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FR. PETER KING, OMI

Fr. Peter King 金振岐, OMI died at Tai Po Hospital, Hong Kong on the vigil of Corpus Christi at 23:35, June 22, 2019.

On July 5th in Notre Dame Parish, Most Rev. Bishop Joseph Ha of Hong Kong celebrated a Vigil Eucharist for Fr. Peter. The following morning, the Oblates of China Delegation celebrated the funeral Eucharist. After the funeral Mass, the Oblates, the family of Fr. Peter and the rest of the congregation proceeded to Raphael's Catholic Cemetery in Cheung Sha Wan, Hong Kong for the burial liturgy celebration.

Fr. Peter was born in Shanghai on December 27, 1925. He was ordained as diocesan priest on March 19, 1958 in the Philippines. He made his first vows as Missionary Oblate of Mary Immaculate on December 12, 1962 and on the same day three years later, he made his Perpetual Oblation.

July 5, 2019 Notre Dame Parish, Kowloon: Homily of Fr. John Wotherspoon, OMI at Requiem Mass for Fr. Peter King, OMI.

Fr. Peter had two great concerns, two great loves: the first was China. Even though he had to leave China as a refugee seminarian, he continued to love and prayed every day for China, hoping he might someday be able to return home.

While serving the local church during his more than 20 years of priestly life in the Philippines, he also ministered to Chinese Catholics there and shared their concern for China.

When he came to Hong Kong, he was able to fulfil his dream of visiting Shanghai where part of his heart has always been. He visited his cousin, Bishop Aloysius Jin and supported a seniors' home in Shanghai. In Hong Kong, he continued to pray fervently for China, especially for the Church in China.

Fr. Peter's second great concern was people in need. The words "people's needs" were always on his lips. At Oblate meetings, no matter what the apostolate topic or Bible sharing was about, Fr. Peter would always have only one point to make: "people's needs"! People's needs: prisoners at the former detention centre at Chi Ma Wan on Lantau Island needed someone to celebrate a Mass. Fr. Peter would make the long trip from Kowloon, sometimes celebrating two to three Masses in a hall with tin roof that made it like an oven. This made him sweat a lot, so much so that his clothes would get wet in just a short time.

People's needs: Philippine laborers who worked on the construction of Hong Kong's new airport in the mid 1990's needed someone to celebrate a Mass on Saturday nights.



Fr. Peter would again make that long trip from Kowloon, eventually getting a small government ferry from Tung Chung across to Chek Lap Kok.

People's needs: Philippine domestic workers needed someone to celebrate a Mass for them. Fr. Peter would celebrate two to three Masses every Sunday, again travelling to far distant parts of Hong Kong. It's a bit funny, that in the Philippines, he ministered to Chinese Catholics. But in Hong Kong, he ministered to Philippine Catholics!

People's needs: Several sisters' religious communities needed a priest for weekday Mass. Fr. Peter would go wherever and whenever he was needed, with no complaints.

People's needs: The Catholic Centre Chapel in Central needed a priest for daily 5.30pm Mass. Fr. Peter faithfully served the chapel for several years towards the end of his public ministry time.

People's needs: In all of the above examples, Fr. Peter imitated the spirit of our Oblate Founder, St. Eugene de Mazenod, whose compassionate heart the needs of people found a generous response like the prisoners of war for whom he nearly died from illness contracted in prison ... like the domestic helpers for whom he used the local dialect instead of polite French.

We thank God for the life of Fr. Peter. We thank God for all his graces to Fr. Peter. We ask God to forgive Fr. Peter's failings, and we ask that the prayers of Fr. Peter on the other side of the veil in Heaven help us on this side on earth. Especially, we pray that we too will share Fr. Peter's two great concerns: a love for China and a love for people in need. For this and with the help of our Blessed Mother, we pray "Hail Mary"



Burial liturgy in the cemetery in Cheung Sha Wan, HK



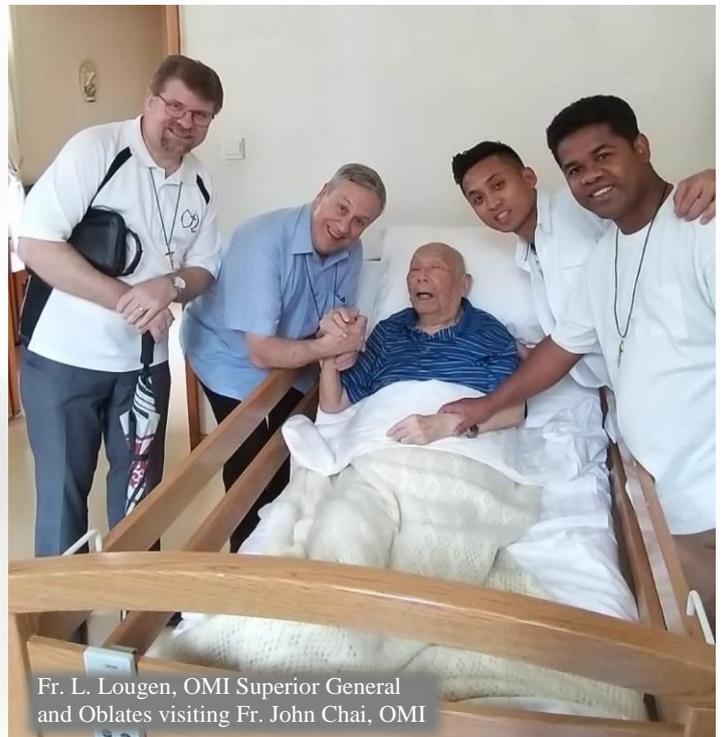
Fr. L. Lougen, OMI Superior General visiting Fr. Peter

OBLATE ANNUAL RETREAT

From 9th to 14th of June, Oblates from China Delegation gathered at St. Paul's House of Prayer in Sheung Shui, Hong Kong for their Annual Retreat. This year's retreat was very special as our retreat master was Fr. Louis Lougen, OMI, the Superior General of Missionary Oblate of Mary Immaculate.

Fr. Louis in his very first reflection encouraged us to use this opportunity for more time spent in prayer and contemplation and, rekindle and deepen our relationship with God.

So, we take this opportunity to more clearly hear God's call and to seek God's healing grace and thereby attain a degree of spiritual renewal. He encouraged us to leave behind the usual distractions (as he calls it - GPGP - Great Pacific garbage patch) we all face.



Fr. L. Lougen, OMI Superior General and Oblates visiting Fr. John Chai, OMI



(L-R) Stebin Thomas, Jun Jacobe, Simon Chu, Slawek Kalisz, Ronnie Gicalao, Louis Lougen (Superior General), Irek Dampc, Giovanni Zevola, Paul Shen, William Meng, Rey Amancio, Mark Serna, Vladimyr Eustache, Roy Paciente, John Wotherspoon, Johnny Rakotoarisoa, Dominic Fung, Joseph So (Honorary Oblate), Luc Young and Peter Liu (HO)

WELCOME TO CHINA MISSION FR. ROY

China Delegation is very happy to welcome Fr. Roy Sabales Paciente, OMI to China Mission. End of August he will move to Guangzhou to stay with Oblate Community and begin Chinese language studies. Below he shares about his family and oblate vocation.

I was born on August 11, 1987 in La Fortuna M'lang, North Cotabato. I am the second among the three siblings. We were supposed to be four siblings but unfortunately, the eldest among us who was a girl died when she was about three months old. All we have heard about were just stories from my parents. Next to the eldest was a girl, Amy Paciente Bilbao who is now married and had three children of 3 and 10 and 12 years old. Our youngest sibling is a boy and a fresh graduate in college.

My father, Aurelio Paciente is a farmer and would spend most of the day in our little farm in which sustained our daily consumption. Last June 30, 2012 my father passed away because of kidney failure. Since I was the eldest boy among siblings, the responsibility as the second father of the family was developed in me through the years. Since then, I have developed a strong father figure and would manifest often in my behavior.

My mother on the other hand, Mary Jane Paciente was a member of the Village Council. Since the death of my father, my mother had to stay at home and do the household chores alone. But after three years of grieving for the loss of my father, my mother found another man of her life – Jimmy Saransate, a widower and had no children with his first wife. His wife, Anita Saransate died at the same date with the death of my father, June 15, 2012.

Since both of them are legal for marriage, I, together with the consent of my 2 siblings gave them our blessing for them to have their legal wedding in the Church. Both of them are now very active in our chapel as well as in the Parish. My mother served as lector while my stepfather served as organist and chapel coordinator.

My vocation story began when I was still in high school. There were persons who played significant roles in my vocation and one of them was Fr. Federico Labaglay, OMI who was the Provincial Superior during that time. He was my first image of an Oblate missionary when he celebrated mass at his sister's house where I stayed and work as a working student. It was with Fr. Federico in

whom I was first attracted to the Oblate life and the Oblate habit and the Oblate cross which caught my attention. I was so amazed with it and came to a point saying to myself that I also wanted to wear a habit and cross someday.

During my last year in secondary school, I took the Oblate examination and with God's grace, I passed the entrance examination and decided to join the Oblate juniorate formation in Manila. It was only when I was in Pre-Novitiate when I began to significantly understand the difference between the priesthood and religious brother vocation.

In the Novitiate, I was asked to reflect upon the way of life I wanted to take before I profess my first vows. After a prayerful discernment, I applied for priesthood. I do also have high regard to those who have chosen the path of brotherhood as of those who have chosen the priesthood life yet I believed that it was God's calling for me that I chose priesthood. I, together with my three other companions had our First Vows on May 7, 2010.

As I advance in my theological studies, I realized how unworthy will it be for the priest to represent Christ to the people, yet I should understand that it is Christ who is present in the person of the priest during liturgies and sacraments and not the person of the priest anymore. As for the people, we do not adore the priest but we adore Christ in the person of the priest representing Christ. I believe that Christ did not call the qualified; rather, He qualifies those who are called. With this, I have more and more enthusiasm to persevere in priestly life realizing how blessed I am to be chosen by Christ to be one of His representatives.

When I finally made my request to take perpetual vows it came into my realization how blessed I was in my entire life especially when I joined the Oblates of Mary Immaculate. That realization became my motivation to persevere and apply to receive perpetual vows not only because I wanted to but most of all because I believed that serving Him thru Oblate way, I can express my gratitude to God.

Finally, on August 15, 2017, seven of us took the final vows

at the Our Lady of the Assumption Scholasticate in Manila, Quezon City. After our final vows, I was assigned to assist in San Carlos Borromeo Parish in Tamontaka, Maguindanao together with Fr. Jerry Villas, OMI as the Parish Priest. Three months after, we began to prepare ourselves for our Diaconate Ordination. On December 27, 2017 three of us were ordained Deacons.

While preparing myself for priestly ordination, I was also discerning about my possible mission after my ordination. My interests in the future mission favored much in taking the role of a missionary in the remote areas since I myself came from a remote place of North Cotabato and I could see myself capable and effective missionary dealing with the farmers, fishermen, and those who rely in the gift of nature as source of living. I saw it as very practical for a preacher of gospel values to these people if he is also rooted in the life of these people. In short, it would be effective and efficient to preach if the preacher himself knows their struggle, experiences the same as what the people experienced, and use suitable means of communications that is deeply rooted in their daily experiences. Regarding foreign missions, I was very much open for any overseas mission. I also got interested to do foreign mission especially in Hong Kong - China delegation though I only had a little idea of the mission.



Fr. Luc Young, OMI of China delegation had been very consistent in convincing me to join the delegation through updates and communications of oblate mission in China.

Finally, on May 26, 2018 I was ordained a priest together with Rev. Peter Sotomil, OMI and Rev. Harold Lagnaoda, OMI, at Sto. Nino Parish, Midsayap, North Cotabato. During the ordination, I received my first obedience to serve in Province of Australia, delegation of China as soon as I have all the legal documents. For the meantime, I served as Assistant Parish Priest of Sto. Nino Parish, Kulaman, Sultan Kudarat while I was preparing my papers.

My perseverance in the congregation purifies my intention to become a missionary as I began the new stage of my life as an ordained priest. The more that I strive to live a life worthy to be called as oblate missionary, the more that my intention is purified through the help of the community which I belong and most of all to God which is our ultimate formator and to whom I promised my fidelity.

Fr. Roy Paciente, OMI

OBLATE VOCATION WEEKEND IN GUANGZHOU

Five young men attended Oblate Vocation Weekend which was held at the Oblate Community house in Guangzhou from 22nd to 23rd of June. Two of them attended Oblate Vocation Weekend last year.

Two Oblates, Frs. L. Young and I. Dampe and Dominic, our scholastic accompanied them. The time they spent with us was filled with prayer, meditation, presentations of the Oblate charism and history. Dominic shared his vocation story. Every one of the young men shared their own story and asked many questions.

We are grateful to God that He is sending young men from China who are interested in the charism of St. Eugene de Mazenod and are thinking to serve the poorest of the poor as an Oblate brother or priest.



Fr. I. Dampe (1L), Dominic (2L), Fr. L. Young (1R) with participants in the OVV

DISCOVERING THE MEANING OF LIFE

This year, during the Easter Vigil Celebrations in one of the Catholic Churches in Guangzhou, a member of the Oblate Youth China Group was baptized. Before baptism, she attended Catechism classes and members of the Group helped her to prepare for her baptism.

Below is her sharing:

William Barclays, Scottish theologian said: *"There are two important days in life. One is the day we were born, the other is when we discover the meaning of life."* I am very grateful that God has chosen me, so I can walk the Christian way he has called me to. The road to life.

"My sheep listen to my voice, I know them, and they follow me" (J 10:27)

I am not a child from a Catholic family. My grandmother is the only Catholic in the family. First time I encountered the Catholic faith was on Christmas Eve when I was a little girl. My grandma took me to a church. That night, we were singing and praying together and as I remember, everything was so joyful and wonderful. I believe that God loves me very much and has chosen me when we met for the first time that very night. God let me fall in love with him.

However, at that time, I did not have an opportunity to deepen my understanding of this faith as my mother and father were not very supportive.



After I moved to Guangzhou, I met many friends who were Catholics. They helped and accompanied me to know the love of God and how to live according to its ways in my daily life. So, I decided to start Catechism classes and after two years I was baptized on April 20, 2019.

On the night of my baptism I thought that I would be very fearful and even frightened. However, although I was a little nervous, I entered the church ready, with my heart full of hope and peace. I believe that peace came from what I learned about baptism, that all our sins are washed away, and it gives us strength and determination to follow our Lord Jesus. Our hope is in the Risen Christ. Thank you, God for choosing me. Thank you, my brothers and sisters for your prayers. I love you!

Mei Ni

ENTERING NOVITIATE AND RENEWAL OF VOWS

Bernard Yeung from Hong Kong began his Novitiate on May 20, 2019 in Cotabato, Philippines.

On June 14, 2019 at the St. Paul House of Prayer Retreat Centre in Sheung Shui, Hong Kong, our three scholastics: Dominic Fung, Simon Chu and Stebin Thomas renewed their temporary vows in front of Fr. Louis Lougen, OMI, the Superior General and in the presence of all the members of the China Delegation.

Let us continue to pray for their perseverance.



OBLATE YOUTH AUSTRALIA TO HONG KONG AND GUANGZHOU!

Hong Kong was the first stop on Oblate Youth Australia's visit to China and we (Emma Rice, Christian Fini, Edward Bartels, Aly Meyer and Andrew Kelly, HK only) arrived ready to visit and spend time in each of the Oblate schools and ministries in Hong Kong. It was a busy week ahead, with school visits in the morning, followed by sightseeing activities in the afternoons.

Our time at the schools varied from teaching English to the students to tours of the schools and participating in lessons ourselves. We taught English (or at least attempted to) at the Oblate Primary School and Notre Dame College, we had a tour and joined in some lessons at Po Yan Oblate Primary School and were treated to a famous Yip Can Cook class at St Eugene de Mazenod Oblate Primary School. The principals, staff and students were all extremely welcoming and we really enjoyed our time visiting the schools. On Friday evening, we joined the Oblate Youth in Hong Kong for their weekly meal service. A group of about 15 of us left Notre Dame at 8:30pm and headed down to pick up the food packs from a local restaurant. We then walked the food packs down to where those in need were gathered and distributed them. It was eye-opening to see the similarities between the people we served in Hong Kong and the people we serve back in Melbourne at Rosies.

On Saturday afternoon, we joined the Oblate Youth again for their Stations of the Cross. Starting at Po Yan primary school and stopping at each of the schools along the way to reflect on each station. Knowing that we were unlikely to have an opportunity to experience Stations of the Cross in Mainland China on Good Friday, we took this opportunity to reflect and prepare ourselves for Holy Week.

Guangzhou was the second destination for Oblate Youth Australia's visit to China. Between the three of us, we had only a little experience in mainland China, but we were excited to continue our journey there. Naturally, we had a busy schedule, but it quickly became clear that it would become an experience to remember for a lifetime. First though, we needed to learn the basics of Chinese culture and language. Our teacher was tough but patient, and while some were not the best students, we managed to string together a few words, including our new Chinese names. It was enough to introduce ourselves to the family we visited that night. A father and his four daughters lived on their farm in conditions we do not often see in Australia and while a difficult situation to accept, it was humbling to see



OYA with Oblate Youth China. Guangzhou



Fr. C. Fini, OMI and E. Bartel . Guangzhou

the effort and pride they had to welcome us into their home. Over the coming days we visited a number of centres for children with disabilities. There is something to learn from a child who lives in the most difficult of situations but can still find joy in strumming of a guitar.

We may have been testing our singing voices, but the children didn't mind. They learned new songs, a bit of English, and had fun doing it. We took part in the Easter celebrations at a parish near the centre of the city. Whilst the services were often in Chinese, we felt the work of the Spirit throughout, especially with 31 catechumens baptised over the weekend.

The Church in China is one that continues shine brightly, even in the face of its own challenges. This not least because of the young people who proclaim their faith every day, especially those we met from Oblate Youth China. As fantastic examples for young people of faith, we hope to continue to strengthen the bond between our two groups over the coming years.

Emma Rice

OBLATE YOUTH CHINA – RETREAT 2019

From June 6th to 9th Oblate Youth China Group members attended a retreat in a village outside of Guangzhou. The retreat master, Fr. Paul Shen, OMI assisted by Fr. Luc Young, OMI and Fr. Irek Dampc, OMI helped them to reflect on the theme: *“Discovering Oblate Charism as spiritual sons and daughters of St Eugene de Mazenod.”* Below are reflections from some of the young people who attended the retreat.



Silent time during our Oblate Youth retreat helped me to reflect on my relationship with Jesus. In the Gospel Jesus asked Peter the Apostle, *“Do you love me?”* I believe that Jesus addresses the same question to me, and I sincerely meditate on my answer to him. I am aware that I love Jesus but may not be enough. This very question was on my mind during our retreat and it was not easy to find a clear answer. However, after confession, I had the courage to answer this question. And the answer is: I love Jesus, I want to obtain his forgiveness. I don't want that my sins overshadow my relationship with Jesus. I believe that confession is very much an act of loving Jesus, admitting mistakes and asking for forgiveness are acts full of love. *Yoyo*



I have to admit that before the Oblate Youth retreat, I have been very much occupied with many daily matters and work. My mind was always full of different tasks and worries. Three days of our retreat allowed me to rest physically and mentally. It was like jumping out of my busy life and spending time with the Lord and my inner self. Celebrating Eucharist every day, reading spiritual books, listening conferences, and sharing with friends helped me to feel closer to God.

After the retreat I can see a lot of changes in my daily life. Certainly, I treasure simple things in my life. In my daily prayer I ask the Lord to help me to love him and the people - my friends and my colleagues at work. We, as Oblate Youth are really lucky to be able to participate in the retreat.

Thank you, Lord! *Si Jie*

It was for the first time that Oblate Youth China Group had Annual Retreat. On the first day, there was a lot of worries and concerns in my heart. I was not sure that we, as a group will do well with each other, perhaps three days of our retreat will be so boring and be a complete waste of time. So, the first morning I went for a walk with all these feelings in my heart. After I returned to the retreat house, to my astonishment, I found everyone silently reading the Bible and spiritual books in front of the Blessed Sacrament. I placed a magnolia flower, which I found during my walk, in front of the Blessed Sacrament. I believe that, that morning Jesus taught me a lesson - that we do not have always to go outside to find the Lord. Often, He is waiting for us at home. This lesson helped me to put my worries and concerns in front of the Lord and allowed Him to lead me. I believe that St. Eugene de Mazenod hopes that Oblate Youth China Group will be like a family. During our retreat we were like a family that has been separated for a long time. Sharing meals, listening conferences, celebrating Mass, adoring the Blessed Sacrament and relaxing together was so wonderful and filled with God's presence.

It was not only rest for our physical bodies but most of all, so much blessings for our souls. Fr. Paul Shen, OMI our retreat master told us that this kind of rest and blessing is very powerful and helps us to face difficulties in our daily life.

I sincerely thank Fr. Paul, OMI, Fr. Irek OMI and Fr. Luc OMI who accompanied us during this time. It was time filled with grace. *You Hong*

“Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.”

It was wonderful to have our retreat on Pentecost Feast.

The year 2019 so far is so busy, every morning getting up and going to work, evening so tired that only a scrap of energy is left to say a simple prayer. So, it was amazing to have three days for prayer, meditation in front of the Blessed Sacrament, Eucharist and reading spiritual books.

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest...” these words from the Gospel of Matthew (11:28-30) were on my mind very much.

Fr. Paul Shen, OMI presented to us life and spirituality of St. Eugene de Mazenod. Eugen's life story and relationship with the Lord touched me very much. He really emphasised the family spirit among Oblates, and I hope our Oblate Youth China Group will be like a family. *Xue Yu*



SUMMER PASTORAL EXPOSURE

This summer three of our scholastics: Dominic Fung, Simon Chu and Stebin Thomas had their pastoral exposure in Hong Kong, Beijing and Guangzhou. Below is their sharing.



Dominic (red shirt) giving a talk to youth. Guangzhou

One month of my pastoral exposure in Guangzhou helped me to see how precious and unique every human being is. Even if we don't have much to share, we always can offer our time and ourselves to others.

Visiting migrant families was unforgettable experience. In spite of their poor living conditions they welcomed us with smile and open heart. It was very moving to be with them at their home. Their openness taught me, that nothing can stop us to try to understand and show interest into another human being.

Meeting youth from Oblate Youth China Group had great impression on me. I can feel their faith is so deep and they try their best to live it in their daily lives. I was so amazed when I saw beautiful prayers and personal reflection of the daily reading on their WeChat group chat. I believe I can learn a lot from them. During my time in Guangzhou we had Vocation Weekend. Five young men whom joined it asked meaningful and down to earth questions. I can see how serious they are to search the meaning of life.

I love our Oblate Mission in China. It is very meaningful and so important to be there.

Dominic Fung, OMI

I had been to Beijing twice before knowing the Oblates. Once was 20 years ago; the other time was 10 years ago. I know we have a community in Beijing, but I do not know what exactly we are doing there. Coming back to Beijing this time seems like a totally new place for me. As a Chinese, I do not speak Mandarin well, but it is better now after one month. I like this stage setup for my summer exposure. Beijing has developed as well as myself. Things have changed.

People here are very friendly, especially when we take initiative to greet them. Listening to stories and experiences from Giovanni, Johnny and Rey is wonderful. Observing how people live helps me to open new views. Riding a bike on the road is challenging, yet it is another way to see.

We do not have many traditional or structural ministries like Mass, sacraments, parishes and schools as in Hong Kong and the Philippines. Our ministries look scattered, but one common point is we are with migrant children. Oblates, and local volunteers

It is not common to use our religious titles here, yet people know you as you, as a person. Compare with Hong Kong and the Philippines where people respect us as priests and brothers especially when we are wearing oblate habit. Not everything can be planned well ahead here, but this becomes more missionary when we trust God's providence. When there is a need, there is a way. We strive to find ways. I was reading a book about St. Paul and found common points here with the early Christian communities. Remember what God told Paul? "Do not be afraid to go there, I have my people there" (rephrased). There are many people of good will here.

In the beginning I came with an attitude as a tourist or visitor. Grateful for all the activities, challenging questions and discussions, I started to know the ministries here.

I remember the talk about spiritual friendship, paintings and architecture of the Jesuit Brother Giuseppe Castiglione given by Michelle, a lady from the Swedish Embassy. She taught us the way to read a scroll: hold with two hands, then embrace and appreciate the "limited view". Scrolls are not meant to be opened as whole at once.

Our centre for migrant children in Gucheng is named 5 Loaves and 2 Fish. It is rightly amidst limitations we encounter, we see the gifts and the gift-giver, our good Father.

Simon Chu Kin-yip, OMI



Simon (standing-L) with children. Gucheng, Beijing

Hong Kong and especially Notre Dame are not new to me. I was here almost five years back as one who is on 'come and see' and as a volunteer to teach English in Notre Dame College and Eugene De Mazenod Primary School. But this time things were different because, back then, I was struggling to understand my identity, my role and my responsibilities and now I felt really at home and I understand that I really have developed a deep sense of belongingness to the congregation and to the China delegation. I really feel joyful about being part of the OMI community.

As I arrived at the retreat house for the renewal of my religious vows, I was so happy and touched by the warm welcome extended to me by the entire China delegation and I felt valued, cared and accepted. That atmosphere really evoked within me a serene mind and joyful disposition which helped me throughout my exposure in Notre Dame.

I don't claim that I did tremendously great things during this past one and a half month. I was helping daily during the mass as altar server and got engaged actively with the Oblate youth in giving out the food for the sick, elderly and homeless people on Fridays. I had been doing those works even before but now I found myself more involving and belonging. Those activities were very enriching. In fact, kind of deepening of my Oblate life and identity. Other activities that I had were more about helping in the household works, extending some technical support, rooftop gardening, cleaning up places, disposal of unwanted old items etc. I was also so happy to find some free time to read online articles on new developments in science and technology and watched videos on the development in the computer programming and on modern physics, especially nano technology and new



Stebin working on the rooftop garden, NDC

Arduino projects. Fathers were so supportive and open minded and I could feel the warmth which helped me a lot. I was also so happy to encounter some priests, nuns and lay-people from my state Kerala and had our traditional style mass of the Syro-Malabar Eastern Catholic rite and celebrated the feast of St. Thomas the Apostle, our father of faith. I also could visit some places in Hong Kong to refresh myself and for fun, especially with the Filipino English community of Notre Dame parish and other Oblates.

The time passed so fast but was fruitful, enriching and motivating. I look forward to having exposure in Mainland China too in the coming years to see for myself, the culture, people and system there. As I go back to the Philippines to continue my theological studies, I am grateful to all the Oblates, our associates and friends for making my stay comfortable and joyful. I appreciated each and every act of kindness and love that you have shown.

Stebin Thomas, OMI

OMI ASIA-OCEANIA TREASURERS COMMITTEE MEETING IN HONG KONG

From May 26th to 30th, 2019 treasurers of Asia-Oceania Region gathered for their meeting in Sheung Shui, Hong Kong. The meeting was chaired by the General Treasurer, Fr. Marc Dessureault, OMI.



OMI Asia-Oceania Treasurers participating in the meeting

Most of the treasurers were present as they shared and discussed economic issues which Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate Congregation and each unit is facing. During the last day of the meeting, the treasurers and oblates from China Delegation celebrated the Eucharist and shared lunch together.