



John Paul II

We have treated these last few days to the splendor of the funeral of a Pope. A Pope, a splendor of a man, has left us for his eternal reward. God grant it to him. A communicator, he spread the message of Jesus to uncounted numbers of people, Christians, non-Christians, people of all or of no religion, all heard the voice of the Vicar of Christ. He was seen, according to the mass media, by more people than any other person in history. He attracted the youth of the world, undoubtedly. He was a man fiercely devoted to the proclamation of the truth as he, with the assistance of the grace of office he received from God, perceived that truth.

Did he please everyone? Of course not. Was he perfect? No. Was his tenure as Supreme Pontiff a boon for the Catholic Church? Personally, I think, yes. Is the world better because he spent 84 years in it? It would certainly seem so. He was called by God in the guise of the college of Cardinals. And he was finally called again by God in the guise of Death. He went to meet God, faithful to the end. We were blessed by God to live in the days of such a man. May we be blessed again in our ability to follow even in our small ways the path he has shown to us.

Edward WILLIAMS

From the Delegation Superior's desk:

Angelo Siani

Dear Oblate Brothers,

On March 29th. - April 1st. the Oblates of Japan/Korea met at the Passionist Retreat House in Manukata for our Annual Delegation Meeting.

Fr. Christopher O'Leary from the Philippines was the facilitator for the meeting.

The working document for the meeting was the Report sent to Rome. This document was the result of our three year work on the Immense Hope Project.

The Japanese Report stated:

BEING WITH -IN COMMUNION WITH

As Christ was sent by the Father to dwell among us as a sacrament of His unconditional Love for all, and to show the Way, thus we are, a multi-national group of Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, missioned to be present here in Japan.

MISSION: Thus

- we are to be witnessing presence
- we are to have listening heart
- we are to seek especially the marginalized

WE WILL DO THIS THROUGH THE FOLLOWING VALUES:

1. In Communion with God
2. In Communion with Our Brother Oblates
3. In Communion with the Church
4. In Communion with society

Two of our members from Korea attended the meeting. So as not to lose their contribution time was allotted for them at the very beginning of the meeting.

They reported on their work with the homeless, the migrant workers and formation.

The first two days dealt with Community in Japan.

As a follow through to the proposals of the Immense Hope meeting, this General Meeting took up the proposal on forming two or more new communities.

The following was decided unanimously:

- An Oblate Community and Apostolic Center is to be formed in Koga as a center for our future apostolate in Japan.

- Two Oblates will be assigned to a new parish, to be given to us by the Bishop of Nagoya, for the purpose of serving the large foreign community of that Diocese.

- The Kochi area is to be strengthened as an area for Oblate Apostolate.

As a follow up on No. 4 In communion with Society those in Special Apostolates were given time for their individual report:

John Deely on the Apostolate to the deaf.

Lei Simons on the Apostolate at Aonami

Len Inui on the Kindergarten Apostolate

Bro. Yagi on MAMI

Tom Maher on work with the Filipina and children catechism preparation for first communion

Bradly Rosairo gave an in depth report on the devastation and suffering in Sri Lanka following the tsunami.

Looking at the results of our Spring Meeting I see a lot we can be thankful for. The Immense Hope Project begun three years ago is not a mere document but it is alive in the delegation. It is helping us to respond the needs of the Church, our community and society. And the response has been generous. We can be full of Hope and confident for our future as we continue in our dedication and commitment to evangelizing the poor with their many faces.

Let it be

Jude PEIRISPULLE

When a king, due to his sickness, confined to his bed,
He has no doubts:
There is no better power in this world than **health**.

When wealth befriends you, bringing unhappiness to
your life

You have no doubts:
There is no better wealth in this world than **happiness**.

When you are physically disabled, left alone by your
loved ones

You have no doubts:
There is no better lover in this world than **confidence**.

When one has his full of, fighting with the other

There are no doubts:
There is no better happiness in this world than **peace**.

Let all of you have good **health, happiness,
confidence and peace**.

お礼 Thanksgiving

John IWO

2004年12月19日(日)早朝5時前、母は93歳で息を引き取った。妹の話によると、12月5日肺炎で病棟に移り、その後、度々私の名を呼んだ様です。知らせを受けて、一度、乾神父様に行ってもらいました。そして15日(水)、光ヶ丘教会の合同回心式の後、鳴門に行き、翌日16日(木)、妹と妹夫婦と病院に行き、小倉様を代母に洗礼、堅信、病者の塗油の秘跡を授けた。霊名をマリアとした。残念ながら酸素マスクをしていたので、ご聖体拝領はできなかった。18日(土)三原様が訪問して握手し、ロザリオを手に渡してくださった。そして、19日(日)早朝永遠の眠りについた。妹の話によると、息を引き取って驚くほどきれいになっていったという。棺の中では安らかな寝顔で三原様からいただいたロザリオを持っていた。葬儀にはシニア神父様、高松からは栃尾神父様をはじめ、10人の司祭と一緒に御ミサを捧げてくださった。2005年1月18日(火)、父親の遺骨と共に、鳴門教会の納骨堂に安置しました。

私がブラジルに行っている間、シルバー神父様が度々訪問してくださったこと、ウィリアムス神父様達に親切にしてもらったことを感謝しています。父親は私がアメリカ留学から帰る数日前に亡くなりました。母親は私の司祭25年には兄弟と共に、安芸に来てくれたし、司祭40年の間、常にマリア様のように、私に目を留め、気遣ってくれたことを感謝しています。神に栄光!

I will say many thanks to all Oblates for the prayers for my mother. Deo Gratias!

母親の名はマリア硫黄寿子 My mother's name is Maria Hisako Iwo.

Still pumping

Xave Yoshikazu TOSA

The doctor had found another narrow vein in the heart. He thought he could widen it by inserting a "balloon" with a catheter. Now it seems that another vein is wound around it, so that the catheter cannot do the work ... Otherwise things are not so bad, only on a slower pace.

IN YOUR EYES

Giovanni ZEVOLA

Las Vegas and its casinos' life; there lives a crippled man whose only job is to go at night around the tables where people are gambling with the hope of a great winning chance. He's a very unlucky man, a failed father who is able to bring misfortune to other people as well; it is enough for him to be beside people and the luck leaves that person. When he is around no one is winning at the casino games! One day the unexpected happens, a lady follows in love with him and the fortune turns around, he becomes a very lucky man and everyone at the casino is winning, because of his presence. This is the content of a movie I watched last month and the best part is when he tells his girlfriend "If you ever wonder about who you are and you start doubting, do not stare at your face in the mirror rather look into my eyes, and what you see reflected there is what you are!". And what can you see in the eyes of your loved one but appreciation, consideration, respect, self-esteem and love?

Let's have a look at our own lives here in Korea, where too many things seem to be gloomy and not very positive. How do we see ourselves?

Can we find that respect, welcome, appreciation, self-esteem, gratitude, worthiness in our working places, with the people we are living together? Do not believe what society is telling you in very loud voice, look rather in God's eyes and believe what do you see in His eyes!

Let me conclude with the words of the founder of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, St Eugene who was preaching to the workers of his city in France in 1813.

"Workers, we shall begin by teaching you who you are, what your noble origins are. Let us ask the world. Workers, what are you in the eyes of the world? a class of slaves to those who pay you, exposed to the contempt, injustice and often ill-treatment. Come now and learn from us what you are in the eyes of God. You are the children of God, the brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ, the coheirs of his eternal kingdom, the cherished portion of his inheritance; you are the holy nation, you are kings, you are priests, you are, in some way Gods. So lift up your heads and recognize your dignity"

Are you wondering about who you are? Keep looking into His eyes!



Deadlines

Bill MAHER

With Easter coming so early this year it seems like the Christmas rush just continued into the Easter rush. Last week it was the regular parish work plus getting ready for the sermon for the World Day of Prayer, which the Christian women of Tokushima do each year. This year it was the Catholic's turn to be the host. Everyone gathered here and after an hour or so of prayer we enjoyed a few snacks and I want to say fellowship but maybe a better word would be sistership. No matter what it was enjoyable.

This week besides the regular things we are preparing for the Lenten retreat which the Bishop is

coming for. Since the Bishop is coming, Annan and Naruto are going to come also and we'll do it together this year too. We usually do it that way every other year and last year it was together. But Easter means another article for the church news letter, Budoo no Ki.

No baptisms this year so we are uniting our prayers with the elect of the whole world in our preparations for Easter. It promises to be a Happy Easter and it seems to be coming very fast. Since the parish has always been very actively involved in the Liturgy, in a way, the Holy Week services are easy here. But there are still a lot of, so to speak deadlines to be met at this time too.

I'm looking forward to the week at the retreat house, since I missed the Christmas dinner I haven't seen many since the last retreat. And I need a week away from the parish. We have one parishioner very sick so I'm wondering what the Lord has in mind. Please keep Mrs. Katayama in your prayers. Happy Easter and I'll see you soon.

Pro Life Trip to the Philippines

Jerry NOVOTNY

A Brief Report on my Pro Life Trip to the Philippines: Feb. 15th - Mar. 4th.

Marlon C. Ramirez, program director of Human Life International Asia, met me at the International Airport in Manila and the first two days were spent nursing a cold in beautiful 32 C-degree weather at the University of Santo Tomas run by the Dominican Fathers. I believe the University was built in 1611.

The day before I departed Japan, there occurred the "Valentine Day Bombings." Three bombs exploded throughout the country, including Manila, a short distance from where I stayed later. For the past 14-15 years, a war with terrorists from the Southern part of the country has inflicted society with much suffering and pain. Soldiers with rifles, police and security guards with pistols dot the entire country, especially in the big cities. The people have more or less adapted to this type of protection and are making the best of the present situation: working hard, a helping hand to the poor, and a kindness which is unique to the Philippines.

Dr. Resty Monzon, president of Human Life Asia, Marlon C. Ramirez, director of Human Life International Asia, Edwin Lopez, Marketing Director of EWTN for Asia and myself made up the speaking team that flew from Manila to Zamboanga City, followed by a 4-hour rolling-bumpy drive in a Nissan pickup truck to Ipil Town. Some of the poorest of the poor live in this area, not to mention terrorists, and many soldiers. I was forced to leave my "comfort zone" for the first time in my life as an OMI missionary and live on the poverty level of the people in the area. Ipil Town was burnt to the ground 9 years ago by rebels and hundreds were massacred in cold blood.

The seminar speakers stayed at the Bishop's House - an unexpected surprise. The rooms consisted of wooden beds with thin mattresses. And even thinner pillows. The floors creaked, the sink-toilet-shower water ran sometimes with only little pressure, sometimes it didn't. Fans replaced air conditioners and electric failures were not uncommon. When I commented on the highway being under construction, I was told that the gravel road was not under construction. And the list continues...

One man I developed a deep respect for was

Antonio M. Ledesma, S.J., DD, Bishop of Ipil. Living on the same level of poverty as his people, he is relatively a quite man, but people and animals walk freely through his house. A man of the people.

From the 17th to the 21st, a Leadership Training Seminar was held on Life and Family. The participants were various leaders of Family and Life Ministries who came from different islands which make up the Dioceses of Zamboanga, Basilan, Sulu (Jolo) and Ipil. In all, about 70 participated.

Sr. Aubrey, D.C. organized this first Leadership Training Seminar. She's a young Sister with much drive, determination and a good sense of humor. The Seminar was a tremendous success, centering on talks, workshops and lively participants. Marlon C. Ramirez's topic was "Understanding Family Dynamics"; Dr. Resty Monzon, joined by his wife Dr. Edna Monzon the next day, spoke on "Understanding Marriage and parenting" and "Pro-Life Be-Attitudes"; Mr. Edwin Lopez's presentation was on "Pro-Life Action"; and I spoke on "The Family at the Crossroads: Trends and Challenges" and "Understanding the Psycho-Spiritual Process of Aging". Then came the rolling-bumpy ride back to Zamboanga City, where we stayed one night at an Orphanage and the next morning flew back to Manila. There we read that rebels had exploded a bomb along the route we had taken a number of hours before. On this trip, I learned more than I gave. Marlon put it well when he stated, "Father, you left your 'Comfort Zone' to live and experience the real life-situation of the poor in the Philippines". I wondered, could it be that my "Comfort Zone" is a cause of another's suffering? I did learn that the Philippines, teeming with rich resources and sufficient money, suffers mostly from corruption which in turn causes poverty. Overpopulation is not the problem.

Thirty minutes after the hour and half flight to Manila, Mr. Marlon Ramirez departed on a six hour to give a 2-day Retreat to School Teachers and Personnel; then a six-hour drive back the next morning to fly with the team for a Congress. It was decided that I would go with Marlon up North to Baguio City and present the evening session, but things did not work out as planned. My 65 years of existence caught up with me and I had to rest in Manila while Marlon went alone. During the two-day rest, I was able to visit the Pro Life offices, meet the Pro Life staff and receive info on their busy schedules and speaking engagements which cover most of the 7500 Islands in the Philippines.

We departed on Feb. 24th to attend "The 1st Western Visayan Congress on Life and Family" which was held in Jaro, Iloilo City, a one hour flight South of Manila. There we were met by Dr. Rene Josef Bullecer, another strong HLI-Asian leader.

Angel N. Lagdameo, DD., Archbishop of Jaro, Iloilo and Romulo dela Cruz, DD., Bishop of Antique both attended the Congress. In all, there were over 200 representatives from various dioceses in the area.

Eight talks were given:

1. "Debunking the Overpopulation Myth", by Mr. Salvador Rigor, Jr.
2. "The Global Conspiracy Against Life & Family", by Mr. Marlon Ramirez.
3. "Authentic Womanhood," by Atty. Jane Aguilar.
4. "Overcoming the Culture of Death: Ray of Hope", by Dr. Ligaya Acosta
5. "Family & Life in the Asian Perspective", by Dr.

Orestes P. Monzon

6. "The Family at the Crossroads: Trends and Challenges", by Jerry Novotny, OMI

7. "Medical and Legal Aspects of Ligas Buntis", by Dr. Rene Josef Bullecer

8. "The Media & the Family", by Mr. Edwin Lopez

Following the Congress, Marlon flew back to Manila to prepare for his next engagement, Edwn flew to Cebu for two days of talks; Resty and I headed for Boracay, a 4-hour bus ride and 15-minute ferry. Those were two beautiful days full of memories. Mar 2nd and 3rd were open days before returning to Japan. During this time I met most of the OMIs working the Manila area and spent a number of hours talking with them - a tremendous group of dedicated and happy Oblates. Jolo and Cotabato were under double red alert, preventing any travel there.

On Mar. 4th with mixed feelings, I left Manila and headed for Kansai Airport where the temperatures were 5 C-degrees, cold North Winds blowing hard and a light snow falling later in the evening. The weather was exactly the same as when I had left three weeks earlier.

I owe much to Resty and his wife, to Lopez and his wife and family, to Marlon, to Rene and to the many wonderful and dedicated leaders in the Philippines. They donated their most precious commodity - themselves and their work - and for this I am most grateful.

12 STEPS SEMINAR

Tom MAHER

Thanks to the hospitality of the Oblates and the good will of the Sisters in charge of the kindergarten, from March 19 at noon till Sunday afternoon at 3:30 P.M. (March 20), for the 14 time, the 12 Steps Seminar will be held in Kochi.

It is an "open" 12 Steps Seminar so people with other addictions and professional people (health care workers, clergy etc.) are welcome to attend, even if they come for a short time.

After one person shares his or her experience, strength and hope with the whole group, (for 15 minutes) small groups of about 10 gather for a 50 minute meeting at which those who wish (no force, everyone is completely free to share or not to share) share how the step applies to their recovery. During the two days seven meetings like this are held. Saturday evening, a candle light meeting for all who wish to attend is held in the hall. The theme is "Love".

You are welcome to attend even if it is only for a short time. There is no charge. Free coffee and cookies. Once each day a bag is passed around for those who wish to donate to cover the expenses of the seminar.

Christ the Redeemer in the Snow

Tom MAHER



I am trying to recall the history behind Mary's title of our Lady of the Snows. The Oblates in Belleville,

Illinois, have a famous Shrine dedicated to Mary under this title.

Anyhow in front of our church in Nakamura we have a statue of Christ the Redeemer. Snow is rare in Nakamura but this year we had a pretty good snow. It usually all melts the same day when the sun comes out.

But I took a picture of the statue in the snow. It didn't seem proper to call it Christ the Redeemer of the Snow so I call it by the title above. Come and see it sometime.

Time of transition

Fran HAHN

The cherry blossoms are in full bloom but about to disappear. The Holy Father has been called "home", we've had a very fruitful general meeting, and last but not least, there's a new treasurer.

I will miss John Paul II, he's been a hero of mine. It is not that I agreed with everything he said or did, most, but not everything, but because he was a man with vision, faith and hope. Three virtues this world needs.

Having been a part of the Immense Hope preparation team and on the Council during and after, it was good to see us take another step in implementing some of the proposals we came up with. I'm particularly happy about our trying to form some concrete houses where some of us will be able to live and grow together. I joined the Oblates for community life but have lived most of my years in Japan alone. I really believe that 'community life' is the only way to radiate the gospel, and the vision and spirit that St. Eugene had when he founded the order. I'm also pleased that we are committed to trying to help the foreign community in Japan, even if it's only Nagoya and what Wency will be able to do in his work. I hope that we are able to find others who will join in this important work. It's truly a need of the times. We also had some other great discussions, on the "graying of the delegation" for one, and some brief but good 'in put' on the works of some of the men. All in all we made a big step forward and I thank God.

The change that will affect me the most, however, is being named treasurer. I really never thought I would or could do this. I still have great misgivings about it, but I know someone has to do it and I want the younger men to be free to be missionaries and priests, and not tied down to desks and paper work, however necessary it might be. I therefore open my big mouth again, volunteered, and here I am.

I went to Kochi the first weekend of April for my first "training session". I will be commuting twice a month till at least August, and plan to spend a couple of weeks in August there trying to learn the ropes. I came away from this first session in great awe and admiration for the work that Ray has done over these years. To see the program he has set up for the recording of our finances so that we can make a proper report to the authorities in Japan and in Rome, is really amazing. I know we have a company and, we can hire people to do a lot of this work, but in reality he's done what had to be done, and set it up so that even someone as inadequate as I might be able to carry on. I know I'm not Ray, and will not be able to do everything he has, the way he has, but I also know that I have to learn what he has done before I start trying to change it. The

real transition is going to have to take place in me! Maybe I'll have a conversion experience! Say your prayers that it be so. anyway I want to thank Ray from the bottom of my heart for these past 11 or so years.

Whatever may happen it was good to see and be with you all and we missed the few who for various reasons weren't able to join us. May God help us all to prepare for the future we tried to discern in Munakata, as well as the one God is preparing for us in Rome and elsewhere in His world.

Spring is finally here!

Bertram Nathan SILVER



Friday after the meeting ended I headed back to Anan on the train. The novel I had, to take up the time, was by Dean Koontz, "Life Expectancy" Toward the end of his novel he had the following paragraph that hit me personally. No one's life should be rooted in fear. We are born for wonder, for joy, for hope, for love, to marvel at the mystery of existence, to be ravished by the beauty of the world, to seek truth and meaning, to acquire wisdom, and by our treatment of others to brighten the corner where we are." It kind of put the meeting, for me, into a positive mental and spiritual frame - of - mind. I changed the paragraph to "My life should not be rooted in fear. I am born for wonder, for joy, for hope, for love, to marvel at the mystery of existence, to be ravished by the beauty of the world to seek truth and meaning, to acquire wisdom, and by my treatment of others to brighten the corner where I am." Thank you for putting up with me for the time we had together. Looking forward to the retreat in the Fall.

本当の『復活』ーイエス・キリストー

Antonio Genivaldo CORDEIRO DE OLIVEIRA

今年の聖週間の典礼は、昨年と比べて少し良くなったと思います。それぞれの言葉に慣れてきたので、典礼の言葉も日本語で考えることができました。皆さんご存知と思いますが、新しい言葉を覚えるとき、意味を考えずに発音だけ覚えるのはとても良いことです。ある言葉はどうしても翻訳できなかったり、すぐ覚えにくい言葉もあります。時には自分の言語よりもっと深い意味があったり、また全然通じない言葉もあります。

私にとってその一つは『復活』です。教会では日常的に使う言葉ですが、ある日旅行会社に行つてチケットを買おうとしたところ、担当の人が「今、パソコンが消えちゃったので復活するまでちょっと時間がかかります。よろしいでしょうか。」と言いました。私はパソコンの復活?を待ちながら、この言葉がこんなふうに使われるなら、イエス・キリストの復活はそれほど特別なことではないのか、日本人がキリスト教の信仰を理解できない理由の一つではないのか、そして、お葬式の時何度この言葉を言いましたが、どんな受けとめ方をされただろうか、いろいろな疑問がわいてきました。

『復活』の本来の深い意味はどんなイメージを思い浮かべても完全に明らかににはならないと思います。

ます。ラテン語から出来た言語が『復活』という宗教的な言葉です。私がポルトガル語の『RESSURREIÇÃO』という言葉を使うとき、それは同時にイエスのことを考えます。日本語の翻訳にキリスト教のいろいろな新しい言葉を使いました。『復活』は本当に信じ、完全な喜び、新しい命ですから、この言葉こそ本来の意味を理解できるような新しい言葉を作るのは当然のような気がします。できる可能性があるかどうか分かりませんが、せめて皆が神秘の深い意味を知り、体験するように心から祈っています。

ABOUT GREEN(from the green room.)

John Kenney MAHONEY

Song courtesy of the Muppets

IT'S NOT EASY BEING GREEN

It's not easy being green;
Having to spend each day the color of the leaves.
When I think it could be nicer being red, or yellow or gold, or something much more colorful like that.
It's not easy being green;
It seems you blend in with so many other ordinary things.
And people tend to pass you over 'cause you're not standing out like flashy sparkles in the water or stars in the sky.
But green is the color of Spring.
And green can be cool and friendly - like.
And green can be big like an ocean or important like a mountain, or tall like a tree.
When green is all there is to be,
it could make you wonder why, but why wonder why?
It's beautiful!
And I think it's what I want to be.

Anniversaries

■ Birthday:

April 01 1960 Leo KAWAGUCHI
17 1941 Jack DEELY
22 1949 Wency LAGUIDAO
May 29 1931 Tom MAHER
June 24 1962 Giovanni ZEVOLA

■ Ordination / Final Vows:

April 04 1968 Jerry NOVOTNY
11 1970 Jack DEELY
25 1987 Vincenzo BORDO
26 1966 Bill MAHER
29 1972 Fran HAHN
May 05 2000 Genivaldo OLIVEIRA
30 1954 John MAHONEY
30 1954 Bert SILVER
30 1957 Tom MAHER
31 1965 Ange SIANI
June 2 1952 Dick HARR
7 1957 Ed WILLIAMS
14 1964 Len INUI
14 1964 John IWO
24 1962 Mike YAMASAKI

■ Death:

April 12 1982 Robert GILL
May 10 1996 Gerard STEVENS

※ The next issue is scheduled for June 15. Please send in your contributions and photos (if you have any) by June 10.

News from KOREA

■ News from the Formatin House - Suwon Renewal and Lector



Renewal and Lector

On Feb.17 Br. Anselmo, first Korean Oblate in temporary vows renewed for the second time in the presence of Rev. Fr. Vincenzo Bordo OMI,

Superior of Korean Mission. He was also given the minor order viz, 'Lector' on the same day.

The Day was also christened as 'Parents' Day' of our brothers in formation. So the parents of our brothers adhering to the invitation actively participated in the Holy Eucharist and thereafter in the festive dinner. The Oblates in the Mission took part and solemnized the event.

Winter Vacation/Pastoral ministry

The Students spent part of their vacation in their home parishes while staying in their homes.

This was to give them an experience in their own surroundings, to appreciate their own people, place and to give a helping hand to their respective parish priests. The students in their sharing appreciated the experience and even expressed their desire to have such experience in the future too. For sure they didn't settle down in their own places but returned to the Oblates!

The other half of their vacation was spent helping in the Oblate ministries such as in Anna's house (center for homeless), Emmaus (center for migrant workers) and in hospital ministry. And other than this they also helped in a handicapped institute and in a home for the elders. And just before reopening of the school, we spent one full day in retreat, in one of the shrines for Korean Martyrs. With all these programs the academic year commenced.

Live-in Experience ('come and see!')

For students who wish to join the Oblates in Korea, we have 'live-in experience'. This is during the major vacations viz, in summer and winter vacations. So we had three students (Gabriel, Moses and Joseph) who

Vocation Meeting



followed this program. While they were living in our formation community, sent to work in Anna's house, Emmaus, with physically challenged and in a home for elders. We believe we were able to win their hearts and hopefully this thirst for poor will continue to burn in their hearts and mind. And one day they will join us! Keep them in your prayers!

■ News from Anna's house (Center for homeless)

A very good news from the shelter for street youth (Anna's house): So-Tong- Hi, 20 year, who stayed with us for long in the Center, succeeded in his entrance examination to University and has joined in March. A miracle from streets to university brought lots of joy and happiness on the faces of all volunteers who worked hard on this boy. Millions of thanks to the volunteers! There are still 15 more young people in the center.

The center for Homeless people, Hanna's house, is doing very well in this period of economical instability. In fact our guests (homeless people) increased a lot from our normal 350 to 450 every day not just for food but counseling, cloths, medical care... Thanks God both volunteers and contribution also increased cumulatively to support these many people. Among the important visitors to our center were: we had the honor of welcoming the Vice-Mayor of the City Mr. Yang and the Ambassador of Italy Francesco. Both of them gave a good contribution for the center.

The last but not the least to arrive in our center was a beautiful baby girl. A homeless woman



(Sabina) gave birth to this child. And as she couldn't bring up this child she just entrusted her to

father Vincenzo, that now becomes a real 'father'/metaphysical father! The baby is growing very well in the center and day-by-day she is becoming more beautiful. And he has to adopt one boy baby too! Please take Sabina in your prayers.