

## **Triennium begins in the Far East...**

Since it was not possible for everyone to come together on the 8<sup>th</sup> of December, the Oblates in Japan decided to meet in Itami on 26<sup>th</sup> December 2013.

The liturgy to open the Triennium began with a hymn to the Holy Spirit followed by meditation, prayer and reflection. Sitting together as a community in front of the baby Jesus in the crib was an important moment for us. It was as if we too like the Magi from distant lands were present together that evening.

After the one-hour liturgy it was time for social hour and fellowship. As the spirits refreshed the soul, some delicious dishes nourished the body. When everyone had his full, then came the 'bingo time'. Some were in a mood to sing and dance too!

The following day we gathered in the chapel for the Eucharist, which was presided over by the most senior man in the delegation Fr. Bert Silver.

The Magi left the land they knew following a star to a place of uncertainty and discovered the Savior of the world. Their encounter with the Lord changed literally the direction of their lives and they returned home as renewed persons. Triennium is a time for both personal and community renewal. It also invites us to change the direction through concrete gestures of conversion. Our wish and prayer is that during these weeks and months of preparation God may inspire us, help us be bold and courageous so that we will commit ourselves to some real signs of new life among us.

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