

Sad News

Dear Brothers,

Greetings from Colombo!

This is to inform you about the death of Fr. John Iwo's sister.
Please pray for the repose of her soul.

Thank you.

Brad

July 28, 2023

Dear Brothers,

Greetings from the hot and humid Trincomalee, Sri Lanka!
I hope you are doing well in spite of the heat wave and the recent typhoons in Japan.
This is to share with you a short update.

New Archdiocese of Osaka-Takamatsu:

Please find the attachment.

Prayers for Frs. Jerry Novotny and Wency Laguidao:

Jerry will enter the hospital soon to go through a total knee replacement surgery.

Please pray for the success of his surgery.

A fall has left Wency damaging the lower part of his hip.

Please pray for his speedy recovery.

God bless you.

Brad

Aug. 16, 2023

Dear Brothers,

Greetings from De Mazenod House!

Having spent 3-weeks with my sister and family, I am back in Colombo to attend a retreat. Every year the two Oblate Provinces of Colombo & Jaffna organize six retreats, and I will join one of them from August 27th to September 2nd.

I know this will be the time for us to be together in Busan.

Sorry, I am unable to be with you physically but will be praying for all of you and for our small Delegation.

Those who cannot travel to Busan due to various reasons, please see that you join via Zoom.

Let me invite you to take a few minutes to read and reflect on what is in the attachment before our annual retreat.

Have a fruitful retreat.

United with you in spirit,
Brad Rozairo OMI

Aug. 25, 2023

“It was time I withdrew” – St. Eugene de Mazenod



“It was time I withdrew from that innumerable mass of occupations of every sort which have been overburdening both body and soul and came into retreat in order to think seriously of the business of my salvation. The need was a pressing one; for my mind is so narrow, my heart so devoid of God, that the external cares of my

ministry...so preoccupy me that I have reached the point of no longer possessing any of that interior spirit which had previously been my consolation and happiness. My state horrifies me; it seems I no longer love God except in fits and starts. Moreover, I pray poorly, I meditate poorly, I make a poor preparation for saying Mass. I say it poorly". [Retreat notes, May 1818].

“This is what I have to do in this retreat: isolate myself totally from my ordinary tasks. Then enter a state of absolute mental and physical relaxation without striving to produce anything. Once the torrent has subsided and I begin to be alone with myself, I will ask God for his grace to make a fruitful retreat. I will pray...to the Blessed Virgin, St. Joseph, my guardian Angel...it is a question this time of a retreat of conversion and not of perfection....” [Retreat Notes, October 1831].

Source: OMI Lacombe, Canada

BREAKING NEWS!

Dear Brothers,

I am happy to announce to you that this morning six Oblate Deacons were ordained priests at Fatima Church in Colombo, and one of them - Fr. Samith Sandaruwan has received his first obedience to Japan! You will see him in the attached picture.

We thank the Superior General and Provincial for giving us a young man to our Delegation. Remember Fr Samith in your prayers.

Thank you.

Brad

Sept. 9, 2023



Dear Brothers,

As we already know, the Delegation has a new Superior in the person of Bro. Nobu Yagi. Let us wish him and his team all the very best and give our support to the new administration. About the date of installation of the new Superior and Council, you will be notified later.

My schedule:

Having applied for a visa to the US in Colombo, I am waiting to be called for an interview at the Embassy of the USA.

Once it is over I hope to get a visa and will return to Japan.

This is taking a lot of time, so please bear with me.

Jerry Novotny:

Jerry had a successful total knee replacement surgery at the Kochi University Hospital. Let us pray for his recovery.

Thank you.

Brad

Sept. 26, 2023

"夜明けの会" calendars

Dear Brothers,

As you know, every year, we print calendars and solicit donations (1,000 yen donation per piece) from people

for the education of underprivileged children in Asia.

Through this charity project, we have been helping elementary school children to get their basic education

for more than 25 years!

As we thank the late Xave, Jun & Jude for taking the initiative to help poor children through the calendar project,

as a Delegation, we would like to continue this good work.

Usually, during the annual retreat time, a list is sent around to get the number of calendars we need.

Since this year we could not do that, I would kindly ask you to let me know the number of calendars you would need

for your parish or kindergarten **by October 10th.**

Have a look at the attachment.

Thank you.

Brad for "夜明けの会"

Sept. 28, 2023

Dear Brothers,

This is to inform you that the Installation Ceremony of the new Delegation Superior & Council will be held on October 4th (Feast of St. Francis of Assisi) in Kochi at 4 PM.

Thank you.

Brad Rozairo

Sept. 30, 2023