



教區聖召委員會

Diocesan Vocation Commission

週年報告

Annual Report

二零一五年十月至二零一六年九月

October 2015 – September 2016

Contents

Annual Report

1. Project on Vocation Promotion	
1.1 Publicity of the Prayer Campaign for Vocations	3
1.2 Prayer Campaign for Vocations — Blessing and Commissioning Ceremony	3
1.3 “Dating with the Holy Spirit” – Gatherings	4
1.4 DVC Website and Facebook	4
1.5 Vocations News Express	5
1.6 Teaching Materials for Vocation Promotion	5
2. Vocation Month Celebration	
2.1 Vocation Mass & Sharing at Hong Kong Island	6
2.2 Seminar & Vocation Mass at Kowloon	6
2.3 Rosary, Video Show & Vocation Mass at New Territories	8
2.4 Vocation Movie Shows	8
3. Prayer Meeting for Vocation Discernment	
3.1 Prayer Meeting for Boys	9
3.2 Prayer Meeting for Girls	9
4. Closing Remarks	9
5. Appendix – Committee Members	10

Annual Report

1. Project on Vocation Promotion

1.1 Publicity of the Prayer Campaign for Vocations

The increase in the membership of the campaign to more than 2000 was credited to its enthusiastic promotion by Auxiliary Bishop Joseph Ha and the seminarians of Holy Spirit Seminary on the occasions of Sunday Mass celebration at different parishes and when conducting talks on various occasions.

Evaluation: The instant collection of distributed application forms at promotion venues prompted membership increase in the past six months. However the hasty filling-in of these forms sometimes caused incomplete information and subsequent loss of future contacts. Online application could be made available in future.

1.2 Prayer Campaign for Vocations — Blessing and Commissioning Ceremony

Date : 20 December 2015 (Sunday)

Venue: St. Andrew's Church

Time : 2:30 pm – 3:00 pm Praying the Rosary

3:00 pm – 4:00 pm 4th Advent Sunday Mass, Blessing & Commissioning Ceremony

Chief Celebrant: Auxiliary Bishop Ha

Concelebrant: Fr. Benedict Lam

Participants: About 200 members of the prayer campaign, the altar servers of St. Joseph's Church (Kowloon Bay), the choir of the Quarry Bay Mass Centre of St. Jude's Parish, along with committee members including Sr. Catherine Fung, Sr. Sandra Covini, Sr. Margaret Mou, Sr. M. Margarita Chan, Mr. Lee Shung Tak, Mr. Paul Chan

Program: The praying of the Rosary preceded Mass celebration and the Blessing and Commissioning Ceremony immediately followed the homily.

Souvenir: A clergy-keychain for each participant

Evaluation: Satisfactory attendance indicated the efficacy of the practice in sending to members email / post notification followed by email reminders just before the event. Praying the Rosary before the Mass aptly calmed the mind and the soul. A larger choir would have been much more desirable for the occasion.

1.3 “Dating with the Holy Spirit” Gatherings

Dates: 2015 – 17/10, 21/11, 19/12

2016 – 16/1, 20/2, 19/3, 16/4, 21/5, 18/6

Time: 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Venue: Holy Spirit Seminary

Speakers: Br. Pio Ng, OFM (Order of Friars Minor)

Br. Yeung Yim, OFM (Order of Friars Minor)

Fr. Bruno Lepeu, MEP (Société des Missions Étrangères de Paris)

Fr. Carlos Cheung, SDB (Salesians of Don Bosco)

Fr. Clement Tsui Lap Yan, SJ (Society of Jesus)

Sr. Teresa Chan, FMM (Franciscan Missionaries of Mary)

Sr. Clement Fan, LSP (Little Sisters of the Poor)

Sr. Wong, SSVM (Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matara)

Sr. Michelle Cheung, SAL (Sisters Announcers of the Lord)

Participants: The average attendance of the 9 sessions was about 28. They were members of the prayer campaign, youth, students, lay people, sisters, Fr. Pierre Lam MEP, seminarians including Henry Chau, John Cheung, Joseph Cai, Anthony Law, Francis Xavier Wong, Vincent Woo and Timothy Yan, committee members including Bishop Joseph Ha, Br. John Chong, Sr. Catherine Fung, Sr. Margaret Mou, Sr. Sandra Covini, Sr. M. Margarita Chan and Miss Ho Tak Fan, volunteers Leo Yue, Albert Au, Horace Kiang and Barnabas.

Content: Theme sharing, guided pilgrimage tour, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, meditation, individual spiritual guidance and Eucharistic Adoration.

Evaluation: The speakers interacted warmly with those present, creating a light-hearted spirit to enhance participation. Starting with the 5th gathering, a guided pilgrimage tour was added to enrich the program and to arouse greater involvement of participants. Attendance in these 9 sessions was hardly satisfactory as only few young people were involved. Improvement is needed.

1.4 DVC Website and Facebook

The content of the Website and Face Book was updated once to twice per week and more often when there were inspiring messages or when during festive periods. The average number of Website visitors per month was

about 90 in the past year and there were over 1,000 “Like” on the Face Book.

Evaluation: The number of Website visitors was steady. The popularity of the Face Book gradually increased.

1.5 Vocations News Express

Starting from August 2016 a monthly “News Express” with updates of vocations in the Diocese or Religious Institutes and Societies was sent via email to all members of the Prayer Campaign for Vocations. This served to strengthen our bonding and relate members to the fruits of their prayers.

1.6 Teaching Materials for Vocation Promotion

Seminar on the Release of Teaching Materials on Vocations & Experience-Sharing

Date: 28 June 2016

Time: 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Venue: Po Chiu Catholic Secondary School

Participants: 84 including school supervisors, principals, teachers, committee members Br. John Chong, Sr. Teresa Chan and Sr. M. Margarita Chan

Content: Auxiliary Bishop Joseph Ha delivered a speech on “Vocations in Education” and student formation offered in Catholic schools. Mr. Peter Lee Shung Tak, the School Supervisor of Raimondi College then conveyed a responding remark. Mr. Tsang Ka Lok George, the Chief Editor of the teaching material titled “Life: Decision / With Choices” presented its design and the suggested classroom application. Lastly Mr. Wong Chi Wai of Nam Wah Catholic Secondary School and Mr. Chow Yuk Kwan of Kwun Tong Maryknoll College both of whom having adopted the teaching material in class shared their teaching experience.

Evaluation: The seminar ran smoothly. Among the participants there were 77 school supervisors, principals, panel heads, teachers and pastoral assistants of the Ethics & Religious Education departments coming from 35 secondary schools, as well as 7 teachers coming from 6 primary schools. About 43.8% of the Catholic secondary schools in HK participated in the event. The turnout rate was deemed satisfactory. The DVC should see to the continual development of this teaching material after completing the teachers’ workshop on 15 October 2016.

2. Vocation Month Celebration

Theme: *Go for the Culture, Vocations We Nurture*

2.1 Hong Kong Island Vocation Mass & Sharing

Date: 17 April 2016

Time: 3:30 pm – 6:00 pm

Venue: St. Jude's Parish, North Point, HK

Chief Celebrant: Cardinal John Tong

Concelebrants: Fr. Paul Kim, KMS, Fr. Aloysius Mak

Assisted by: Deacon Louis Wong

Participants: There were about 200 in the congregation, roughly 50 of them stayed behind at the sharing session. They were members of the prayer campaign, parishioners, youth groups, the Serra Club, committee members Br. John Chong, Sr. Catherine Fung and Sr. M. Margarita Chan

Content: During the sharing session which took place immediately after the Vocation Mass, Cardinal Tong and Bishop Ha addressed issues raised by the faithful young. Bishop Ha conveyed that the DVC was striving to build from the faithful a greater general concern and a stronger support for vocations. He invited a pre-seminarian, Henry Chau of Holy Spirit Seminary, to share his experience of joining the seminary. Bishop Ha stressed that parish youth groups must have Jesus at their central focus for their growing faith to be nourished. He remarked that religious vocation is a call of love from Jesus. To respond to a vocation is to live in fullness a life of love for Jesus.

Evaluation: The DVC and the young people from the HK East Deanery jointly organized this event. Both the liturgy and the sharing session were arranged and effected by various youth groups from the HK East Deanery. The teams involved were full of youthful vigor & shared good team spirit. The DVC expects to work more closely with them in future events.

2.2 Kowloon Seminar & Vocation mass

Theme: **Seminar**–N Facets of Vocation Culture – Ways of Promotion

Date: 24 April 2016

Time: 2:30 pm – 3:45 pm

Venue: St Andrew's Parish, Tseung Kwan O

Presided by: Tsang Ka Lok, Assistant Project Manager of The Centre for Religious & Spirituality Education HKIED

Guests: Auxiliary Bishop Michael Yeung, Fr. Benedict Lam (Parish Priest of St. Andrew's Parish), Sr. Catherine Fung (FDCC), Miss Karen Siu Yuen-Man (A Secondary School teacher) and Mr Wong Si-ho (A University Student)

Participants: About 80 including members of the prayer campaign, the Serra club, parishioners, committee members Sr. Catherine Fung, Sr. M. Margarita Chan

Content: On the issue of religious vocation the panel of guests shared the view that lives influence lives. While the family is the cradle for vocation, those consecrated and those responsible for formation should cherish the opportunities to accompany young people in their pursuit of vocation. The Church must not neglect the spiritual formation of young people and religious vocation should be a matter of concern for everyone. Parishes could help to promote a prayerful disposition, a sense of community as well as a sense of mission so that the seeds of vocation can grow.

Evaluation: Participants became mindful that religious vocation is a matter of everyone's concern. Each and every one of us has a certain role to play in promoting the culture of vocation.

Vocation Mass

Time: 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Chief Celebrant: Auxiliary Bishop Michael Yeung

Concelebrants: Fr. Benedict Lam; Fr. Fabio Favata, PIME; Fr. Gregoire Vignola, PME.

Assisted by: Deacon Paul Nguyen; Deacon John Bosco Wong

Participants: About 150 including members of the prayer campaign, parishioners, youth groups, the Serra Club, committee members Br. John Chong, Sr. Catherine Fung and Sr. M. Margarita Chan.

Homily: After the seminar, during Mass Celebration Bishop Yeung remarked that vocation is a total giving of oneself and even of one's life. "This is God's greatest gift and at the same time a mission," he said. He pointed out that vocation needs prayer, trust in God and total acceptance of all God's plans.

Evaluation: Both the seminar & the Mass were able to run smoothly only at the helping hands given by parish staff, the choir, altar boys, the liturgy & reception teams of the St. Andrew's Parish.

2.3 New Territories - Rosary, Video Show & Vocation Mass

Date: 14 May 2016

Time: 2:30 pm – 4:00 pm

Venue: Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Tai Po

Chief Celebrant: Auxiliary Bishop Joseph Ha, OFM

Concelebrant: Fr. Joseph Liu

Assisted by: Deacon Ignatius Lo & Deacon Alexander Kwok

Participants: About 300 including members of the prayer campaign, the Serra Club, parishioners, students, Catholic parents, sisters, committee members Sr. Catherine Fung and Sr. M. Margarita Chan

Content: A rosary was said before the video show of “千禧住客”, then followed by the Vocation Mass. During the Mass, Bishop Ha encouraged each and everyone present to listen to and to follow the Holy Spirit in fulfilling our individual calls in life as well as to pray fervently for more religious vocations.

Evaluation: The event was very well attended, attributed to the strong support given by the parish priest of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish; the Council Chairman's help in publicizing the event to various parishes in the New Territories. The liturgy and the tea gathering were well organized with concerted effort of the Association of the Children of Mary, the Altar Service Team, the Liturgy Team and the Lady Group of the parish while the hymn singing was assisted by the Holy Cross Catholic Church Youth Choir invited by Sr. Fung.

2.4 Vocation Movie Shows

Date: 8 May 2016 (first show) & 15 May 2016 (second show)

Time: 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Venue: 9/F Catholic Diocese Centre

Presided by: Sr. Catherine Fung (FDCC)

Guided by: 8 May: Fr. Joseph Liu, Br. Joseph Chong (FMS), Sr. M. Margarita Chan (FMA)

15 May: Br. Joseph Chong (FMS), Sr. Margaret Mou (SPB),

Sr. M. Margarita Chan (FMA)

Opening & Closing Prayer: 8 May: Fr. Joseph Liu

15 May: Br. Joseph Chong (FMS)

Participants: 8 May: 102 people

15 May: 32 people

Content: Excerpts of three movies (namely Chiara e Francesco / Main / Francis: The People's Pope) were shown, focusing on how the three main casts responded to God's calling for them. Prior to the show, audience was briefed on the background and key points of the movies to facilitate appreciation of the stories. After the first show, Fr. Joseph Lui shared with the audience how he recognized and responded to God's calling to the priesthood. Sr. Margaret Mou shared her response to a consecrated life after the second show.

Evaluation: Attendance at the two shows was poor especially for the second show. The main probable reasons could be that the faithful could not find time as there were too many church activities in May. The Diocesan Audio-Visual Centre had recently presented the movies and their VCDs had been distributed in parish churches not long ago. It was estimated that if similar events were to be planned in future, one show time would be sufficient.

3. Prayer Meeting for Vocation Discernment

3.1 The Prayer Meeting for Boys

Six young men attended these meetings regularly and Rev. Joseph Liu was their spiritual master. One of these six would enter the Holy Spirit Seminary in coming September.

3.2 The Prayer Meeting for girls

At present there were no suitable candidates and such meetings had not been organized.

4. Closing Remarks

In recent years the DVC strived hard towards building a culture which fosters vocations by instilling in the Diocese widespread concern for priesthood and religious vocations. At the same time we recognize these vocations as God's precious gifts to the Church. The task of promoting vocations indeed calls for our concerted effort with "a joint commitment of

the whole church” (Note). We will remain committed to our mission through formation projects, liturgies, prayers and relevant promotional activities. May the Lord watch over our pledge. May His tender Callings be bestowed upon more young people and help them to make an audacious response.

(Note - Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation Vita Consecrata of The Holy Father John Paul II Chapter 2 no.64)

Auxiliary Bishop Joseph Ha Chi-shing, OFM
Chairperson

Sr. M. Margarita Chan, FMA
Executive Secretary

1 October 2016

5. Appendix

2014-2016 Committee Members

Bishop Joseph Ha, OFM – Chairperson

Rev. Benedict Lam, Diocesan Priest – Vice-Chairperson

Sr. Louise Lam, FDCC – Executive Secretary

Rev. Bro. John Chong, FMS – Treasurer

Rev. Giles Chong, OCSO

Rev. Martin Yip, SDB

Rev. Joseph Liu, Diocesan Priest

Rev. Flandez Jay Francis, SVD

Rev. Deacon Bernard Tang, Diocesan

Sr. Catherine Fung, FDCC

Sr. Margaret Mou, SPB

Sr. Teresa Chan, FMM

Sr. Sandra Covini, PIME

Sr. Susanna Lim, LSP

Mr. Peter Lee, Serra Club

Mr. Paul Chan

Ms. Ho Tak Fan