Saint Thomas The Apostle Church Parish Newsletter



盧賢喆神父 ~~~ 與天主同行 編輯組 Rev. Issac Noh ---- Walking together with the Lord

香港教區現有兩位來 自韓國外方傳教會的傳教 士服務,其中一位就是我 們堂區的盧賢詰神父。感 謝盧神父接受編輯組的專 該數請,讓大家對這位經 常笑容滿面,平易近人的 盧神父有多一點的認識。

【看待如家人】

自2016年12月遷入青衣聖多默宗徒堂,大家像家人一樣接待盧神父。堂區充滿温暖,教友關懷他

如家人般,令盧神父很快便融入堂區生活。



【內向沉默的性格】

開朗的盧神父表示,當他在高中求學時,為人沉默,可以說是一個很內向的人。對於人人互相利用,只為追求物質的風氣,很難融入,故此朋友不多。由於經常留在家裏,別人只覺得他很特別。雖然盧神父是嬰兒領洗,來自天主教家庭,不過在人人皆以金錢去衡量成就時,他也開始在疑惑猜想:怎會有人明知金錢回報不多也願意當神父?

【改變】

一切的改變始於一個人---盧神父的哥哥,他鼓勵神父 參加教會的團體生活。期間有一件事,改變了他對人的看 法,開始信任別人,不再執著於金錢的得失上。

那時,神父一方面需處理大學的入學問題,另一方面 他要協助及參與教會露營活動;由於兩地相隔很遠,聯絡 溝通上很困難,而如有手提電話就可解決!但當時手提電 話是奢侈品,非常昂貴。正當徬徨不知如何是好時,教會 團體中有人無條件借出電話給他使用,讓他得以同時處理 兩項事宜。經歷這事件後,令一向不信別人會無私行善的 盧賢喆,也開始領會以往也有別人真誠的幫助。

【同行】

這位前輩向神父表示:人生有很多路,雖可用不同的方法行這路,但最後的終站都是一樣。於是盧神父決定到神父不足的地方傳教,與天主同行,透過接觸,找到同行者,向同一目標進發。

【到香港去傳教】

在<u>韓國外方傳教會</u>,接受一年OTP(Oversea Training Programme)後,盧神父須在三個地點中選一個地方去傳教。當他向宿舍內的神父查詢意見時,大多反應平淡,唯獨一位神父當聽到「香港」時,便很雀躍,使他感到好奇,遂選擇到香港來。終於盧神父於2014年10月來港,先在中文大學學習中文兩年,畢業後被委派到青衣聖多默宗徒堂擔任助理司鐸。

"怎會有人明知金錢回報不多也願意當神父?"發問的人現在當了神父,與天主同行。

There are two missionaries from the Korean Missionary Society appointed by the Hong Kong Diocese to serve for the parish. Rev. Issac Noh is one of them. We are so thankful that Rev. Noh graciously accepts the invitation to share some information about himself.

Parishioners treat me like family member

Rev. Noh has started his ministry at Church of St. Thomas the Apostle since December 2016. Rev. Noh is impressed with the tremendous warmth here because parishioners treat him like family member.

Introvert and quiet

Rev. Noh is pleasant and approachable to parishioners, but he was introvert and quiet when he was in high school . He was reluctant to make friends with others because they were materialistic people who were greed for money. So he'd rather stay at home. People thought that he was very special. Although Rev. Noh was infant baptised and grew up in Catholic family, he was still influenced by the materialistic society. He started to think ," Why do people want to be a priest even though they do not have much money in return?"

Change

Rev. Noh's change was filled with surprising twists and turns. The first turning point was Rev. Noh's brother who encouraged him to join the community life of the parish and spend more time in church activities. The second turning point was a special incident which changed the attitude of Rev. Noh towards people.

Rev. Noh had to solve the university problem in one place and need to attend the parish camping activity in another place at the same time. Two places were far away. If he had a mobile phone, the problem would be easily solved. But mobile phone was very expensive at that time. Who would lend him the luxurious mobile phone?

Surprisingly, a parishioner lent him the mobile phone and Rev. Noh solved the problem. The special incident had a great impact on Rev. Noh and he started to trust people and experience good friendship and encouragement.

Walking together

The generous parishioner talked to Rev. Noh ,"There are a lot ways to reach the terminal , ways are different but the terminal is the same." Later Rev. Noh realized that he wanted to be a missionary and decided to go to places where priests are not enough to proclaim the Word of the Lord. Rev.Noh's mission: Walking with the Lord , finding more people to grow together and setting off for the same terminal.

Serving in Hong Kong

After Rev. Noh had studied Oversea Training Programme for a year at the Korean Missionary Society, he had to choose a place to go out of three choices. When he asked the advice from the others, everyone didn't have much response except one fellow. Rev.Noh could see a glow of excitement come over him when he said "Hong Kong". Rev. Noh was curious and finally he came to Hong Kong in October 2014. He learned Chinese for two years in the Chinese University of Hong Kong. Rev. Isaac Noh is appointed Assistant Parish Priest in St. Thomas the Apostle Parish when he graduated.

"Why do people want to be a priest even though they do not have much money in return?" The one who asked the question now becomes the priest, walking together with the Lord.