

the CENACLE *Fenxiang*

(*Fenxiang is the Chinese word for "sharing")

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At the Lunar New Year celebration organized by the Chinese Catholic Students Association of the Phil. at the San Carlos Seminary compound.

新年快乐

Xīn Nián Kuài Lè!

(HAPPY NEW YEAR!)

Feb. 14, 2010 is the start of the year of the Tiger, which extends until Feb. 2, 2011. Beyond the festivities of this very special occasion for most of Asia, we pray that God will continue to bless our mission for China, our benefactors, the participants of our Chinese Residential Formation program, and those interested in the Cenacle vocation and mission.



*A Resource Library
The Cenacle Retreat
House is building up its
library of Chinese language
Spiritual Books. The library
will also include videos and
other relevant materials that
will serve as resource library
for the present and future*

*participants of our 10-month
formation program in
Retreat/Spiritual Direction.
We are grateful for the
ongoing support of our
friends and benefactors who
have donated relevant
materials toward the
building up of this library.*

The Taize Experience: ✠ A Pilgrimage of Trust on Earth ✠

This was a gathering of around 6000 young people between the ages of 15 and 35 who came from all over the world, especially from Asia. The event was held last Feb. 3-7 at Don Bosco, Makati, Metro-Manila. The theme was: "A thirst for life in fullness... A call to transform the world."

Here are some excerpts from the sharing of experiences of our Chinese discerners and Cenacle Sisters who participated in this special event:

"It was very touching to see a "multitude" of young people from different cultures and backgrounds, gathered together in prayer and sharing... in the silence and prayer, I felt Jesus renewing his friendship with me, drawing from within me a response of love—to be and to "labor with him." —Sr. Sheila, rc, Cenacle sister

"The theme was timely—both for what our world is experiencing and for where I am in my own journey of faith. The prayers, Bro. Alois' messages, Bishop Tagle's talk, and the sharing of hope and faith especially from the participants where Christianity is almost unknown, made my experience very meaningful and enriching." —Sr. Yna, nc, Cenacle novice

"During Taize prayer, I felt close to God. When the Taize Brothers kissed the cross, I also wanted to kiss the cross and share Jesus' suffering. When I saw that most of the people wanted to kiss the cross, I felt very happy." —Angela LiQin Yang, from China

"...I had experiences of Taize prayer in China. I like this way of praying... I thank God for giving me the strength and the willingness to travel from work so I could attend the evening prayers. At prayer, I heard a voice from a distance : "You are mine". I was touched and could not help crying, knowing how weak, blind and stupid I am. —Maria Feng Li, from China



At meal time during the Taize gathering.