

## **Business Meeting, April 19, 2023**

### ***OMI Japan-Korea Annual Retreat 2023***

Place: Retreat house of Olivetan Sisters, Busan, South Korea

Date: August 27, 2023—September 1, 2023

Retreat Master: Fr. Donald Okeeffe, (Columban missionary)

The dates for the 2024 retreat will be decided at the retreat in Busan.

### ***Aki Kindergarten***

Fr. Bradly informed everyone that Umi no Hoshi Kindergarten in Aki City is officially closed last April 2022. Akenoshoshi Gakuen sold the land and property of Umi no Hoshi Kindergarten to the Oblates. Since then the Oblates is the one paying for the maintenance of the building.

It cannot be torn down until 2032 because of the contract with Aki city.

### ***Anna's house Corporation (Korea)***

Anna's house corporation has received a piece of land from a Korean donor. The benefactor is also financing the construction of the vacation house that will be built in the area.

The construction is scheduled to be finished by Summer of 2023.

### ***Youth Gathering in Manila***

Fr. Bradly received an invitation from Fr. Gerry (*OMI-Philippines provincial*) for a youth gathering in the Philippines this summer 2023. Fr. Bradly will give updates later.

## **Business Meeting, April 20, 2023**

### **Future of Nakajimacho church in Kochi and the Oblates**

A new church building with a few rooms for priests in Kochi is being planned by the parish and the diocese of Takamatsu. If Oblates were to continue serving the people in Kochi, a residence is needed. If so, can we contribute to new building of the church? or we have a separate facility?

The diocese and the Nakajimacho church have begun a discussion on a possible plan.

### **Fr. Tharanga Perera**

Our new arrival, Fr. Tharnaga will take residence in Toyohashi and will begin his Japanese language studies.

### **Inviting scholastics to Japan from other Oblate units**

The possibility of inviting a few scholastics to Japan with the intention of studying the language and Theology in Japan, with the intention of joining us in the future was opened for discussion.

A few past experiences were shared. The general feeling of the men was that we invite young priests to work with us. Scholastics, yes, but only for exposure.

### **Zendana church in Nagoya**

The church in Zendana will celebrate its 60 years of foundation on May 14<sup>th</sup>. Brad will represent the Delegation at the celebration.

### **Fr. Roshan's visit & consultation**

After the spring meeting, Fr. Roshan will arrive in Japan for consultation of a new Delegation Superior. His schedule in Japan will be sent through email.

### **Sabbatical – Brad**

Bradly will take a break after his term ends in May.