



SNDS Profession 2011

On the 3rd of February 2011, the SNDS community had sisters professed in the diocese of Myitkyina. The two novices: Maria Ja Hlawn, and Jacinta Nang Zing Kaira took their first Vows and also 5 junior Sisters renewed their religious vows on the same day. Bishop Francis Daw Tang, Bishop of Myitkyina, officiated the celebration. About 20 priests concelebrated and 4 La Salette Fathers - Fr. Bernie Taylor, Fr. Efren Mugsni, Fr. Jerome Eiphan and Fr. Philip Naw Aung witnessed their profession.

Sr. Elizabeth, General Superior of SNDS, came from France to accept the vows of her sisters. From Philippines, Sr. Marilyn Antonio, SNDS, a member of General Council, was also present. Fr. Efren Musgni, MS also who came to Myanmar to preach the Retreat for Myanmar MS community was able to attend their professions. Other Religious were Sisters of Xaverians, St. Paul Sisters, Reparation Sisters, St. Joseph Sisters, St. Columban Sisters, Good Shepherd Sisters, and FMM Sisters, Salesians.

Bishop also has encouraged the SNDS community members to go on with their "Vision and Mission" though they are young in age, and in community. Today, there are 11 Professed Sisters of the SNDS community. There are 6 novices, 2 postulants, and 4 aspirants. According to the Decision of the General Superior and Her Council, the SNDS-Myanmar region has been made as "Ad Experimentum." Congratulations, SNDS sisters!



Consecrated Day

Conference of Religious of Mandalay celebrated the Consecrate Day, on the 2nd of February, 2011, at the Novitiate House of Salesian Fathers. Holy Eucharist was at 9:00 AM, and presided over by His Grace Bishop Paul Grawng, Archbishop of Mandalay.

About 10:30 AM, Fr. John Soe Tint, Rector of Major Seminary, gave a talk on the topic: *Communion of love*. Each one and each community was challenged to be in communion of love just like the Holy Trinity. Afterward, group sharing followed so as to deepen the understanding of the topic and its implications in real life.

In the afternoon, each congregation gave a number of presentations like singing, dances, and song interpretation as prepared. It was ended with benediction at 3:00 PM. About 120 religious (Postulants, Novices, Sisters, brothers and fathers) came for the big occasion in celebration of religious gifts and its presence in Myanmar. It was a moment of sharing of life and love.



Feb 7-9 MS Fathers' Retreat 2011



Fr. Efren, MS

Myanmar MS community had their annual retreat from 7th to 9th of February 2011, facilitated by Fr. Efren Musgni, MS from the Province of Mother of Hope, Philippines. For the past years, La Salette fathers made their retreat together with the Mandalay clergy. Some La Salette fathers had also joined the diocesan annual retreat last January 2011. However, everyone made himself available for the MS retreat. It was also a good opportunity for every member to get together though some arrived late.

Fr. Efren, MS gave different points for reflection and for living a true la salette, by using Bible hand in hand with the Constitution of the Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette. Thank you very much, Fr. Efren, for the spiritual enrichments that you have given!

Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

Our Lady of Lourdes has been honored and her feast is also widely celebrated in Myanmar. The image unearthed at Chanthagone was in fact Our Lady of Lourdes. On the 11th and 12th of February, the feast was also celebrated at the Shrine of Our lady of Holy Rosary, Chanthagone. On the 12th of February, the Eucharist was said at 8:00 AM and a thousand pilgrims crowded the shrine. It was very nice to see how Mother Mary could bring different people from different places. Some came to witness the miracles that they had received through her intercessions.

At the Shrine of Our Lady of Holy Rosary, it was decided that Mass of Reconciliation and Healing would be done every first Saturday of the month. Regular confessions would be scheduled every Saturday as a special ministry of La Salette missionaries.

Before the fiesta, someone broke into the parish church and stole the amplifier, the crucifix, candle holders, and incensor. That was the second time to break into the sacristy. Last December 2010 also, somebody took a big battery and a DVD player from the Church, before the Christmas. That is the sign that people are starving and would get whatever is possible for survival.

Now the shrine has a night guard, to watch over the properties and to secure the surroundings for thieves are very common, even around the village. More and more people are living in difficult situations and having hard times even for food and basic needs. O, Mary, Pray for us!



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New Bishop of Pyay..?

The diocese of Pyay, former known as Prome, had a newly ordained bishop, His Excellency Alexander Pyone Cho, who recently helped out at the diocese of Salina, USA since 2007. Fr. Pyone Cho was ordained priest by His Excellency Bishop Thomas Newman, MS on the 15th of March, 1975 at St. Paul Cathedral. Since 1937, La Salette Missionaries had mission at the diocese.

After nationalizations, the Missionaries left the mission back to the care of the local Church. Bishop Pyone Cho is now the second Bishop, ordained from the diocese. He was ordained Bishop on the 27th of February by Apostolic Nuncio, His Grace Giovanni d' Aniello. Bishops, priests, religious and so many faithful attended to witness the ordination. Congratulations to His Excellency Bishop Pyone Cho and the clergy and the faithful! May our Lady guide you always!



Episcopal Ordination



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