

the CENACLE *Fenxiang**

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

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Our Easter Greeting

The Cenacle Sisters and staff, together with the Cenacle Chinese Residents wish you all a Blessed and Joyful Easter! May the presence of the Risen Christ fill you with deep consolation and joy!

We decided to combine two months worth of sharing in this single issue due to constraints of time because of our very busy Lenten and summer schedule.



Cenacle Sisters' Trip to China

The Cenacle Retreat House community spent the first week of March in Macau and Zhuhai, Guangdong Province in China. The trip was planned as an immersion experience and annual vacation for the community. The sisters stayed at the Claretian apartments in Macau and in Zhuhai.

One of the places they visited while in Macau was the Chapel of St. Francis Xavier in Coloane Island. The chapel used to hold some sacred relics of Catholic Asia, including a bone from the arm of St. Francis Xavier, but most of these relics have been moved to St. Joseph Seminary in Macau.

HOLY WEEK RETREAT for Chinese Students in the Philippines

The ten Chinese participants of the Cenacle Residential Formation Program for Retreat and Spiritual Direction had finished their week-long annual directed retreat at the Mother of Life Catechetical Center in Novaliches during Holy Week. They joined 50 other Chinese, mostly priests and religious, who are in the Philippines for studies and formation at different institutes and centers in Metro-Manila. Their retreat directors were all Mandarin-speaking from Taiwan, Hong Kong, Macau and the Philippines.



SUMMER COURSES

The ICLA Summer courses, which are integrated into the Cenacle 10-month residential program for Chinese religious, will begin on April 12 with its first course, PSDD (Perspectives in Spiritual Direction and Discernment). This will end on April 28. This summer will be the second time this particular course is being held at the Cenacle Retreat House instead of having it at ICLA where it had been for eight summers. The second course, TPRF (Training Program for Retreat Facilitators), will be held at ICLA in May. Both courses are facilitated by a team of Cenacle Sisters.