



## PRE-NOVITIATE PROGRAM Begins...

On the 8th of 2010, the La Salette candidates were officially accepted for formal preparation for Novitiate. The district got 7 candidates for now. And Fr. William, MS is appointed to run the program through the direction of the community and under the guidance of the formation program.

The Myanmar District is also blessed with the presence of Fr. Alex, MS, the general treasurer. Fr. Alex, MS presided over the Holy Eucharist and accepted them for that preparation program. Fr. Bernie, MS translated the homily of Fr. Alex to Burmese language.

Fr. Alex arrived on the 7th of December 2010 at Chanthagone. He joined the community meeting of the Myanmar community after the Eucharist on the 8th. In the evening, the community had Christmas party and enjoyed the presents and the presence of each member. After 6 years, it is very promising to have candidates for the Myanmar La Salette Mission.



# MS Presence at Myitkyina

The catechists of Bamaw and Myitkyina finished their catechetical renewal programme on the 16th of December, 2010. The last part of their module, methods of retreat giving, was presented by Fr. Robert Zaw Lwin, MS, on the 14th of December. It was a half day class.

The methods are presented with know-how-techniques for any targeted group. The preparatory methods as well as the retreat proper and the culminating activities depending on the group. The methods of Ignatian Retreat, mainly Spiritual exercises of St. Ignatius, were also shared.

On the afternoon of December 14, the retreat began. It was one-day-retreat. The catechists enjoyed both the class and the retreat. The culminating activities of the course were the Eucharistic Celebration and farewell party. The mass was presided over by Bishop Francis Zaw Dan, DD and concelebrated by Fr. Bernard Taylor, MS, Fr. Philip Makha Naw Aung, MS, and Fr. Robert, MS at 4 PM, Dec.16, 2010. The party followed right after the mass.

A simple programme for the resource persons and the administrators was held at 7 PM in the evening. Both the teachers and administrators were given tokens of appreciation (gifts). Fr Philip, MS and the Staff of St. Luke's Catechetical Training School thanked all including the participants (catechists) of the programme. At present, Fr. Jerome, MS and Fr. Philip, MS are doing mission at the diocese of Myintkyina.



# Holy Family Feastday

Sin Phyu celebrated the feast of Holy Family on the 28th and 29th of the December 2010. It has been on the second year under the care of La Salette Missionaries. Fr. Robert Zaw Lwin,MS is now the pastor, the priest in charge of the parish.

The Myanmar La Salette community went on the 28th to celebrate in solidarity with the villagers. Five La Salette Sisters also joined the fiesta. The La Salette Fathers had their community sharing and meeting in the afternoon. It was a way of deepening their fraternal bond. On the eve of the feast day, Fr. Bernard Taylor, MS, the District Superior, presided over the Holy Eucharist. After the supper, the villagers entertained the visitors with dances and songs.

On 29th of December 2010, the fiesta Mass was presided over by His Grace Bishop Paul. The faithful were so happy that they had Bishop. Celebration like that is really a time for the faithful to have family gathering and a time for the relatives to visit the village and share faith.

At the same time, there was also a reason why the villagers were to be happy. The bridge had been swept by heavy flood last year. The people had hard times to rebuild it. With the hard work of the people and with the money they saved, they tried to rebuild a little by a little. After several months, their bridge was finished on time before the fiesta. Even the light truck could pass through it now for it was only meant only for Motorcycle and people before. Congratulations!



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# Christmas & New Year Celebration



A day before Christmas, U Myint Way and the family had given blanket and cash gifts to each family of Chanthagone and Myauk Khine and nearby parishes.

## Chanthagone



## New Year Games...



## Social Games & awarding for winners