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Students in the Philippines cut up coconuts in preparation for a meal. SCJs, novices and candidates from Vietnam and India join Philippine students in the SCJs' international formation programs there.

"This is an excellent opportunity to share the lived reality of the Priests of the Sacred Heart in other parts of the world."

-Br. Long Nguyen, SCJ

SCJ takes ESL training to Asia

After earning a teaching certificate last year from the Wisconsin English as a Second Language Institute (WESLI) Br. Long Nguyen, SCJ, is doing to do a bit of a "practicum."

"I had been helping with the ESL program at Sacred Heart School of Theology," said Br. Long, who emphasized that his work was generally with the non-academic portions of the program, not teaching itself. "I started to think that maybe I had an aptitude for teaching. The province allowed

me to enroll in WESLI last January and earn my teaching certification."

However, in the midst of his classes his assignment changed. Last spring Br. Long was asked to join the team at the province vocation office.

"But when he gave me the assignment Fr. Cassidy [provincial superior] said that it would be with the understanding that I would still put my ESL training to use," said Br. Long.

Br. Long is teaching ESL, but instead of at SHST he went to the Philippines where the SCJs have an

international student program. He is there for a month at the beginning of the year assisting with one of the three-week ESL sessions for SCJ students.

English has become a common language in many of the SCJs' Asian communities, and it is often the language of higher education. However, most Asian students are new to English, or only have a rudimentary knowledge of it.

Several SCJs from the U.S. Province have gone to the Philippines to assist with the district's ESL program. As Fr. Bernie Rosinski, SCJ, noted when he went last year, "The students hear English with Brazilian, Argentine, Italian, Polish and Indonesian accents. They seemingly hear every kind of English except that of a native speaker."

The Philippine mission is a very international one. The district superior is Brazilian and the district secre-



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