



MANDALAY NOTES



Catholic Religious Conference of Myanmar (CRCM) held their 55th general assembly on June 4 to 6, 2007. The Apostolic Delegate came and said the mass and had the inauguration of the Myanmar institute of Religious Studies. Here are some pictures of the gathering of the Major Superiors and some of the students of the MIRS attending the mass.



Some staff members from UNICEF came to enlighten the group about the Protection of the Child and the Myanmar Laws on Child Protection. The topic "Human Trafficking" will be studied together with the bishops in the second part of August 2007.



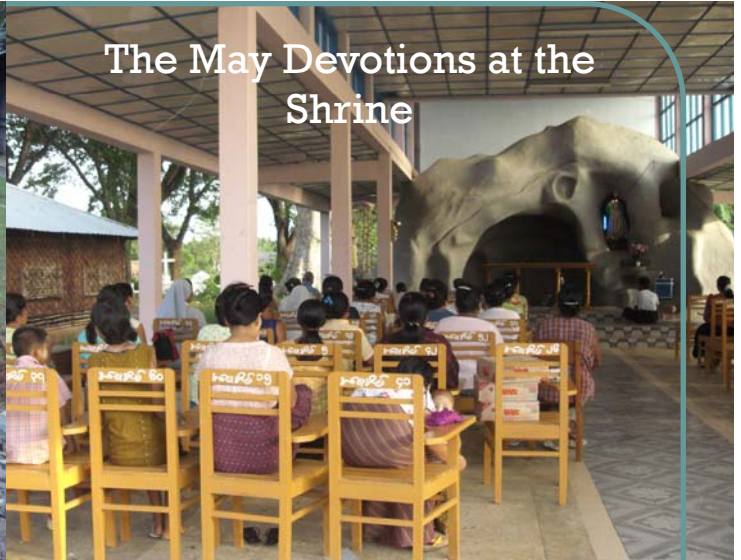
Winds and Rains

The acacia tree had been a victim of the strong winds a few times. But the branches still keep growing back and when you come we hope you will see the leaves and branches growing back again on the tree. When the wind is strong, they cut off the electricity. They are afraid that the lines will be down and some accidents may occur.





The New Garage built by Fr. David



The May Devotions at the Shrine

Some Activities at the Shrine



The Future Retreat Center



Some ditches to be filled



Mangoes to be Picked



This is where we will have the ordinations

70th Anniversary of the Arrival of the La Salette Missionaries

The Missionaries arrived at Rangoon in 1937. They will be looking with pride on everyone from heaven. The Apostolic Delegate will come and grace the occasion by ordaining the lone La Salette candidate, Rev. Thomas Htang Shan Mong. Many are planning to come and if it were not for the expenses we will have more than seventy La Salette Missionaries in Chanthagone.

The highlight of the celebration will be the Ordinations which will be held on October 9th, 2007 at nine in the morning, come rain or shine. Hopefully there will be some shade for the visitors prepared by Fr. David. The priests will have no problem as the big stage donated by one of the Catholics from the Lashio Diocese was completed a few weeks ago. For more information please email: bernie@msmym.com or bernie@myanmar.com.mm.



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Mandalay Catholic Youth Center was opened with a mass at the parish of St. John in Mandalay. As it was held on a Sunday, many of the priests could not attend but still there were more than ten priests who concelebrated. Very Rev. Fr. George Khin Maung Htwe, the Rector of the Cathedral in Mandalay, presided at the Holy Eucharist and gave the Homily.

The Church depends on the youth and they are the future leaders of the community. They have to start acting as leaders. They have to live up to the faith that is being entrusted on them. They need to believe also in the church leaders.

The Salesians of Don Bosco are the ones coordinating the activities of the Youth in the Archdiocese of Mandalay. They have helped in the renovation of the place and the youth now have a big place to organize their activities.

They usually have recollections, retreats and now they can have a lot more. With the limited resources, the coordinators have to take care of the young people. In Mandalay there are many young Catholic students in the universities and commercial centers. May they keep the faith and love of Jesus burning in their hearts.

