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## MANDALAY NOTES

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# Reaching out to the needy...

St. Francis Xavier Clinic Health Commission of Archdiocese of Mandalay had medical mission at the parish of Holy Family, Sin Phyu, and to the people nearby. It was organized by Msgr. Mg Nee and sponsored by the Catholic doctors who offered their expertise at St. Francis Xavier Clinic, Mandalay. Fr. Robert Zaw Lwin, MS hosted the medical mission for the sick people. It was free of charge for all the costs.

Both Catholics and Buddhists from the surrounding area underwent medical treatment. There were one MD, two dentists, three nurses, and nuns from three congregations offered their help to the people. Justin, La Salette graduate, was one of the nurses. The program was from 8 AM to 3:30PM. About 120 people came for check ups and benefited from the mission.

The parish priest, Fr. Robert, MS, and the people were grateful to Msgr. Mg Nee, Doctors, Nurses and sisters for the ineffable help extended to those who received medical treatment. The parish offered them with good foods in return as a token of gratitude for their great help.



# Myanmar MS Volunteers

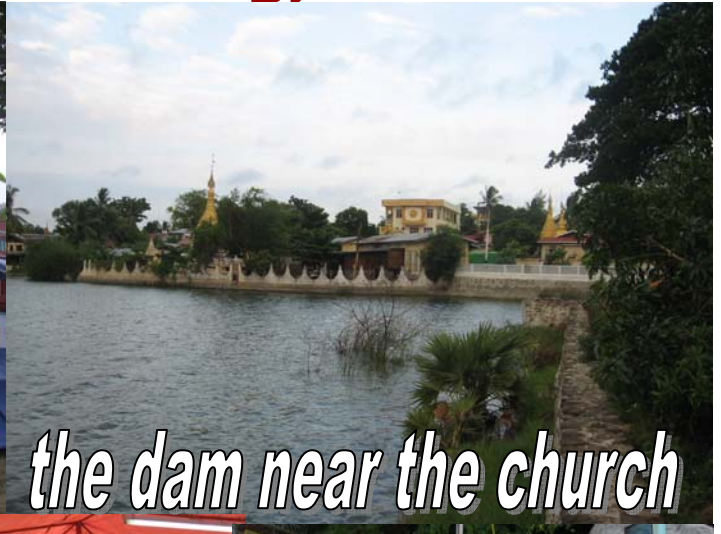
Shrine of Our Lady of Holy Rosary has been used as Community House for the La Salette Missionaries. At the shrine, pilgrims from afar are allowed to stay, even over night, as a sign of hospitality. At the same time, Myanmar La Salette also has opened the place to any college students or graduates for the volunteer program which is the first step of Myanmar La Salette formation.

Myanmar District has now 6 volunteers, who are interested and who come to see the life of La Salette community. Mother Mary has brought them and gathered them from all over the country. Two of them are college graduates while the other four still have to finish their college schooling. Five of them are from the diocese of Myitkyina, upper Myanmar. The other one is from the diocese of Patheingyi, Ayeyawady Division.

The volunteers reside at the shrine compound of Our lady of Holy Rosary, Chanthagone. They are asked to help out in the shrine works for the shrine does not have many regular workers. Fr. David, MS is taking care of the shrine and is in charge of the volunteers. Fr. Robert, MS, the parish priest of Holy Rosary, Sin Phyu, is teaching Basic English Grammar to them during week days and accompanying them during his stay at the shrine.



# Feast Day of St. Antony, Meitila



*June 10-11, 2011*

*the dam near the church*



*First Communion & Confirmation*

Parish of St. Antony of Padua, Meitila, celebrated their parish feast on the 10th and 11th of June 2011. Fr. Robert, MS, and Fr. David, MS and the volunteers went to show their solidarity with Fr. Mg San and the parishioners. During the fiesta eve, there was procession around the church property and on the feast day, Msgr. Mg Nee presided over the Eucharistic celebration.

The feast day of John the Baptist was also celebrated on the 23th and 24th of June 2011, in Nabet. At the same time, the new parish priest, Fr. Aung Myo Win was installed in the presence of Msgr. Mg Nee and many other priests. The 3 La Salette fathers and the volunteers joined the occasion.

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## Mission Abroad...

Some of La Salette Missionaries of Myanmar District are now in mission abroad. Fr. Valentine, MS had gone to France since June 2010, now staying with the international La Salette community at the Holy Mountain. Fr. Jerome E'phan, MS was also there at the Holy Mountain in France from May to June, 2011 to help out at the programs of the shrine, with the international MS community.

Fr. Nicodemus Aung Than Aye, MS was sent to the United States for mission experience. Last April 2011, he arrived at the National Shrine of Our Lady Of La Salette, Attleboro, Massachusetts. He will be there at least for 3 years if everything works out well. Right now, Fr. David Kyaw Kyaw Lwin, MS and Fr. Bernard Taylor, MS also are doing mission preaching at the United States for about 3-4 months.

Fr. Nico, MS is now one of the full time team members at the Shrine Ministry responsible for ministering and presiding the Sacrament of the Eucharist and Reconciliation. In the shrine, there are 2 regular daily Masses and one hour confession during weekdays, while 2 Masses and 3 hours of confession on weekends. Aside from the shrine's schedule, the community has prayer and daily mass at community chapel.

And every Sunday at 2:00 PM, Fr. Nico, MS takes part at the healing Mass aside from two other Masses. Every month he attends to a group of International Pilgrims. Including himself there are 5 priests, taking turn to fulfill all the programs mentioned above. There is also a Retreat house. All in all, there are 23 members in the Shrine including 6 perpetually professed brothers, 3 retired priests, 2 priests in charge of communication and vocation recruitment and 3 SNDS sisters. With all of those, Fr. Nico, MS, a musician, is now enjoying himself at Attleboro, USA.



**Fr. Nico, MS at Attleboro**

## Recollection for Mandalay clergy...

The clergy of Mandalay Archdiocese is used to have monthly recollection on every Tuesday and Wednesday of the first week of the month. The La Salette Missionaries usually participate it and join the clergy meeting as well. By the request of the clergy to have a La Salette facilitator, Fr. Bernard Taylor, MS took the chance to facilitate the recollection for the month of June, 2011, giving talks on the ministry and life of a priest. The presence of the La Salette missionaries is much more visible every year through their participations and ministries that they offer to the diocese.