



Dear friends,

As our year comes to an end we are once again planning for next year and making our final offering of events and courses at the Singapore Pastoral Institute. We are only sorry that because of our location which is too far for those of you in the West and South, our excellent facilities and especially our library has been less frequented than it should be. However, this year we have brought our courses closer to you at Waterloo Street, Toa Payoh and at St Bernadette's parish. We are truly grateful to the parish priests of Risen Christ and St Bernadette's for welcoming us to run programmes in collaboration with their formation team. We would love to hear from other formation teams who wish to run programmes which we can help with.

Have a wonderful month of October. All the best if you or your children are doing exams and we look forward to seeing you here at our SCC day celebration.

Yours in Christ,

Wendy Louis

World Mission Sunday - October 21 "All the Churches for All the World"

The Holy Father, Pope Benedict is remembering that 50 years ago today, Pope Pius XII, wrote a document called "Fidei Donum" (Gift of Faith) and asked for churches to share their personnel. He called for bishops to 'donate' (gift) diocesan priests from older established churches to go on long term or permanent assignments to the newer mission areas and young churches. In today's World Mission Sunday message he appeals once more for us to have a heart for the needs of the poorer, struggling churches around the world and suggests that even young churches will benefit from 'gifting' their personnel to other churches. Those priests who left their home dioceses and gave themselves to younger churches became known as "Fidei Donum" priests.

We in Singapore have quite a few religious sisters and priests working in Africa and other Asian and Latin American churches but the call is for the local church to share resources and personnel. We may feel that we do not have enough priests but the holy father is challenging us to look at the greater needs of other churches and to respond. Let us look for all the ways that we can share our resources, expertise and time with struggling poor churches. We are responsible for each other.

For the full message you can go to the Vatican website at: http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/benedict_xvi/messages/missions/documents/hf_ben-xvi_mes_20070527_world-mission-day-2007_en.html

For a story of a "Fidei Donum" priest whom many of us may know you can go to the biography of Bishop Oswald Hirmer at: <http://www.mariannahillpress.co.za/biog.html>

Biography of Oswald Hirmer - Fidei Donum priest & Bishop

OCTOBER - HAPPENING MONTH!!

Care for the elderly & homebound - Dr Wong Sweet Fun & Joshua Chui

Saturday, 6 October
2 to 6 pm
SPI, 2 Highland Road
\$30 per person

Archdiocese celebrates 6th Anniversary of Archbishop Nicholas Chia's ordination as bishop.

October 7

Archdiocesan SCC Day

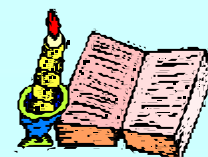
Saturday, 13 October, 10am to 4pm, SPI, 2 Highland Road



All are welcome to this first gathering of Small Christian Communities of the Archdiocese. Come! Meet and share experiences. Listen to a sharing of experience from Msgr Sebastian Francis, Vicar General of Melaka-Johor diocese on what he believes concerning SCCs and Fr Tom Michel, expert on IRD and an Islamic Scholar, on SCCs and Interreligious Dialogue.

Mission Exhibition by ACMA at Blessed Sacrament Church - October 14

World Mission Sunday
October 21 - celebrated in the universal Church.



Take Charge

From the Library - Our hidden treasure.

Mission month is featured in our regular periodical "Living Pulpit". If you would like to read more deeply on the coming weeks Sunday readings you can go to: <http://www.pulpit.org/articles/October07Lectionary.asp> and related sites.

In the July - Sept issue of "Living Pulpit" there are a series of articles giving an indication of the wide scope of what we mean by the word Mission:

For example, Douglas Stivison writes in his editorial "I woke up this morning with new hands" which captures the excitement of someone who is doing something they feel is worthwhile, captures the spirit of mission. He says we can only get this feeling if we ourselves are committed to the Gospel at work in the world, not just as lessons preached in the sanctuary.

Sr Patricia Daly OP writes about the power of money and our mission to invest resources responsibly, to spend with our eyes and hearts open to our stewardship as consumers.

Websites on socially responsible investing can be found at:

www.iccr.org which is the inter-faith centre on corporate responsibility.

You can request for a photocopy of an extract of an article for a small postage and photocopying fee or you are welcome to visit and read the articles here at 2, Highland Road.

Welcome back, Arthur...

Arthur Goh has completed his studies in Boston, USA and has returned to SPI. For those who wish to contact him, his direct line is 6858 7015 or email:

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We say goodbye to Susanna Huang, our catechetical coordinator for primary level and Linda Lai, our DAFF and FMCP coordinator. We wish them the best in their future endeavours.

