



OMI Information

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Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate

Dear Brother Oblates,

In August, I will turn 70 years old. At one stage of my life, this number looked terribly ancient. Now it doesn't. Today, I feel I have and will continue to have something to offer society and the church.

Research has recently shown that even though cells are dying in our bodies, a cause of ageing, a new set of nerve cells replaces these which permit us to continue to develop mentally. One can learn a new language, begin a new research, or even write a book.

In the world around us we are well aware that growing old is a constrictive process, a "diminishing thing". One writer put it this way: Life diminishes: (1) temporarily - we have less time in this world; (2) physically - we can't walk as fast and far as before; (3) spatially - once we may have traveled widely, now confined to a house; (4) vocationally - we are expected to give up our fulltime involvements; (5) financially - we may not have as much money as we once controlled; (6) relationally - neighbors, friends, colleagues, family members, are far removed or have preceded us in death.

Concretely, our Faith enables us to see ourselves as a people who (as God's image-bearers) have a tremendous value, no matter how old or infirm we may be. Here are a few challenging examples of how, even in old age, individuals have remained remarkably active and productive.

With a vital Faith we can embrace personally what is stated in Psalm 92:14, "They will bear fruit in old age, they will stay fresh and green." We can carry on useful ministries. For example, the Ministry of Prayer. No matter how limited we are, we can pray. (Luke 2:36-37) Fr. General reminds us in his letter to the elderly "The Lord evangelizes more through what we are than through what we do." If the Lord evangelizes through our being this does not imply that we have to be perfect first. It does imply a humble authenticity, a virtue which young people appreciate in a special way. You, our elders, show yourselves more and more as you really are, even with some of your defects. Older people show us that it is the heart that counts, not a false and only apparent perfection.

Contemplation is at the basis of this evangelizing through what we are. True, many of you have received the grace to lead an active life even beyond the eighties and it is good to remain active in an adapted way as long as ever possible. However, old age offers many a special way to live out what Redemptoris Missio says: "The missionary must be a 'contemplative in action.' . . . the future of mission depends to a great extent on contemplation. Unless the missionary is a contemplative he cannot proclaim Christ in a credible way."



There is also the Ministry of Witness. The older generation can pass on to the next generation the stories of what God has done in our lives. (Psalm 71) It is important for upcoming generations to hear about the spiritual experiences of the older generation. In addition, what about a Ministry of Informal Teaching? Why not a casual yet purposeful sharing of insights? After all, in Job we read, "Is not wisdom found among the aged? Does not long life bring understanding?" (Job 12:12) Fr. General writes: **You are the guardians of our history and keep us in contact with our roots** Part of our collective memory as Oblates has been put down in writing. But what is that compared to the witness to the past that you can give in person, the stories that you can tell out of your experience? I was glad, years ago, to meet an old priest who in his youth had met another old priest who had been ordained by the Founder. We need your memories to get in touch with our roots. Therefore we have included the celebration of our memory in the Immense Hope project. Please tell us your stories in person, but I also encourage you to write down or to put on tape your part of Oblate history.

There is another treasure hidden in the one who has a rich past behind him. When we are younger we tend to take persons and things for granted, as something to which we are entitled. Many of our elders have, instead, become very grateful persons. Gratitude means to acknowledge that all has been a generous gift from God and that most of it came through people who have lived before us. Your letters often reflect this way of relating to your own history. One Oblate writes on the occasion of his golden jubilee of priesthood: "In those fifty years, how many have been the occasions for giving thanks to the Lord for all those he has placed along my path and who have helped me to be of service." People like him teach those of us who are younger that the most important things in our lives have been given to us. Only this realization will give us the humility to become servants of others in their own process of growing, from their own roots.

Finally, there can be the Ministry of Modeling. We can be examples of authentic spirituality, exhibiting steadfast Faith, Patience and Love. (see Isaiah 46:4)

Let me close with a quote from the popular author June Masters Bacher, "It is good to pause and count our blessings at every birthday. They pile up with the years. God is changeless, He has work for us here and each milestone shows that he chose to have us remain to give him a hand."

Bro. Bernard Ondap, OMI renewed his Vows in Koga on June 12 2006.

Bishop Nomura of Nagoya has appointed Genevaldo De Oliveira to be one of his Councillors.

Prayers for our sick and elderly:

Thank you for your prayers for Lei Simons and John K. Mahoney. John K. Mahoney is recovering from minor surgery. He will be released from the hospital on June 19. Lei Simons is doing well.

Please keep our elderly and infirm in your prayers.

Ange Siani, OMI

Three Months in Southern France, Wow!

Bill MAHER



The Rule waxes eloquently on the merits of on-going formation and how each individual is responsible for his own development after initial formation. So when the opportunity to attend the De Mazenod Experience in Aix en Province was offered I thought it would be a wonderful way to celebrate my 40th anniversary to the priesthood. I had been offered the chance once before but couldn't get a replacement for the parish so it fell through, but this time Wency was kind enough to offer to come over from Itami on the weekends, and the other things could continue with the parishioners, so I was off. In short if you don't have time to read further, it was great and if you haven't gone yet, don't waste any time: sign up for next year.

The English group started this year in January. Eleven of us were there by the 12th of Jan. and Mike Morrissey came from South Africa a short time later, so we had twelve in the group from eight different

countries and nine different nationalities: Indonesia, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Lesotho, South Africa, USA, Congo, and Japan. This by itself was a grace. Living with such a variety of Oblates from so many different backgrounds and experiences, brings home the value as well as both the strong and weak points of an international group. The problem of language immediately presents a challenge. I have to hand it to the French speaking community for being so patient and hospitable to so many different groups and so many different personalities. My French crash course using the NHK radio program didn't have much value, but if you could speak French it would be so much more rewarding. The course uses English but when you go out, French would make it wonderful.

The course was broken into seven segments 1. Geographical context of our charism 2. The journey of Faith "from ... to ..." 3. Recapturing the Story of Eugene's Journey of Faith 4. Rekindling the Fire: The Oblate Charism 5. Ecclesiology: Journeying with Jesus, the Church and Mary 6. Resting in a Prayerful Journey of Faith (a thirty-day retreat from Feb. 28 to March 25) 7. Continuing the Journey with renewed spirit, vision and mission (Missiology).

I found the whole experience very rewarding, not just from the standpoint of the input but also the chance to live in an Oblate community and the relaxed atmosphere of doing the serious combined with the relaxing trips and extracurricular activities that were interspersed in the schedule. We even spent three days in Lourdes. The three months also gave you ample time to rejuvenate the body with the daily walks and the wonderful French cuisine. I want to thank all who made this possible. Wow!

One book on the Founder I want to strongly recommend is:

'Living in the Spirit's Fire'

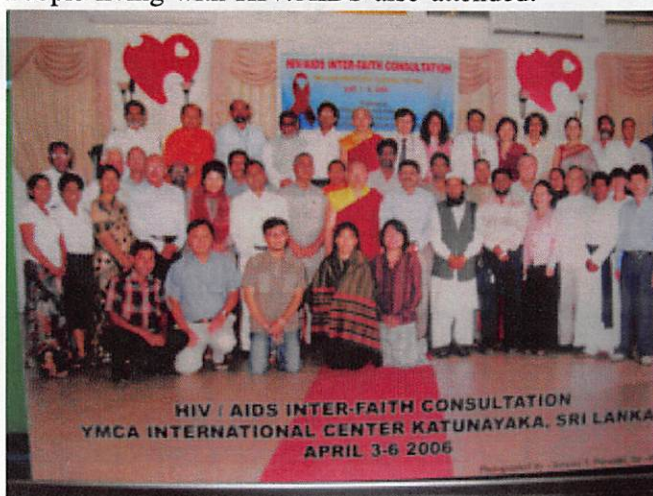
by: Alfred Hubenig

I found a copy at Koga and there is one more that Ed said someone could use. Just contact Koga if you want it.

Journey for Life into the Heart of Asia.

Jerry NOVOTNY

To better understand the nature of AINA (Asian Interfaith Network on HIV and AIDS) and CCA (Christian Conference of Asia), I was invited by the Thailand Catholic Delegation to participate in the "Interfaith AIDS Consultation 2006" in Colombo, Sri Lanka, April 2-7. This is a multi-faith partnership to combat HIV and AIDS in Asia. Participants represented the four major religions in Asia: Christianity, Buddhism, Islam and Hindu. People living with HIV/AIDS also attended.



The objectives centered on three main areas: (1) to delineate the various thematic issues relating to HIV/AIDS concerns and programs of religious communities in Asia. (2) to examine and reflect on their workings, teachings and responses to HIV/AIDS. (3) to identify strategies for closer coordination and cooperation in combating HIV/AIDS.

The program consisted of an update and analysis of the situation of the HIV/AIDS epidemic and critical issues in the global community; the focus was on how HIV positive people, especially the poor, are able to access medicine and services. This also included strategies which energize communities and associations of people living with HIV/AIDS to fully participate to minimize the impacts of the disease as well as to maintain the fullness of life of people living with HIV/AIDS.

The Global and Asian Problem:

HIV and AIDS continue threatening people around the world. The latest global figure of people living with HIV/AIDS shows some sign of declining in many countries. However, the number of people living with this deadly virus in 2005 has reached its highest level, an estimated 40.3 million people.

Asia has the world's second-largest number of

people living with HIV/AIDS after the sub-Saharan Africa. In South and South Asian region, around 7.1 million people aged 0-49 years old are living with HIV and AIDS. UNAids has reported that an additional 12 million people could be infected in the region over the next five years if nothing is done to slow the epidemic's pace.

Commitment of Asian Interfaith Network on HIV and AIDS:

1. Promote the dignity, equality, and rights of all people;
2. Discuss openly and accurately the basic facts about the HIV/AIDS and about all effective means of prevention;
3. Work to eliminate the root causes of HIV and AIDS pandemic including gender inequality; overcome silence, stigma, discrimination, denial and fear regarding HIV and AIDS.
4. Overcome silence, stigma, discrimination, denial, and fear regarding HIV and AIDS;
5. Reject the negative statements by some faith leaders that AIDS is a form of divine punishment or retribution;
6. Attain "access for all" - to effective preventive education and knowledge, comprehensive care and treatment, and full inclusion in the community.

The Concept of Asian Interfaith Network on HIV and AIDS:

The HIV and AIDS pandemic is of an extremely dangerous and mutating nature, which exploits new opportunities for transmission, and is spreading rapidly, leaving in its wake the problems of those infected and affected like widows, orphaned children and overburdened elders. Faced with devastating consequences like pain, suffering, death and anguish, people living with HIV and AIDS (PLWHA's) have to also cope with denial, discrimination, stigmatization and the severe violation of human rights.

There are alarming projections of the pandemic reaching unprecedented levels, and unless something drastic is done, it will result in more infections and deaths in the Asian region. To meet this global challenge and make the response outpace the epidemic itself, faith-based leaders and communities need to come together.

Religion and Faith have played a major role in the history of humankind. In the midst of suffering and misery, religious leaders with their doctrines and traditions have played significant roles in alleviating suffering and creating new communities of love, compassion and understanding. Their response to HIV and AIDS should be no different.

Many ancient cultures and religions have been born in the crucible of Asia, gifting to the world a rich heritage of philosophical and religious thinking. It is time to rediscover the wealth of these ancient and noble religions and philosophies that encourage mutual tolerance, non-violence and peaceful coexistence, and promote a collective responsibility

to PLWHA's, by working together, transcending geographical, political, social and religious boundaries.

Flying back on Singapore Airlines, I asked myself what the OMIs in Japan and Korea can do in regard the HIV and AIDS epidemic in light of what I had experienced at the above Consultation. Some reflections: (1) become informed about HIV and AIDS, most pastors in Asia know very little about this problem; (2) can we do something in the area of Tourism and HIV and AIDS, make people more aware of how this degrades and suppresses women in Asia; (3) make two - three beds available in our parishes for AIDS people who are dying and need palliative care.

I arrived home in Kochi humbled by the ancient religions and philosophies that are actively involved in solving the Asian HIV and AIDS epidemic. I was impressed especially by how seriously they tackle Palliative Care of AIDS patients. I was also surprised how small our Catholic voice is in Asia, especially on AIDS; it borders near zero.

After the Consultation was finished, I stayed two more days and one night with Dr. Ishan Dias and his family in their small apartment. The sleeping area, including my suitcases, was between a washing machine and the wall, very compact but sufficient. The afternoon was centered on setting up a Sri Lanka Pro Life Movement and Center, named "Veritas Vitae." Their first Pro Life email newsletter was published and sent last month (May), the month of the Blessed Mother as Dr. Dias put it. Now he's in the process of searching for an office, secretary, computer and printer. Pro Life Japan will contribute to supporting the secretary. Last week the group, Veritas Vitae, also made headlines by demonstrating in front of an abortion clinic in Colombo. The Pro Life Journey is just beginning for Sri Lanka and its people. Let's pray for its success, the challenges and hard work which lie ahead.

They have two beautiful children: a 5-yr-old son and 7-yr-old daughter. The wife is also a terrific cook and yes the food was simmering with many many hot peppers. What can I say....

Greetings from Nishi Tokyo

Jack DEELY

Hope everyone is well. Unfortunately I don't have much news to share, since things are as usual. I was hoping to be able to report a startling loss of weight because of my training program, but---no such luck! So, I thought I'd take this occasion to congratulate and thank the Lads in Korea for their warm hospitality and for preparing a super program for the Spring Meeting. It was a real treat and very impressive to see them in their element with the people they serve... their mastery of the language... and their dedication. I was so impressed with everything that on arrival in Tokyo, I immediately

went and bought Korean Language Software and even tried to email them a Thank You note in Korean. According to the responses I got, though, only one was able to understand what I was trying to say. So, I think I'll stick to Japanese and Sign Language!

I was also so impressed with how they've mastered PowerPoint that I've even taken it up and am now using it for "signed" lectures as well as lectures at the university. It was great fun to see those pictures of us that they had taken the previous day, put into PowerPoint overnight and then start off the next morning's conference with them, waking us up with some humorous snapshots. Amazing though, how such talented guys who have mastered the likes of PowerPoint and the Korean Language were unable to come up with a decent pair of slippers for me!



西東京市便り

皆さんこんにちは。お元気ですか？私は元気で、相変わらずの生活をしています。特に目新しいニュースがなくて困っています。体重が急激に減ったなんて、大ニュースを届けられると良かったのですが...

さてこの春、韓国の会議に出席して、韓国OMIの皆さんに厚いもてなしを受けたことを感謝し、お礼申し上げます。ほんの数日の滞在でしたが、彼らの働き振りを見て、感心しました。韓国語を巧みに操って、韓国に溶け込んで活動している姿は感動的でした。

影響を受けやすい私としては、帰国後すぐに韓国語のソフトを買って、勉強(?)し始めました。手始めに、もてなしのお礼のメールを韓国語で送ったのですが、私の韓国語を理解してくれたのは、たった一人でした。次回の韓国訪問までに、もう少し勉強しなければいけませんね。

もう一つ影響を受けたのが、パワーポイントです。会議中に撮影したデジカメの写真を夜中に編集して、翌日の会議にパワーポイントで見せてくれました。それぞれの写真には吹き出しが描かれていて、面白い言葉が入れてありました。その技術に見とれて、やはり帰国後すぐにパワーポイントの扱いも練習し、はまってしまう、授業用の資料をたくさん作りました。

韓国語やパソコンソフトを使いこなし、こんなに大きな刺激を私に与えてくれた、能力の高い人たちののに、なぜ?・・・と思うことが一つ。

「どうして、私の足のサイズにあったスリッパを用意してくれないんだ!!!」

O.M.Y

Bradly ROZAIRO

During our spring meeting in Seoul, Ange called Nobi, Jude, Gen, Varam, Ken-ichi & Brad for a meeting. The subject was youth. Ange invited us to get together, talk and discuss as to what we can do for the young people in the places where we work. Encouraged by the delegation superior, the above mentioned members have formed a team to work for the youth. The team is known as "Oblate Ministry for Youth" (OMY).

The team met in Koga, Fukuoka on 25th & 26th of May '06. Nobi opened the meeting at 9am with a prayer. Those present were Nobi, Jude, Brad, Gen and Ken-ichi.

How often:

As a team we have decided to meet 4 times a year, and when there is something urgent, we communicate through Email. As to "internet chat", it is not possible because each one has his own schedule and so it is not easy to find a suitable time.

From Korea:

Varam, who is a member of our team, could not attend the meeting for to some reason. In the future, when it is not possible for Varam to be present, the team would like to have a member (James or Maurizio) from the house of formation in Suwon, to represent the Korean mission.

Experience with youth:

Nobi shared his experience of working with bishop Mizobe and youth in the diocese of Takamatsu. Bishop Mizobe does what he thinks good for young people. He calls each one personally and organizes different gatherings. He also gets kids from outside to join the youth in Takamatsu. The response of the youth is very good (maybe it is because the invitation comes from a higher authority!).

Gen mentioned that in Toyohashi there are lots of young people among the foreign workers. Working with them may help us find vocations. There are also young Japanese, but they find it difficult to come to church. Jude said that he called young people personally and had a gathering with them twice in Koga. Brad mentioned that in Kochi young people get together twice a month. Nobi and Brad sit with them to listen to them and also to share a meal together. Sometimes Fr.Suwa also joins the group.

Purpose:

We discussed at length the purpose of our team meeting.

Purpose:- 1.In places where we work, we do whatever we can for the youth, and

make them participate in church events and gatherings.

2.Once in a while we organize an event with other young people from our mission-parishes. They also take part in other events for young people that are organized by congregations and diocese. (In fact there is an invitation from the Salesians in Miyazaki to join in their gathering for high school kids).

Function:

Since our team has members who also belong to the formation committee, there was some confusion whether we function as a team only for those in formation or youth outside. After exchanging ideas and opinions on this, finally the team came to a conclusion saying, that we don't function as formation committee but as a team in charge of youth in our missions. We will make this clear to Varam who is in charge of the formation house in Korea.

OMI summer camp:

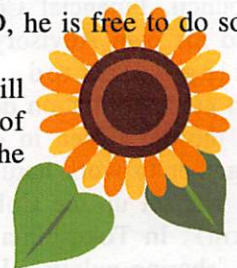
This year our usual summer camp will not be held. Instead, we will invite high school kids, university students and other young people who have been attending our camps, for a gathering. The main purpose of this coming together will be to make a serious evaluation on the summer camps we have had in the past.

We hope that this gathering will help us see as to what we can do for the young people in the future. Nobi and Ken-ichi will be in charge of this session and others on our OMY team will share the work. It will be held on 28th & 29th of July, most probably in Itami. Nobi will talk to Fran and confirm the place.

World Youth Day - 2008:

The next WYD will be held in Sydney. This year the WYD was held in Cologne, Germany. Jude, who accompanied a group from the diocese of Takamatsu, shared his experience with us. Although the program as such goes on for more than a week, it is well organized and well attended by young people. In the past Leo Kawaguchi accompanied some kids to the Oblate WYD, which is held before the WYD proper. From Japan each diocese takes a group for this gathering. We decided that we don't go as an Oblate group, rather join a larger diocesan group. This will give our young people a better opportunity to relate to others and make friends. We, who accompany them, will introduce the Oblates to others in our own way. But if one of our Oblates wants to take some kids to the OMI WYD, he is free to do so.

The next OMY meeting will be held on 1st & 2nd of September. Nobi will see to the place of our gathering.



ヨゼフ松永司教様

Takaji IWO

去る6月2日午前1時頃、松永司教様は司教館の自室で脳出血の為に誰にも見とられず、聖マリア様に守られて神様のもとに行かれました。大きな驚きが教区をかけ巡りました。

松永司教様は、私がサンスルピス大神校に入学する二年前に、ローマに留学されました。私が1998年7月1日付をもって吉塚教会に就任した三週間後に、吉塚教会で堅信式があり、ちょうど伊丹の子どもたちと鳴門でキャンプをして帰った三日後のことでした。その後、南粕屋教会40周年の時、その3年後再び吉塚教会で堅信式をしていただきました。今年1月22日には、吉塚教会50周年に足の悪いのをおして来られ、この時にも堅信を授けていただきました。

司教様は私と同じ1930年生まれなので、親しくしてくれました。いつもお会いするときに、「同じ年ですね」と言われ話が始まりました。生まれた時には体が弱かったので、3月7日に生まれたのですが、役場への届け出は4月に入ってからだったとも話してくれました。昨年4月に辞表を提出されて、新しい司教様が任命されることを待ち望んでいましたが、新司教様の誕生を見ることなく死去されました。松永司教様の取り次ぎによって、早く新しい司教様が任命されることをお祈りします。

Collaborative Ministry

Bertram Nathan SILVER



I think it's here to stay in the Diocese of Takamatsu. Bishop Mizobe over the past few months has been trying to put some order into the Diocese. So far he has set up the Priests' Senate, the Pastoral Council, Financial Council (and advisory group) and his own Advisory Council. The Youth Group is being directed by Brother Yagi. The On-going-formation desk is set up. Order is the word of the day. Then in order to bring the four districts together to work harder in the field of evangelization he has set up the Collaborative Ministry (in a mild form). In Tokushima we are into our second month of "sharing pulpits": Len, Bill, and I. Down the road,

with a little cooperation, I can see various ways in which the level of the faith of the Catholics can be raised, that they will be able to come up with ideas and suggestions for their areas of being witnesses for Christ in a different form than what is in place at present. The feeling of the OMIs and the Catholics in the Prefecture? Three "fs" is my observation. "fuhei", "fuman" and "fuan". Any one for a good translation? However, the same applies to our group in Japan. However, with a little patience and a lot of help from the Holy Spirit I have great hopes for the future of the Church in Shikoku and for the Oblates working so hard in both Prefectures. My thoughts at this time.

From the editor

Nobuhiko YAGI

The next issue is scheduled for September 15. Please send in your contributions and photos (if you have any) by September 10. Whenever you send an article for the newsletter, always include a title to the manuscript.

Anniversaries

■ Birthday:

July

31 1925 Leonard SIMONS

August

04 1960 Nobuhiko YAGI

14 1973 Antonio Genivaldo

CORDEIRO DE OLIVEIRA

19 1980 Bernard ONDAP

23 1936 Angelo SIANI

31 1928 Bertram Nathan SILVER

September

06 1930 John Takaji IWO

12 1970 Antonysamy IRUDAYARAJ

17 1964 Jude PEIRISPULLE

17 1967 James JEYACHANDRAN

20 1925 John Kenny MAHONEY

22 1943 Francis HAHN

■ Ordination / Final Vows:

July 01 1951 Jan VAN HOYDONCK

05 1953 Leonard SIMONS

21 1998 Varam ANTHONYSAMY

August

04 1991 Nobuhiko YAGI (Final Vows)

22 1992 Jude PEIRISPULLE

22 1992 Bradley ROZAIRO

September

08 1990 Giovanni ZEVOLA

■ Death:

July 03 1982 Timothy MULVEY

23 1981 Sueho TSUDA

September

04 1975 Daniel WARD

News from KOREA

Korea Spring Meeting

Last March, from the 27th to the 31st the Spring meeting of the Japan-Korea



Delegation was held in Korea for the first time. Everybody wanted to be present at any cost (someone broke his arm to take a seat...)



The arrival time was on the 27th at night and Fr. Giovanni was at the airport to welcome the people warmly and to take them to the Pastoral center of Suwon diocese, in Ueewang city. After a good rest we started the meeting. The schedule always began with the morning prayer in the chapel. It was the moment where we gained strength and wisdom from the Lord. Fr. Vincenzo opened the meeting with a welcome speech and also introduced the new faces, five scholastics, from



Philippines, Brazil, Bangladesh and Korea, and 2 Korean postulants.

The first day Fr. Vincenzo presented a report on the Korean mission. It was completed by the reports from



the other members. Everybody seemed to be happy and interested to know more directly the steps the Korean mission has made up to now. There was also some space for discussions and reactions on the topic. Every moment was well



organized by Fr. Giovanni, the moderator of the meeting.

From the first day we had the presence of a bishop of Tejon, presided at the Mass. He is time he was studying theology in Rome. each Oblate has to be a "little St. Eugene" to



bishop. Bishop Liu Hung Shik Lazzaro, a great friend of the Oblates from the During the homily he reminded us that continue to bring the gospel to the poor. afternoon we had the presence of a lady.



The schedule was really busy and in the She has gone several times to North Korea with an organization (Eugene Bell) that provides support through equipments for hospitals, farming and food. Through that we had also a small cut of the situation of poverty in North Korea, a land that could be for mission in the future. But there is also a big issue to be discussed. Should we pursue being a Province, Delegation, a Mission or...federation? What will be in the



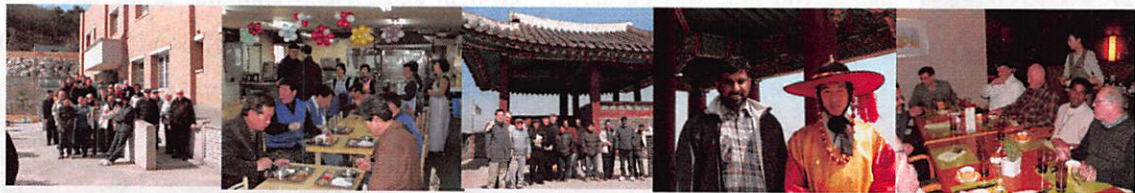
future the General Delegation of Japan-Korea? Fr. Angelo opened the discussion and the floor was open for suggestions and proposal.



The second day was delighted with the presence of Bishop Lee from Uijeonbu diocese. He surprised us with his English skill and with a very clear and precise description of the Korean society and Church. He stayed with us all the day to listen to our questions and reactions and to pray with us during the Mass. The days went very fast and after two days in the center it was time to see the Oblates houses and



works and have a stroll in Suwon city. We had Mass in the morning and the conferring of acolyte rank on Br. Anselmo and then we left. The destinations were the Suwon students



house, the Seoul residence house, Anna's house (soup kitchen and other works) and sightseeing of Suwon to know better the people and Seoul by night with a nice dinner. By this time it was already Friday 31st. It was time to go back to Japan...but first we took a picture all together to remember this great time together.



See you again !!



Other News from Korea



Before the Spring meeting we had the renewal of vows of Anselmo with a special guest. The Bishop of Suwon visited our house that very day the 17th of February. Two new students are in the house of studies: Br. Shitol from Bangladesh and Simeon from Seoul.



Our student Hong Cha Wong, Pedro on the 13th of March, left for Sri Lanka to prepare for the Noviciate. He is going to stay 2 years there and come back after the first vows. We recommend prayers for him. After the Spring meeting we went back to our daily apostolate (Anna's house, Immigrants, Hospitals, Bible study and Retreats) and the formation of the students. It was a busy period also because of Easter preparation and confessions. The formation community was busy with the preparation of the vocation day, on the 7th of May. The 21st



we celebrated the feast of St. Eugene in the house of studies with some people. This year it was done more simply. More than 40 people attended. This is all from us. See you soon!