

Prayer request & OMI Calendar

Dear Brothers,

I hope this finds you well.

This is to request your prayers for Mr Jim, the brother of Jerry Novotny, who will enter the hospital for major surgery on blocked arteries leading to his head and brain. The doctor does not know whether he will survive the operation or not. Therefore, please keep Jim in your mass and prayers.

Attached please find the OMI Calendar for the Divine Office & Eucharist for the month of January.

Thank you.

Brad

Jan. 16, 2023

CELEBRATIONS PROPER TO THE OMI

JANUARY 2023



January 21, 2023: *Dies natalis* of the Servant of God Sc. Alfons Marika (1917-1941).

January 25, 2023: Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul, **207th Anniversary of the foundation of the Congregation.**

January 26, 2023: *Dies natalis* of the Servant of God Fr. Bastiampillai Anthonipillai Thomas (1886-1964).

SPRING MEETING WITH OUR PROVINCIAL FR. ROSHAN SILVA, OMI & CONSULTATION

Dear Brothers,

I hope this finds you in sound health.

Please take note of the 2 important meetings to take place in the month of APRIL.

1. **SPRING MEETING:**

ATTENTION:- CHANGE OF VENUE FROM FUKUOKA TO OSAKA

Dates: April 17 ~ 20, (Mon ~ Thu), 2023

(Arrival on Apr. 17th evening. We finish with lunch on the 20th)

Venue: Sacra Famiglia - Osaka Umeda Catholic Church
<https://osakaumeda.osaka.catholic.jp/en/access/>

Accommodation: Hearton Hotel
(Per person for 1 night ¥ 8,200 breakfast included. Rooms have already been reserved)

Attendance:
Our brothers from Korea, we hope to have you with us.
Please see that you arrive at the Kansai International Airport (KIX) in Osaka.
There is a direct limousine bus departing from Kansai Airport Terminal 1 and arriving at Hotel Hankyu International.
Get down at the hotel and take a 5 – 7minute walk to the church.
There will be someone to guide you.

There might be one or two, who due to health reasons might not be able to join us,
but I expect the rest to be present for the meeting.

2. **CONSULTATION FOR DELEGATION SUPERIOR:**

Fr. Roshan will do the consultation for the next Delegation Superior, most probably the week after Easter.
Please see that you make yourself available for a meeting with him.
More on the spring meeting and visit of the Provincial later.
Have a fruitful week.

Brad Rozairo

Feb. 6, 2023

World Day of the Sick: Our Lady of Lourdes, February 11, 2023



Brothers,

World Day of the Sick, an observation started by Pope John Paul II as a way for believers to offer prayers for those suffering from illnesses. The day coincides with the commemoration of Our Lady of Lourdes. People around the world take the time to pray for the sick and for those who work very hard to alleviate the sufferings of the sick on this day.

Compassion as a synodal exercise of healing, the Pope's Message highlights the evangelical figure of the Good Samaritan as an example of compassion with which the Church is invited to measure itself in order to "become a true field hospital". Please read his message in the attachment.

Let us pray for the sick and the suffering especially on FEBRUARY 11th.

Brad Rozairo

Feb. 9, 2023

OBLATE FEAST DAY: Feb.17, 2023



Dear Brothers,

Greetings & Happy Feast day!

The attached letter is from our Superior General Fr. Luis Ignacio Rois Alonso, OMI, on the 197th anniversary of the Papal approbation of the Constitutions and Rules.

Brad Rozairo

Feb. 15, 2023

Dear Brothers,

Greetings from Toyohashi!

I hope this finds you well.

Communiqué OMI No. 148:

Attached is the latest Communiqué from Rome.

Season of Lent:

You will find some prayer materials in the attachments.

If you wish to receive Lenten Reflections, try the Ignatian Solidarity Network (ISN) link below.

<https://ignatiansolidarity.net/lent-2023/>

AORC in Thailand:

I will be in Bangkok from February 25 to March 4.

Please contact Bernard (burnsbun@gmail.com) for any urgent matter that may come up.

Have a meaningful season of Lent.

Brad

Feb. 21, 2023

ELECTION OF PROVINCIAL SUPERIOR: COLOMBO PROVINCE

Dear Brothers,

As the first term of our Provincial Fr. Roshan Silva OMI comes to an end this May, the Internal Consultation Committee (ICC) has sent me an email with 3 documents to be shared with you.

See the attached docs.

Whether you want to participate in the straw ballot or not is left to you.

Please use your discretion and decide how to go about this process.

Read the email below from the Chairperson of the ICC.

Thank you.

Brad Rozairo,

Feb. 24, 2023

Dear Revd Father Superior,

Herewith I send the following attached documents pertaining to the
CONSULTATION FOR THE ELECTION OF PROVINCIAL SUPERIOR - 2023
of the OBLATE PROVINCE OF COLOMBO.

Please FORWARD this mail to each and every member of your delegation including
those with Temporary Vows.

We also send the link to the electronic ballot paper.
Kindly inform your membership to submit it ONLY ONCE.
We appreciate your attending to this at your earliest convenience.
The voting period will end on March 6, 2023, at 15:00 Sri Lankan time.

While appreciating your cooperation in this regard we also request you send us the
TOTAL NUMBER of your members who are eligible to vote,
i.e., the total number of your delegation including those with Temporary Vows.
Kindly use the following email address for any correspondence regarding the election.
provincial.election.omicolomobo@gmail.com

HERE IS THE LINK TO THE OFFICIAL BALLOT PAPER

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdWha2CUEBhGhL3VwkG2OHhyhLBM8yTG2X0keqMLy--jPqtUw/viewform?usp=sf_link

Thank you and May God Bless You.

Revd. Fr. Reginald Jayamaha, OMI
Chairperson, Internal Consultation Committee

Visit of an OMI to Japan

Dear Brothers,

Greetings from Bangkok!

These days the meeting of the Major Superiors of the Asia-Oceania region is taking place at the Camillian Pastoral Care Center in Bangkok. Please keep us in your prayers.

This is to inform you that during this season of Lent, Fr. Dinh Kim Chi OMI, from Vietnam will come to Japan to help the Vietnamese technical interns prepare themselves spiritually to celebrate Easter. Below is his schedule:

March 8: Arrival in Japan

March 12: Retreat in Tokushima for the Vietnamese in Shikoku

March 19: Retreat in Mizumaki for the Vietnamese in the Kita-Kyushu area

March 22: Departure to Vietnam

During his 2-week stay in Japan, Fr. Chi will visit our mission stations.
Let us give him a warm welcome.

Thank you.

Brad

March 1, 2023

Brothers,



Fr. Len Inui's Brother:

Len's older brother Mr Anthony INUI Itsuji has passed away.

The funeral will be held on Monday 13th at the Catholic Tarumi Church in Kobe. It will be a family funeral.

Let us pray for the repose of his soul.

Mother of Bro. Nobuhiko Yagi:

The health of the ageing mother of Nobu is deteriorating.

This afternoon I had a chat with Nobu.

Let us remember to pray for his mother.

Thank you.

Brad, Mar.11, 2023

Dear Brothers,

This is to share with you the "Acts of the 37th General Chapter" - the material for our spring meeting.

We have been asked by the General Administration to read and reflect on the Acts of the General Chapter and try to implement them in our respective regions and units.

Our Provincial Fr. Roshan Silva will facilitate the spring meeting next month in Osaka. He will help us reflect on the Chapter document that will shed light on our journey as pilgrims in Japan and Korea.

As we get ready to celebrate 75 years of Oblate presence in Japan, let us hope and pray that the Message of the Chapter may inspire us in our internal preparation, so thus we may see where the Spirit of God is leading us. Therefore, I invite us to take the time to read the attached document in preparation for the spring meeting.

Thank you.

Brad

Mar.15, 2023

Brothers,

Good Morning!

The Internal Consultation Committee (ICC) in Colombo has sent me an email with 4 documents to be shared with you. See the attachments. Please take some time to read the email below and send your votes directly to the Superior General.
Deadline: MARCH 31st.

Thanks.
Brad

Mar. 17, 2023

Dear Brother Oblates,

We are very thankful to you for your fraternal cooperation extended in sending your straw ballots to promptly elect the Provincial Superior of the Oblate province of Colombo. As we promised to send you again the results of the straw ballot after counting the votes, please find enclosed the following:

1. The results of the straw ballot.
2. The Form for the appointment of the Provincial (Form no. I)
3. The form for the appointment of the Councillors. (Form no. II)
4. Eligible Oblates

You are now requested to fill out the form (No. I) and send the same to the Very Rev. Fr. Superior General directly either by post or by E-mail to reach him not later than March 31, 2023. The form (no. II) has to be retained with you until you are duly informed of the appointment of the new provincial and once you are informed please fill out the form (no. II) and send that too to reach the Very Rev. Fr. General not later than May 06, 2023.

The General Administration encourages casting your votes via email. **NEVERTHELESS, YOU MUST COMPLETE THE FORM ON PAPER AND SIGN IT YOURSELF, SCAN IT, AND MAIL IT.**

The Email address is as follows.

genstat@omigen.org

Title of the mail: **CONSULTATION FOR PROVINCIAL SUPERIOR OF COLOMBO PROVINCE**

Please make sure that you attend to this at your earliest convenience. Thank you so much for your cooperation. May God bless you.

Fraternally Yours,

Revd Fr. Reginald Jayamaha, OMI

Chairman, Internal Consultation Committee

Dear Brothers,

This is to share with you the spring meeting schedule. Please find it in the attachment.

Evaluation session:

In the schedule, on the 2nd day (19th), a certain time is allocated for sharing on the pros & cons of Japan-Korea becoming part of Colombo Province in 2010. Please come prepared to express your thoughts, feelings, suggestions etc.

Liturgy (prayers and eucharist):

Apr. 18: Opening liturgy - HONSHU~TOKUSHIMA DISTRICT

Apr. 18: Eucharist - KOCHI DISTRICT

Apr. 19: Eucharist - KOREA MISSION

Apr. 19: Evening prayer - FUKUOKA DISTRICT

Apr. 20: Morning prayer - DELEGATION COUNCIL

Apr. 20: Eucharist - PROVINCIAL

District/Mission Superiors, please see that you organize the liturgy.

Thank you.

Brad

Mar. 24, 2023

Dear Brothers,

Attached please find the info on travel, accommodation etc. for our spring meeting.

Brad
Apr.5, 2023

TRAVEL:

FROM KANSAI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (KIX)

Website for bus time table: <https://www.kate.co.jp/en/timetable/detail/UM>

- From KIX, I think it is Bus Stop No: 1 to Osaka (around 50 - 60 min. bus ride)
- Buy the round-trip tickets for ¥ 2,900 (valid for 14 days)
- Get down @ Hotel New Hankyu
- Walk from the hotel to the church (about 10 – 12 min.) or take a cab (5 min.)

FROM OSAKA ITAMI AIRPORT

Airport Limousine bus from Osaka Itami Airport to Hotel New Hankyu:

<https://www.okkbus.co.jp/en/timetable/U/>

- From Itami airport a 3-minute walk to the limousine bus stop
- From the airport to Hotel New Hankyu - takes about 45 minutes, ¥ 860
- From Hotel New Hankyu to Umeda church - cab (about 5 min.)
 - walk (about 10 – 12 min.)

FROM JR SHIN-OSAKA STATION

- Take the subway MIDOSUJI LINE
- Get off at Nakatsu Subway Station and exit from Exit 4.
- Turn left at the first corner, and then go straight for two blocks.
It is about 100 meters walk.
- Turn right at the Hearton Hotel and the church is next to it.
- Click [here](#) for Google maps

MEETING VENUE:

Catholic Osaka Umeda Church

〒531-0072

3-12-8 Toyosaki, Kita-ku, Osaka

Telephone Number : [06-6371-4060](tel:06-6371-4060)

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<https://osakaumeda.osaka.catholic.jp/en/access/>

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Osaka, 531-0072, Japan
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FAX: +81-6-6377-0811
E-mail: kit@hearton.co.jp

Check-in PM2:00 / Check-out PM12:00
<https://www.hearton.co.jp/en/kitaumeda/>

Dear Brothers,

This is about the Spring Meeting participants.

As of April 6th, there will be 16 participants.

If anyone of you on the list is going to be absent, please let me know **before April 10th** because the hotel would like to have the exact number in advance.

I know this is a very busy time for all of us, but your quick response will be appreciated.

Thanks, in advance.

Have a meaningful celebration of Triduum & Easter.

Brad

Apr.6, 2023

Dear Brothers,



Our desire is “that those in whom Jesus Christ continues to suffer will know also the power of his resurrection.”

(Fr Fernand Jetté, O.M.I., Former Superior General 1974-1986. The Apostolic Man, p. 57-59)

Brad Rozairo,

Apr.9, 2023

Dear Brothers from Korea,

Easter Blessings!

Arrival in Osaka for Spring Meeting: Apr. 17

Since you are all new to the meeting venue, I think you might need assistance to find the place of meeting and the accommodation hotel.

From Kansai airport, if all of you are coming together by the airport limousine bus, then we will be able to make some arrangements to meet you at the bus stop.

Please note that your arrival bus stop will be **Hotel New Hankyu Osaka Station**.

Let me know the time of your arrival.

Chapter Document for spring meeting:

I am sure you already have the soft copy of the Chapter Document which I sent to all on March 15th.

You will receive the hard copy when we meet in Osaka.

Have a safe trip.

Brad, Apr.10, 2023

Dear Brothers,

Peace to you this Easter season!

This is about the spring meeting. Please bring your own alb & stole.

See you soon!

Brad

Apr. 11, 2023

Dear Brothers,

This is about the spring meeting.

This afternoon I got a call from our Provincial Fr. Roshan saying that due to a delay in the visa, he is unable to be with us in person, but he will join us via Zoom and give his talks. As soon as he gets the visa (most probably next week) he will come with Fr. Tharanga for his visitation and consultation.

See you soon!

Brad

Apr 14, 2023

Attached please find the modified schedule of the spring meeting and a few pictures of the mission-sending ceremony of Fr. Tharanga.

Safe travels.

Brad

Apr 16, 2023

OMI Japan-Korea Spring Meeting



PILGRIMS OF HOPE IN COMMUNION
37th General Chapter 2022

Dates: April 17 ~ 20, 2023

Place: Catholic Umeda Church, Osaka

Theme: Acts of the 37th General Chapter & implementation

Facilitator: Fr. Roshan Silva OMI, Provincial Superior

Schedule:

April 17 (Mon) Arrival in Osaka in the evening after supper

April 18 (Tue)

7:30 AM	Breakfast
9:00	Morning prayer & Mass: HONSHU-TOKUSHIMA DISTRICT
10:00	Break
10:15	Introduction and Welcome
10:30	Talk 1 (Colombo time 7:00 am)
11:30	Questions/clarifications/sharing
12:00	Lunch

2:30 PM	Tea/Coffee break
3:00	Talk 2 (Colombo time 11:30 am)
4:00	Break
4:30	Questions/clarifications/sharing
5:00	Eucharist: KOCHI DISTRICT
6:00	Social dining

April 19 (Wed)

7:30 AM	Breakfast
9:00	Morning prayer & Mass: KOREA MISSION
10:00	Tea/coffee break
10:30	Talk 3 (Colombo time 7:00 am)
11:30	Questions/clarification/sharing
12:00	Lunch
2:30 PM	Tea/coffee break
3:00	Evaluation session: JK attached to Colombo (Colombo time 11:30 am)
4:00	Break
4:30	OMI Japan 75 years & OMI Korea – updates
5:30	Evening prayer: FUKUOKA DISTRICT
6:00	Social dining

April 20 (Thu)

7:30 AM	Breakfast
9:00	Morning prayer: DELEGATION COUNCIL
9:15	Re-cap of past two days
10:15	Tea/coffee break
10:30	Business meeting, announcements etc.
11:30	Mass
12:00	Lunch

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Mission to Japan:

*Mission sending ceremony of Fr. Tharanga N. PERERA OMI
De Mazenod House Chapel, Colombo, April 15, 2023*



Dear Brothers,

Thank you for coming to Osaka for our spring meeting and also for your contribution to the meeting.

I hope everyone went back home safely.

Visit of our Provincial & Consultation:

Our Provincial Fr. Roshan Silva and Fr. Tharanga Perera will arrive tonight at Kansai airport.

Please see his schedule below.

Reappointment:

Our Provincial has been reappointed for a second term as the Provincial Superior of the Oblate Province of Colombo.

We wish him all the best and the assurance of our prayers.

Thank you.

Brad

Apr. 21, 2023

Schedule of Fr. Roshan:

Apr. 21 (Fri): Arrival @ KIX

Apr. 22 – 23 (Sat~Sun): Toyohashi

Apr. 24 – 25 (Mon~Tue): Fukuoka

Apr. 26 – 27 (Wed~Thu): Council meeting & leave for Naruto

Apr. 28 – 30 (Fri~Sun): Kochi

May 1 (Mon): Itami

May 2 (Tue): Departure from KIX

Dear Fr. Roshan,

Greetings from Kochi!

This is to express our gratitude for your visit to Japan and for taking the time to meet each one of us individually. Your stay with us made us feel that we belong to Colombo and that you have a mission to unite and work with us. We are confident that as we work together we will transcend the geographical distance and deepen our relationship with our Mother Province.

We thank you in a special way for bringing an important gift to our Delegation, namely Fr. Tharanga. A new addition to the Delegation gives hope for the future, especially for our mission in Toyohashi. We wish Fr. Tharanga a happy stay with us.

We know that due to limited time for visa arrangements, you could not travel to Korea, but we hope you will be able to make it next year. After you visit our brothers in Korea, please drop by and visit us.

Once again, thank you for your visit.

We assure you of our prayers and for the Oblates in Sri Lanka.

God bless you.

Your brother Oblates of Japan-Korea

May 5, 2023

Thank You!

Dear Brothers,



Mary was motivated by the needs of her elderly cousin. She did not hold back, or remain indifferent. She thought more of others than of herself. And this gave enthusiasm and direction to her life. Each of you can ask: *“How do I react to the needs that I see all around me? Do I think immediately of some reason not to get involved? Or do I show interest and willingness to help?”* To be sure, you cannot resolve all the problems of the world. Yet you can begin with the problems of those closest to you, with the needs of your own community. Someone once told Mother Teresa: “What you are doing is a mere drop in the ocean”. And she replied: “But if I didn’t do it, that ocean would have one drop less”.

- POPE FRANCIS, for the XXXVII WORLD YOUTH DAY 2022-2023

Attached please find the OMI ORDO for the month of May.

Brad

May 7, 2023

MISSIONARY OBLATES OF MARY IMMACULATE ORDO

for the Divine Office and the Eucharist



CELEBRATIONS PROPER TO THE OMI

May 20, 2023: *Dies natalis* of Venerable Fr. Carlo Domenico Albini (1790-1839).

May 21, 2023: **Saint Eugene de Mazenod**, Bishop and Founder of our Congregation. Solemnity. Mass proper; colour: white; *Gloria* and *Credo*, Preface proper. Liturgy of the Hours, according to the ritual for solemnities, is taken from the OMI Proper and from the Common of Pastors; 1st Vespers, *Te Deum*. At Midday Office: proper antiphon and gradual psalms. Sunday Compline. Wherever the liturgical celebration of the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord is prescribed on this day, the Solemnity of St. Eugene de Mazenod will be celebrated on May 22 (without 1st Vespers).

May 22-29, 2023: Time of prayer and animation for **Oblate vocations**.

May 28, 2023: Solemnity of Pentecost. The descent of the Holy Spirit on Mary and the Apostles in Jerusalem recalls for Oblates the Founder's sensitivity to the action of the Holy Spirit in his own soul.

Dear Brothers,

This is to share with you an update.

As you may remember, at our spring meeting in Osaka, we had a session with our Provincial Fr. Roshan about the pros and cons of Japan-Korea being part of Colombo Province since 2010.

During the visit of Fr. Roshan to Japan, the Delegation Council met with him to talk about the Delegation's journey in recent years and discuss the possibilities of better collaboration with Colombo.

Below is a summary of what we discussed and decided for next year.

At the council meeting,

- Fr. Roshan said that he was happy to visit the Oblates and missions.
- He encouraged the members of the council to look into the possibility of other ministries aside from parish and kindergarten.

He also mentioned:

A. Will see to the possibility of sending an Oblate scholastic from Sri Lanka to Japan for exposure.

B. Explore possibilities on how to strengthen the relationship between our unit and the Mother Province of Colombo by:

1. Sending one of the Provincial Councillors to Japan-Korea to visit the missions, meet the Oblates and help in the work of the animation of the unit.
2. To have a joint ongoing formation program and retreat in Colombo.

During the meeting, it was decided:

The Oblates of Japan-Korea Delegation will travel to Colombo in 2024 either for a joint Chapter animation program or retreat.

Golden Jubilee of Novitiate:

The Sacred Heart Novitiate ("Sidupiyanila") in Bandarawela, Sri Lanka will celebrate the Golden Jubilee on June 16, 2023.

I have received an invitation. The Novitiate community would like to also invite two Oblate representatives from our unit.

At the council meeting held on May 10th, we decided to send Iru, who did his Novitiate in Sri Lanka and another from Korea.

2023 Retreat in Busan, Korea: Aug. 27 (Sun) ~ Sept.1 (Fri)

Please take note of the dates of our retreat and plan your trip in advance. Expect an email from Vincenzo one of these days.

Thank you.

Brad

May 15, 2023

OBLATE VOCATION WEEK: MAY 21 - 29, 2023

Dear Brothers,

We will begin the Oblate Vocation Week next week.

Attached please find the Prayer Materials that can be used for personal and community prayers.

We are also invited to join the online Rosary - see below.

Rosary for Oblate Vocations: May 21st - May 29th

Again, this year, we resume the initiative of the Continuous Rosary for oblate vocations, as we did in previous years, the objective is to turn this into a constant and uninterrupted prayer.

- (From OMI World, FaceBook).

Please subscribe: <https://www.rosariovocalionalomi.com/?varIdioma=1>

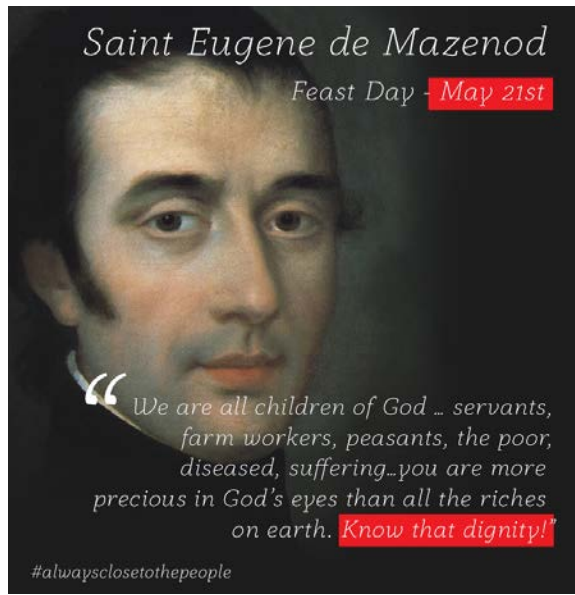


Brad Rozairo OMI

MAY 18, 2023

Dear Brothers,

A very Happy Feast Day!



Please find an update & a prayer for Oblates Vocations in the attachment.

Brad

May 20, 2023

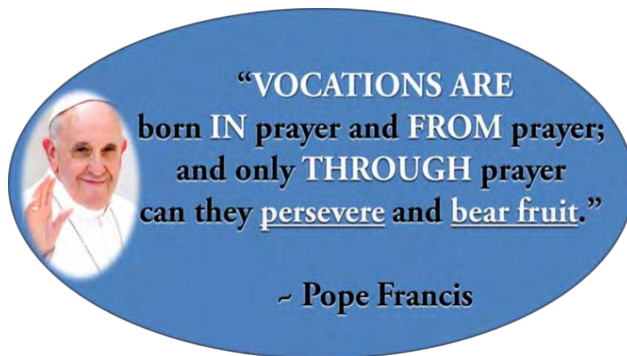
UPDATE:

Fr. Tharanga Perera:

I visited Tharanga last week. He is doing fine and slowly getting used to life in Japan. He has just begun learning the basics with the help of a tutor in Toyohashi. He has been enrolled on the summer course at the YWCA language school in Nagoya. We wish him all the best and the assurance of our prayers.

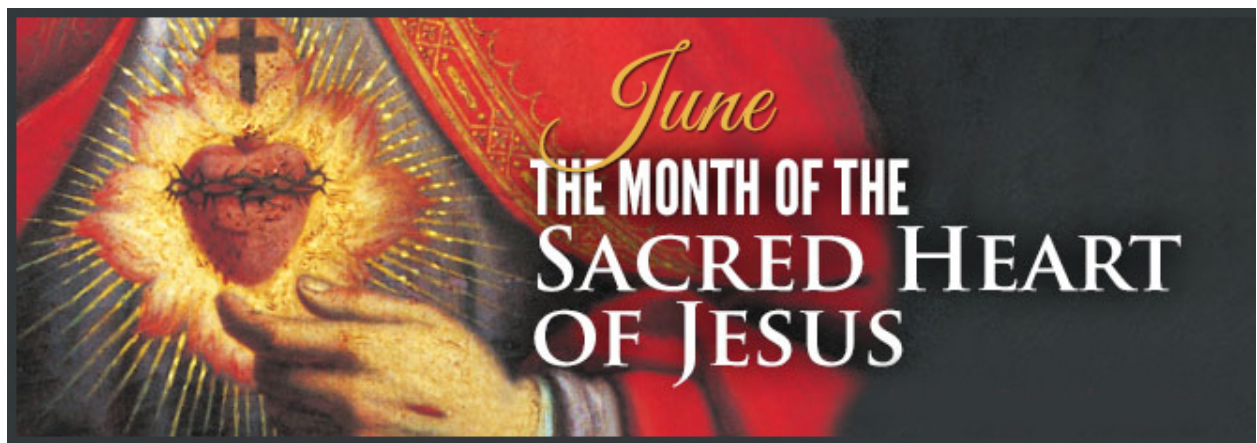
Scholastics from Korea:

Our scholastics studying at the Scholasticate in Manila are doing fine. They will be in South Korea for their summer vacation from June 13 to July 26. Let us pray for them.



PRAYER FOR OBLATE VOCATIONS

Holy Father, we come to you because Jesus asked us to pray that you send workers into your harvest. Therefore, send us generous young men, passionate for Jesus, willing to make of their whole life a total oblation to you, to become close to the poorest and most abandoned, and to proclaim the Gospel. May they burn with the same fire that you enkindled in Saint Eugene; may they come to be part of his family and, with all the Oblates, may they continue the work of Redemption. Mary Immaculate, who first gave Jesus to the world, be with us as we pray.



If we want to understand our Founder St. Eugene's devotion to the Heart of Jesus, we must not focus exclusively on his explicit references to it. Indeed, we repeat that his attachment to the person of Christ is for him something basic which he expresses in ways that are very different. It is in this vein that he speaks to Abbé Joseph-Marie Timon-David: *"There is no need for me to recommend to you to develop in your young people a thorough understanding that in adoring Our Lord's Sacred Heart, they should not so much focus their attention on this sacred object of their love as they should extend it to the living person of Jesus Christ who is present"*. [8]

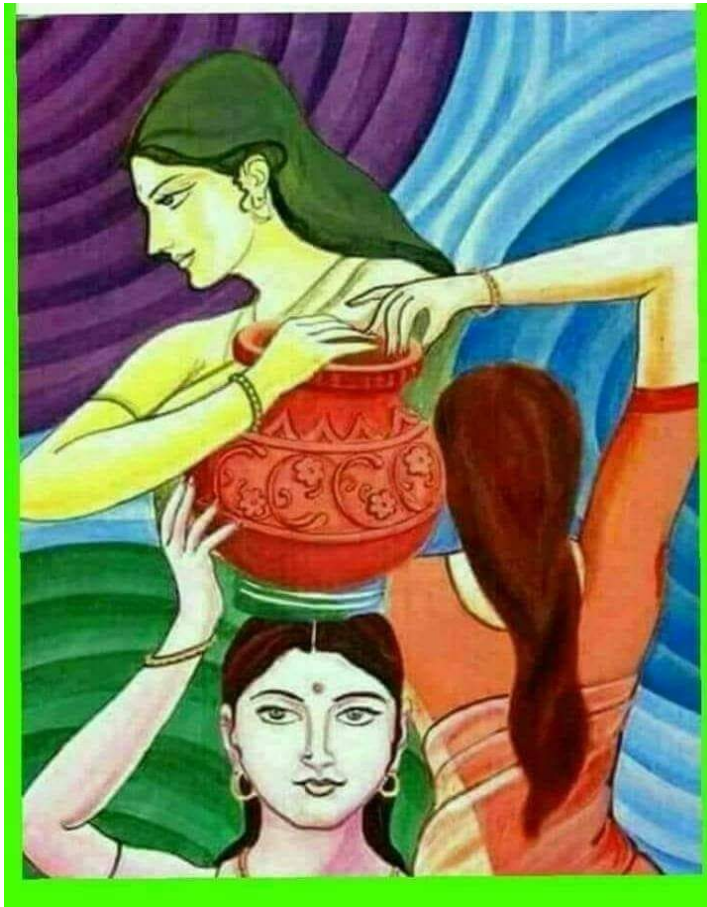
Dear Brothers,

Attached please find a short reflection and the OMI liturgical calendar for this month.

God bless you.

June 7, 2023

THE RED POT



The picture above is not my creation, but I received it from social media. The RED POT on the picture depicts that we are Oblates and we have a responsibility. As a group of men, we have dedicated our lives to serving God and His people, especially the poor. Our nationalities, cultures, personalities, talents and ways of doing things may differ, but we all carry the same RED POT in different ways without comparison.

The message this picture brings out is deep and meaningful. How can we continue to hold on to the same RED POT as a sign of unity and fulfil the responsibility given to us? I think this is a challenge for us *pilgrims of hope* as we journey together *in communion*.

As we prepare to celebrate 75 years of our presence and mission in Japan, I wish that this picture remains a symbol that speaks to us in our spiritual preparation.

- Brad Rozairo OMI

CELEBRATIONS PROPER TO THE OMI - JUNE 2023



June 3, 2023: *Dies natalis* of Venerable Bishop Vital Grandin (1829-1902).

June 12, 2023: Blessed Joseph Cebula, martyr. Optional Memorial.

June 19, 2023: Solemnity of the Sacred Heart. Oblate devotion to the Sacred Heart was strengthened by the decision of the General Chapter of 1873 to consecrate the Congregation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

June 21, 2023: *Dies natalis* of the Servant of God Bishop Piet Jacobus Shaw «Pa'i Puku» (1925-1984).

Dear Brothers,

This is to share an update with you.

LEGAL ADVISOR FOR THE DELEGATION:

The need for a Legal Advisor was discussed recently at one of our council meetings. Having taken the time to look into this, the council decided to sign a contract with Ms. Yamashita Yukari, an Administrative Scrivener (行政書士).

I am sure you will remember Ms. Yamashita, a Catholic from Fukuoka who helped us with input on immigrants during our spring meeting in 2019 at the Passionist Retreat House in Munakata. Anyway, this is for your information.

VERY IMPORTANT:

In case you have an issue that needs to be settled legally, PLEASE INFORM the Delegation Superior and the Treasurer so that they can approach the Legal Advisor. Do not try to handle it on your own.

Always keep in mind the three important words:

「報告」 **REPORT** 「連絡」 **COMMUNICATE** 「相談」 **CONSULT**

SCHOLASTICS IN KOREA:

Our Scholastics studying in the Philippines are back in Korea for their summer break. These days they are taking the time to be with their families and friends. They will return to Manila on July 26th. Let us keep them in our prayers.



FAMILY OF JUDE'S BROTHER:

Jude's brother & family have just arrived in Japan for a visit. We welcome them and wish them a happy and memorable stay.

JERRY NOVOTNY:

This summer Jerry will go through a total knee replacement surgery. Once the date is fixed for the surgery, he will enter the hospital. Please pray for him.



Summer is the season to be bright and colourful, and this applies to flowers as well

Hot and humid days are ahead. Stay safe this summer.

Brad Rozairo

June 30, 2023

ONLINE PRAYER GATHERING - Talitha Kum Japan (タリタクム日本): JULY 30

Dear Brothers,

This is an invitation to an Online Prayer Gathering.

Attached is a flyer in Japanese and English.

Thank you.

Brad

July 15, 2023



Talitha Kum Japan
Online PRAYER GATHERING

July 30 is designated by the United Nations as World Day Against Trafficking in Person.
Let us pray for those who are suffering due to trafficking in person.

DATE/TIME July 30, 2022 (Sun)
18:00~18:30

English, Vietnamese / Japanese Translation
Zoom opens at 17:45

Program
Sr. Shizue Hirota, MMB
(Chairperson of Talitha Kum Japan)

Introduction

Prayer against Trafficking in Person "International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking, Vesper" Order of Service, Abstract

Prayer of Vietnamese Technical Interns and Foreign Students Mass, activities of youth group "Maiko" and problem-solving

Closing remark and prayer
Bp. Shinzo Moriyama
Bishop in Charge of (J-CaRM)

Please use the QR code below for registration. Zoom link will be sent later.

Contact information: jcar@cbcj.catholic.jp



タリタクム日本
オンライン
祈りの集い

7月30日は、国連が定めた「人身取引反対世界デー」です。
教皇様は、人身取引に関する現実を知り、被害者のために祈るよう呼び掛けておられます。人身取引で苦しむすべての人のために共に祈りましょう

開催日 7月30日(日)
18:00~18:30

英語・ベトナム語通訳付き
Zoom オンライン オープン 17:45

プログラムの流れ
シスター弘田しずえ
(タリタクム日本運営委員長)

人身取引に反対する祈り 「2023年人身取引に反対する祈りと啓蒙の日、晩の祈り」式次第・抜粋

技能実習生と留学生の祈り 川口教会のミサ、青年会「マイコイ」の活動と問題解決への歩み

閉会の挨拶と祈り 森山雄三司教
(日本難民移住移動者委員会担当司教)

事前申し込みが必要です。以下のQRコードからお申込みください。登録とZoomリンクをお送りします。

なお、この式次第の冊子はJ-CaRMのホームページ
(<https://www.jcar.m/2022/12/26/2996/>) でご覧いただけます。ご連絡いただければ無料でお送りします。

お問い合わせ先: 日本カトリック難民移住移動者委員会 jcar@cbcj.catholic.jp

Dear Brothers,

Greetings from hot & humid Kochi!
This is to share an update with you.

Annual Retreat in Busan: Aug. 27 ~ Sept. 1, 2023

Thanks to our brothers in Korea for organizing the retreat this year in Busan.
About your participation, if you have not informed Maurizio yet, **please do it at your earliest**. His email ID – gioma18@hotmail.com
Some, due to health, visa difficulty etc. will not be able to travel to Korea.
Therefore, we are trying to look into the possibility of making Zoom available for them.
Regarding this and other preparations for the retreat, you will hear from Maurizio later.

Property of Ms Nagasaki to the Oblates:

A former parishioner of Kochi Nakajimacho church the late Ms Nagasaki gave us her property as a gift. Last month the members of the Delegation visited the place and had a discussion about its future. As a result, it was decided that we process the sale of the property.

Golden Jubilee: OMI Bangladesh

Let us be united with the Oblates in Bangladesh as they celebrate 50 years of Oblate presence. Have a look at the attached invitation card.

Follow the link below for a conversation with the Superior General & a few Oblates from Bangladesh.

<https://www.omiworld.org/2023/07/19/celebrating-50-years-of-oblate-presence-in-bangladesh/>

Newsletter: OMI Colombo

Find the latest newsletter of Colombo Province in the attachment.

I will be leaving for Sri Lanka on July 27th on vacation.

Please contact Bernard (burnsbun@gmail.com) for any urgent matter that may come up.

The effects of rising temperatures and extreme heat result in numerous illnesses and deaths each year. Take good care of yourself and stay safe.

God bless you.

Brad

July 20, 2023