spirit and full of joy for the whole week. Thanks for the loving God for giving us this special time for the Delegation of Vietnam, to have an opportunity to grow in our intimacy living with Him and to interact fraternally with all the friars. We are reminded of our Franciscan calling to endeavor to serve God's people by taking our commitment to the plan of actions of the Delegation in future which expressed in our aspects of fraternal life, economic construction, mission etc. as Friars Minor with great joy of bringing the Gospel values to the world today.



Come and See week.

From 10 -15 July, 2017

The first program of the Come and See week of the Delegation of Vietnam was organized by Friar Peter Quoc, the Vocation Director of the delegation, from 10 – 15 July in St Anthony friary. There were 16 candidates who are interested in joining us participating in the program. These candidates come from different parts of the country, from the North, the Central to the South. Accompanying with these candidates beside Friar Peter Quoc, there were Friar Anthony Sy Duong, Friar Paul Chanh and two Friars from the OFM, Friar Dieu and Friar Dzung being involved with their inputs contribution.

In the program, the candidates were given opportunity to share prayers and meals with the student Friars in the friary. During the day, there were talks given by different invited Friars on some topics that are relevant for them to discern their vocations.



There was time for private prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. In the evening there was time for them to pray the Rosary or other devotion to St Francis in their group.

Throughout these days of the program, the Candidates were invited to enter into their interior world and listen to God's Word speaking to them as they discern God's will for their lives. Most of them had come to a good sense about the love of God and about the spirituality of the Order for themselves. They were impressed with the Franciscan fraternal way of life, which was shown by the friendliness and close accompany of the Friars to them during the program.

Towards the end of the Come and See Program, on Saturday morning the Candidates did their admittance tests on English, Vietnamese, IQ, and psychology organized by Fr Luc Vu. The program finished after lunch together with the Friars.

Investiture 2017.

Last Monday, August 7, we had the investiture of our three Vietnamese novices (Joseph Duc Tran, Joseph Huynh Vu and Joseph Huy Nguyen). The other six postulants (4 Filipinos and 2 Sri Lankans will be investing on August 15 due to the late arrival of the two Sri Lankans).



Notes.

Upcoming Ordinations and Professions in Vietnam

Announcing the candidates and dates for the upcoming ordinations to the diaconate and the priesthood in our Franciscan Vietnam Mission!

Ordination to the Sacred Order of Deacons Candidates:

Fra Joseph Pio Trần Văn Dương

Fra Joseph Maria Trần Văn Long

Fra Peter Julien Eymard Hoàng Thành Đông

Ordination to the Holy Order of Priestly Religious

Deacon Peter Vũ Bình Quốc

Deacon Paul Ralf Lê Đức Chánh.

on Friday, 25 August, 2017, nine o'clock in the morning, at the presentation of Son Loc parish.

Announcing the dates for the upcoming Profession of Vows in our Franciscan Vietnam Mission!

First Profession of Vows:

Br. Jerom Vũ Thái Học

Br. Joseph Đoàn Minh Vũ

Br. Joseph Phạm Lê Việt Hoàng

Br. John Baptist Trần Văn Hướng

Solemn Profession of Vows:

Fra Dominic Nguyễn Văn Tiến

Fra. Joseph Trần Văn Cương

Fra. Michael Nguyễn Khải Hoàng

On Tuesday, 22 August, 2017, Nine o'clock in the morning, at the presentation of Nguyen Duy Khang parish.

On Tuesday, August 22, 2017, at 9:00am

In Nguyễn Duy Khang Church