



SCJ News

A newsletter of the U.S. Province of the Priests of the Sacred Heart (Dehonians)

Mercy in Mission

2016 Mission Education hosted by SHSM

Mercy in Mission was the official theme of the 2016 Mission Education Conference but the thread that wove the theme together was music: music that brought history to life, music that drew participants out of their chairs to clap, dance and sing along, and music that brought people — from a variety of faith traditions — together in prayer.

Held October 10-11 in northern Mississippi, this was the US Province's eighth Mission Education Conference and the second one hosted by Sacred Heart Southern Missions.

Mission Education is a time for employees and other collaborators in SCJ ministry to learn about Fr. Leo John Dehon, founder of the Priests of the Sacred Heart, as well as the congregation that carries on his dreams. It is also a time for co-workers across the country to get to know one another and learn how they are a part of the worldwide mission of the Priests of the Sacred Heart.

The gymnasium at Sacred Heart School in Southaven, Miss., was filled when the opening prayer began on Monday morning. A choir of teachers and staff from Holy Family School in



From start to finish, music was a vital part of the 2016 Mission Education conference, including the music of prayer, led by the choir of faculty and staff at Holy Name School (above), to the traditional and educational music of Ekpe (right).

Holly Springs, Miss., directed by the school's principal, Clara Isom, led the conference in the first of many songs that would be sung during the two days.

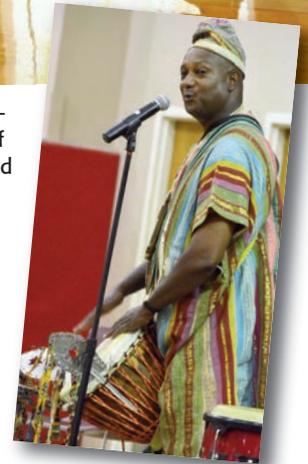
Fr. Jack Kurps, SCJ, executive director of SHSM, welcomed participants and then directed their attention to a video inspired by the 1960s television show "Mission Impossible." Those gathered learned about a mission that WAS and IS possible: the mission of carrying on the dreams of Fr. Leo John Dehon. Making an appearance in the video was the superior general of the congregation, Fr. Heiner Wilmer, SCJ.

And then it was on to an interview with the founder himself: Fr. Dehon as "channeled" by David Schimmel, province director of De-

honian Associates.

Reflecting on how the mission of the congregation must continually adapt to meet the needs of the times, "Fr. Dehon" reminded those gathered that "the situations of life continue to change and so must our responses. It is important to do what we can in the moment, and to accomplish it with much love. This is the meaning of the SCJ cross with a heart shape cut out of it.

"From the Heart of Jesus I drew compassion for all the infirmities of my brothers and sisters. I pray that





Shakebra Young of SHSM talks with staff from SHSST following her presentation.



Fr. Dehon, portrayed by David Schimmel (director of Dehonian Associates) talks about his life.



Staff from the Sacred Heart Center in Eagle Butte honor Fr. Jack with a star quilt.

all Priests of the Sacred Heart, and those who collaborate with them, will remain united to this Divine Heart in order to practice works of mercy with him."

The conference then heard from some of the many people who now carry on Fr. Dehon's mission to "practice works of mercy." Fr. Quang Nguyen, SCJ, spoke about the economic realities that exacerbate the challenges not only of the poorest of our country, but of the middle class as well.

Shakebra Young, director of the SHSM social service office in Hernando, shared her story of rising from the poverty of the Mississippi Delta to attend college and eventually earn a Ph.D. "I was like so many of our clients at Sacred Heart Southern Missions," she said. "I know that all lives matter and that all of us have reason for hope. That is what we can do for

others, help them to find hope and realize that a better future is possible."

Music brings history to life

There was no post-lunch snoozing when Ekpe, a self-described musical philanthropist, walked into the Sacred Heart gymnasium. Dressed in colorful African garments, he moved among the crowd, playing traditional instruments of the continent. On stage the entertainer became an educator, sharing the history of African Americans as found in music, beginning with the songs of slaves to the blues found on the famed Beale Street in Memphis. He was eventually joined on stage by some of Beale Street's best, closing with Herbie Hancock's classic "Watermelon Man" with conference participants on their feet, joining in on the song's signature line.

Interspersed throughout both

days of the conference were panel discussions facilitated by Sr. Cathy Bertrand, SSND, a member of the SHSM board of directors. The discussions were a way to bring to life the many ministries of Sacred Heart Southern Missions through personal accounts.

Those helped by outreach programs spoke about how they in turn were inspired to "pay it back" and help others. Teachers and students talked about the Dehonian charism and how they have shared it with other SCJ institutions around the world through Schools in Collaboration. Participants in the province's first "Spiritual Path" sessions, a monthly meeting format in which people of any faith or background can learn about Dehonian Spirituality, talked about their experience of learning about the charism and about each other.

Panelist Josephine Clark embodies much of the history of Sacred Heart Southern Missions. She spoke about how her mother was a sharecropper who sought work after enduring a landowner who seemed to always take more than his fair share of her crops. She found a job in the SHSM office which was close to their home in the area where Dehon Village now stands. As a girl, Josephine also worked at the office. She has now been with SHSM over 40 years and has experienced social outreach from both sides of the equation.

"We are in the mercy business," said Kelly Tartt, talking about the SHSM volunteer program during an-



Kathleen Whitebird of St. Joseph's Indian School talks about Schools in Collaboration.

New faces in formation

The Dehon Formation Community in Chicago is home to an international, intergenerational community of professed SCJs and those discerning religious life with the congregation. The community not only houses the initial formation programs (candidacy, philosophy and theology) of the province but also welcomes SCJs from around the world on sabbatical or in graduate programs.

Each year members of the community introduce themselves with short autobiographies that are published on the province website. This year's listing includes two new candidates, Hoàng Lê Phong (Paul) and Angel Romero, as well as two new members of the formation team, Fr. David Szatkowski, SCJ, and Fr. Robert Tucker, SCJ. In their own words the new members introduce themselves:

Hoàng Lê Phong (Paul)

Xin chào! My name is Hoàng Lê Phong, but I go by Paul in the community. I am 24 years old. I was born in Hà Tiên, Kiên Giang, Vietnam. My family immigrated to the United States in 2007 and settled in Houston, Texas. I graduated from the Universi-

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other of the panel discussions. Each year hundreds of volunteers spend a week or more helping SHSM do everything from major home repair to office work. "We renew hope. People come to us at their wits end, on the verge of losing their home, sometimes in fear of breaking apart their family. We share mercy together and move forward together."

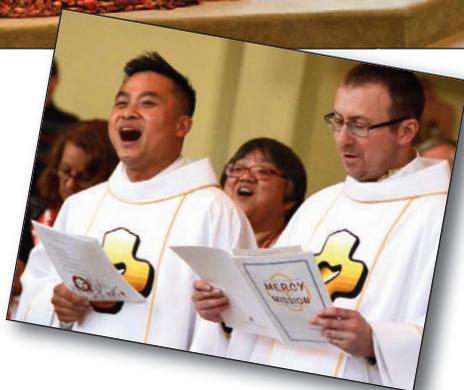
"I could sit here all day and tell stories of mercy," added SHSM Project Manager Paul Smith.

A visit from the bishop

Bishop Joseph Kopacz, bishop of the Diocese of Jackson, and Mary Woodward, diocesan chancellor, joined the conference to talk about the Church in Mississippi. Noting how widespread his diocese is, encompassing much of the State of Mississippi, Bishop Kopacz expressed his gratitude to Sacred Heart Southern Missions. Its ministries, including parishes, social service programs and schools, reach across northwestern Mississippi.

The bishop was the main celebrant at Mass on Monday afternoon at Holy Spirit Church in Hernando. After, he joined conference participants for a catered dinner at the parish hall that featured the blues music of local musician Sean Appel.

On Tuesday, Mission Education was based at Holy Family School in



Bishop Joseph Kopacz of Jackson was the main celebrant at Monday's liturgy at Holy Spirit Church in Hernando. Pictured above are two members of the SHSM pastoral team: Frs. Thi Pham and Greg Schill.

Holly Springs. Besides the panel discussions already noted, the day included a presentation by David Schimmel on images of the Sacred Heart, and a "Live Wax Museum" of historical African Americans acted out by Holy Name students.

Lunch was a homemade southern Thanksgiving meal topped off with sweet potato pie prepared and served by members of a local Baptist church. In the evening, out-of-town participants enjoyed a riverboat cruise on the Mississippi River complete with a Memphis blues band.

"Mercy in Mission" was the theme, but it was a theme with a soundtrack, a soundtrack filled with prayer, history and just plain fun.

Photo albums of the two days are available on the province photo site: www.scjusa.smugmug.com

ty of Houston in 2015. I am in my first year of formation and currently attend St. Xavier University for philosophy and religious studies.



Paul

My uncle recommended that I reach out to the Priests of the Sacred Heart during my initial discernment. At the Come and See weekends I was attracted to the SCJs' simplicity and community life.

Last semester I was involved with the ESL program at the Vietnamese Association in Uptown, Chicago. Presently, I am a member of the Vietnamese Eucharistic Youth Movement (TNTT) as part of my ministry. I also help out with the Vietnamese language program for children at Queenship of Mary parish.

In my spare time, I enjoy playing soccer, billiards, exercising, and watching Game of Thrones.

Angel Romero

My name is Angel Romero, I am originally from Chihuahua, Mexico. I am 32 years old and have studied and worked in law. I went to Estate University of Chihuahua, Mexico and served the Latin community in the San Francisco Bay Area in California. I am currently studying in the ESL program at Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology.

I have served as a Scripture reader in the Catholic Church since I was 12 years old. I have always loved being active. In my pilgrimage in the Catholic faith I have had great opportunities and experiences in my spiritual life, including people who told me about the Priests of the Sacred Heart.

What interests me in this religious communi-



Angel

ty are the ideals of the founder, Fr. Leo John Dehon, in regards to spirituality and social justice. Today, I see this reflected in the defense of human rights and the civil rights of people.

My hobbies are exercising, video games, and all kinds of reading.

Fr. David Szatkowski, SCJ

My name is Fr. David Szatkowski, SCJ. I am from a military family.

For that reason, I had the opportunity to grow up in different parts of the world, but I consider Lawton, OK, to be my hometown. After taking part in the Christian Summer

Experience in Raymondville, TX, with the SCJ vocation office in 1992, I applied for candidacy with the Priests of the Sacred Heart. I then finished my bachelor's in psychology (December, 1995) and I made first vows in 1997. I studied theology at Catholic Theological Union (M.Div, 2002) and was ordained June 12, 2002.

I spent three years at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Houston, TX, before returning to school. I studied for my license and doctorate in Canon Law at the Pontifical University of St. Thomas in the City (the Angelicum) in Rome. I successfully defended my dissertation in 2011. My ministry then took me to northwestern Mississippi. There I was a judge for the Tribunal, and most recently, pastor of the parishes of St. Joseph (Holly Springs) and Queen of Peace (Olive Branch).

In July, I returned to Dehon House of Studies, this time as local superior and director of the college program. I am happy to be working with those who will continue the SCJ charism and ministry into the future! During this year, I am taking part in CTU's program for new formation directors. In my off time, I enjoy music, movies, and reading.



Fr. David

Fr. Bob Tucker, SCJ

"While Jesus was with them at table, he took the bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him... They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the scriptures to us?'" (Luke 24:31-32). This is one of my favorite passages from the Gospels.

Throughout my 41 years as a member of the Priests of the Sacred Heart I have recalled and reflected on this passage often. I see in this passage what our baptism and our life as SCJs calls us to do, that is to listen and to reflect on God's Word speaking to our hearts in order that we may come to know Jesus in the breaking of the bread. We do this so that we may be disciples of Jesus sharing his love and working for the reign of God's love in our world.

I have ministered as an SCJ priest in San Antonio, Detroit, Milwaukee, Houston and in northern Mississippi. After 33 years as a parish priest I was asked to do ministry as a formation director. It is a privilege to be with

our religious students and candidates in their journey as they discern their calling in life to be an SCJ. My hope is that I, with them, will discover a heart burning

within as Christ speaks to our hearts and to come to know him in the breaking of the bread and to know him in the faces of our brothers and sisters. As SCJs we are called to remember that "the Eucharist has its effects on all that we are and do... and who unceasingly throws us back onto the streets of the world in the service of the Gospel."



Fr. Bob

Learn more about the formation community at:
www.sacredheartusa.org/vocations



Convert to Catholicism now leads Cameroon Province

Why did Fr. Jean-Marie Signié become an SCJ priest? “Because I wanted to donate myself fully to God, fully to God’s people. That was my call... IS my call,” he said.

It is a call that he first heard as a teenage convert to Catholicism.

An alumnus of Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology’s ESL program, Fr. Jean-Marie is now provincial superior of the Cameroon Province. In September he returned to Sacred Heart in the midst of meetings in Canada and the United States. Before one of those meetings — with the US Provincial Council — he sat down for an interview.

A convert to Catholicism

Fr. Jean-Marie converted to Catholicism when he was a teen, as did three of his siblings. Their parents were not Christian, but one by one the children were drawn to the faith. Fr. Jean-Marie credits his sister, whose husband is a teacher in a Catholic school, for introducing him to the Church.

After his baptism he immediately became involved in his parish, serving as an acolyte and singing in the church choir. He felt at home. And, he immediately felt the call to priesthood.

The young Jean-Marie took part in a vocation program sponsored by the diocese. It was there that he learned that there are two kinds of priests: religious and diocesan. “The religious priest was described as someone who gives his life as a total donation,” said Fr. Jean-Marie, “You give away everything to give yourself. It immediately resonated with me...”

“I told my parish pastor that this

is what I wanted; I wanted to become a religious priest.”

Although his diocesan pastor did not initially understand Fr. Jean-Marie’s desire for religious life, he suggested that he speak to the closest religious priest he could think of: a priest who served as a chaplain at a nearby convent.

The chaplain was a member of the Priests of the Sacred Heart.

“What is a novitiate?” Fr.

Jean-Marie asked the chaplain.

He explained it as “a kind of a ‘boot camp’ for becoming a religious.” And then he invited young Jean-Marie to come and see for himself. Two months later he did just that.

“In my room at the SCJ house there was a book about Fr. Leo John Dehon,” he said. “I stayed up and read it in one night. *I was sold*. This was what I was feeling in myself. This is what I was called to.”

Immediately he applied to be a candidate, was accepted, and later became part of a novitiate class of ONE (there were three in his postulancy class).

Although the SCJs have been in Cameroon since 1912, the province itself is only about 20 years old. For many years the SCJ presence was a missionary region under the jurisdiction of the French Province.

Fr. Jean-Marie is only the second indigenous SCJ to be provincial superior. He succeeds the first, Fr. Leopold Mfouakouet, SCJ, who served from 2011 until his election to the General Council in 2015.

The novitiate classes have grown

since Fr. Jean-Marie professed his first vows in 1990. There are now 113 SCJs, most of whom, like Fr. Jean-Marie, were born in Cameroon.

There are 12 SCJ communities in Cameroon and two in Chad, one of the congregation’s newest missions. Most ministry is parish-based, but the province also supports a program for at-risk teens, some of whom live in the streets. “Many of these children have never even been to school,” said Fr.

Jean-Marie. The aim of the program — JED — is to give the young people basic skills to help them get a job. It can handle about 60 teens at a time.

Cameroon is a bilingual country of French and English. The province reflects this: its philosophy program is in English

and its theology program is in French. Cameroon also has students studying in Rome, Belgium, Ireland, Germany and Portugal (preparing for the SCJ mission in Angola). It also welcomes international students, including two seminarians from India.

The province has grown quickly, but that is also one of its greatest challenges. Approximately half of its members are still students. “We have to form them, give them a good education and a solid base in religious life,” said Fr. Jean-Marie. “But at the same time we need to answer the calls from bishops.”

Fr. Signié spoke about his province’s plans for the future, especially in regards to financial self-sufficiency. The SCJs hope to build student housing near the Catholic University of Central Africa, based in Yaoundé, the capital of Cameroon, for rental income in the near future. Several years from now they would like to develop a multi-use conference center. Two parcels of land have been purchased for these projects.

Agriculture is another possibility for income; the province already does some minor farming.



Fr. Jean-Marie

Personnel journey

When he first tells his story, Fr. Jean-Marie's vocational call sounds incredibly straightforward. He was introduced to the Church by his sister and became Catholic. He became involved in his parish and soon felt the call to priesthood. He learned about religious life, and more specifically, the Priests of the Sacred Heart, and quickly found a home for that call. Was it really that easy?

"Not exactly," said Fr. Jean Marie. His parents supported his conversion to Catholicism, but when he said that he wanted to be a priest, even his aunts and uncles expressed concern. And then to join a religious congregation, a missionary community based in Europe?

"'Why?' is what many asked me," said Fr. Jean-Marie. Often implied was that if Fr. Jean-Marie were to become a priest, why not more directly serve the Church and the people of Cameroon as a diocesan priest?

But by the time of his first profession "they accepted it and supported me," he said. "At my ordination they told me 'We are now together with you; go and do your ministry without concern or regret.'"

Five days before his death Fr. Jean-Marie's father was baptized. His mother was baptized two months before she died; Fr. Jean-Marie was at her side as a fellow SCJ did the baptism. "Many members of my family who were initially against my ordination are now members of the Church," he said.

Fr. Jean-Marie was ordained in 1997, and soon after, began work toward a master's degree in Canon Law. While studying, he also served at a bilingual parish. To help him in his ministry he enrolled in the ESL program at SHSST in 2000.

The extra language skills were a help to him when three years later he went to Ottawa to begin his doctoral studies in Canon Law at the University of St. Paul.

The focus of his doctoral thesis was the management of parish

resources. In 1999, the Diocese of Yaounde, the capital of Cameroon, went bankrupt. It was a wake-up call for the Church to look at how it handled its resources. At the time there were no finance commissions and few trained financial managers at either the parish or even diocesan level in Cameroon.

"I believe that good management of temporal goods is a way to self-sufficiency," said Fr. Jean-Marie. "We are a poor Church in a poor country often dependent on outside help. We must manage our resources in a professional, prudent way."

His work has been instrumental in revising the way the Church manages its finances, not just in Cameroon, but throughout central Africa.

For the past nine years Fr. Jean-Marie has been the head of the Department of Canon Law at the University of Central Africa in Yaoundé; he is considered an expert on the topic of financial management in the Church. It is covered in the courses he has taught at the university — and continues to teach while serving as provincial superior.

"When I was named as provincial superior I told the university that the work as superior would take much of my time, but they asked if I would continue to teach," said Fr. Jean-Marie. "I said that I would, but only if I had help."

Now Fr. Jean-Marie's time with the university is managed with the same precision that he teaches in regards to the management of Church finances.

"It is a lot of work, but it is also a great joy to serve," concluded Fr. Jean-Marie. It is a joy to be of service to the university, to the Church and to my brothers. It means thinking of others instead of placing oneself first."

It is a way for Fr. Jean-Marie to continue to do what called him to religious life in the first place:

"To donate myself fully to God, fully to God's people."

Internationality, migration, theme of US-Canada meeting



Fr. Ed Kilianski

St. Thomas More parish in suburban Toronto was a fitting backdrop for the October 18 meeting of the US and Canadian administrations. It is an immigrant

parish with over 40 nationalities represented among its ranks ministered to by an international team of SCJ priests: Fr. Willyans Prado Rapozo (Brazil), Fr. Giovanni Pontes (Brazil) and Fr. Aegidius Warsito (Indonesia).

As with the last meeting of the councils in May, migration and internationality were topics that repeatedly rose to the surface of discussions. During the opening roundtable, updates included news of a new pastoral team in Montréal, made up of SCJs from Cameroon and Congo, ministering to a cluster of three French-Canadian parishes.

Fr. Christianus Hendrik, SCJ, originally from Indonesia, spoke of his efforts to share Dehonian spirituality among the Native American and Anglo people to whom he ministers in South Dakota. Fr. Quang Nguyen, SCJ, vocation director of the US Province, noted the variety of cultural backgrounds represented in those discerning a call to the Priests of the Sacred Heart. He himself is an immigrant from Vietnam.

Fr. John van den Hengel, SCJ, talked about the Syrian refugee family that the Ottawa community is sponsoring. Working with volunteers from the community's Sunday group, as well as from Resurrection of Our Lord parish, SCJs are financially supporting the family as it resettles, but more importantly, accompanying them in everything from filling out healthcare

forms to helping them simply get a sense of their new city. The first member of the family to arrive stayed with the SCJ community until the family's apartment was available.

"Giving money is the easy part," said Fr. John in regards to the community's efforts. "The investment of time, being present and truly accompanying, welcoming the refugees is the greater and more necessary commitment." He speaks from first-hand experience: Fr. John, as well as three other members of the Ottawa SCJ community, are immigrants from the Netherlands.

Both councils talked about their responses to the General Council's request that each entity create a long-range plan focusing on issues such as community life, ministerial commitments and finances. Each response addresses issues related to internationality and migration, including a commitment to international Dehonian communities and to the needs of migrants and the displaced.

One of the focus points of the US response is Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology; the council hopes to strengthen the presence of the Dehonian charism in the seminary. This too is a moment for internationality as the US Province looks beyond its borders to seek a

candidate to serve as rector. The rector must not only have the academic qualifications to serve, but also a commitment to the Dehonian charism and a desire to share it with others. Fr. Ed Kilianski, SCJ, said that he hopes that SHSST can be of greater service to the Church in the United States and to the worldwide congregation.

Continuing the focus on migration and immigration, the councils heard a presentation by Connie Sorio of KAIROS on the issues of migrant workers. KAIROS is an ecumenical social justice organization of 11 churches and religious organizations. Fr. Peter McKenna, SCJ, who works with Becoming Neighbors (an immigrant and refugee support organization based in Toronto) facilitated the presentation.

Before concluding their meeting the councils recommitted themselves to the North American Immigration Committee. The group will include members of the original committee, as well as new faces (lay and SCJ) from the US and Canada.

Collaboration, not just cooperation, has been a growing theme in these joint gatherings. The next meeting of the North American administrations will take place May 15 in Hales Corners, Wis.



Fr. John van den Hengel and volunteers with the newly arrived Syrian family

Welcoming the rest of the family!

As noted in the previous story, the Ottawa SCJ community welcomed Andre Boulad, a Syrian refugee whose family is being sponsored by the community in collaboration with Resurrection of Our Lord parish and the community's Sunday worship group. On October 24, he was reunited with his mother and sister.

"We had brought coats with us to protect them against the cold," said Fr. John van den Hengel, SCJ, about meeting the family at the Ottawa airport. "Nada Sabha and her daughter, Riwa, arrived around 1 pm from Toronto. The previous day they had flown from Beirut via Cairo to Toronto.

"The greeting at the airport was emotional. Nada had not seen her brother, Ziad, who had immigrated 11 years earlier, since the beginning of the Syrian civil war. Ziad approached the Catholic Immigration Center of Ottawa to help to find sponsors for the family, who had fled from Damascus, Syria, to Lebanon in February when they were assured that they had Canadian sponsors.

"Andre enrolled in English language courses and is already at level six out of eight. He would like to continue his university studies in software engineering; he did two years in Damascus. Riwa worked at a bank and also knows English."

The SCJ community has been busy helping the refugees fill out paperwork and begin to feel at home.



The administrations of the US Province and Canadian Region following their meeting near Toronto

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Is there a patron saint of copy machines?

While serving in India for several months of the year Fr. Tom Cassidy, SCJ, maintains a journal, excerpts of which are posted on the province blog. In an entry posted in October he wrote that "in the Catholic Church there seems to be a prayer and a blessing for everything..."

"Yesterday our new copy machine was delivered. The house has been without one since before I first came to Christu Dehon Nivas in 2013. The brothers [students] who get 300 rupees a month [about \$4.50] pocket money to take care of personal needs, recreation, etc., have been paying one rupee a page for anything they need copied for school. At the first community meeting before the opening of the school year the request was made for a house copy machine.

"To make a long story short I

heard about the need and when I was given money from two residents at Sacred Heart at Monastery Lake for India I suggested to Fr. Michael Augustine, SCJ (our rector), that it be used towards the copy machine.

"Indian Catholics believe in having just about everything blessed, especially if it is new. Since it was the donors at SHML who were instrumental in getting the new copy machine Fr. Michael asked me to bless it. In the Church ritual book there is actually a 'Blessing of Technical Installations or Equipment!'"

Go to www.scjusablog.org to read more blog posts from Fr. Tom as well as others.

New property blessed

Fr. Francis Vu Tran, SCJ, originally from the US Province, now serves as superior of the District of Vietnam. He recently shared news of the blessing of a new property in the district as well as about the house itself. Fr. Francis writes:

"On October 9 the bishop of Phu Cuong Diocese, Mgr. Joseph Tuoc Tan Nguyen, came and blessed our new property in Lai Thieu. We had around 100 guests and benefactors who joined us in the celebration. The ceremony marked an important step for our district. It is the first time since the beginning of our presence in Vietnam that we move beyond the bound-



A group shot after the blessing in Vietnam.

ary of the Archdiocese of Saigon. This is in an area close to Saigon that still needs a lot of evangelization.

"Yesterday's celebration was a blessing from the Lord. Not only did we have a blessing from the bishop, the two pastors who are close to the property also came and joined our celebration. Also, representatives from the government joined us. They encouraged us to live peacefully so that we can bring God's mercy and love to the people where we live and minister.

"Currently we have three members in final vows at the house and 13 pre-philosophy students. Two days a week I come and live among them to share a common life together. I also help them with their English pronunciation. Of course, with my background they learn how to speak English with an American and Vietnamese accent. Welcome to the United States of America!"

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