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Anglican Cathedral of St. Mary & St. Nicholas, Seoul

Sunday 11am Eucharist

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KOREAN WAR VETERANS' ASSOCIATION

Each year in June, our Chairman (Fr. Davies) who is also Chaplain to the British Korean Veterans' Association, conducts the short Service at the National Korean War Memorial in the crypt of St. Paul's Cathedral, London, when His Excellency The Korean Ambassador and his staff lay wreaths there, along with one from the B.K.V.A. representatives.

From July 19th - 23rd 1999 there was an International Korean Veterans' Week in London, with representatives from the 22 countries which took part with the U.S.A. and Great Britain in the Korean War (1950-53), the first war ever fought under the aegis of the United Nations, when huge Chinese Forces with Soviet Union backing supported the North Korean Communist Armed Forces in their attempt to take over the whole of Korea.

The week began with a great Service in St. Paul's Cathedral at 11.00 on July 19th when the Korean Ambassador read one Lesson and General Sir A. Farrar-Hockley (Senior Patron of the B.K.V.A.) read the other. The Dean of St. Paul's was the Preacher and Fr. Davies led the prayers. The Bishop to H.M. Forces also took part in the Service. Again, on this Reunion Week, a procession went down into the

crypt to lay wreaths at the Memorial. For Fr. Davies, "the wheel had come full circle", as in 1987 when The Queen unveiled the National Korean War Memorial, he had the honour to preach the sermon.

Other events during this week were, a Garden Party at The Royal Hospital; an evening Reception on H.M.S. Belfast (the Thames); visits to Windsor, etc., and on the Thursday evening His Excellency The Korean Ambassador hosted a dinner at a London Hotel for representatives from all the national parties attending

On July 21st 800 Korean Veterans, representatives of all 22 countries, paraded on Horse Guards with their national standards. The youngest veteran was 69; the oldest 92. There was, of course, a large South Korean contingent. The Duke of Kent took the Salute, and in his address over the loud-speaker system he ended with conveying H.M. The Queen's congratulations and good wishes. That same afternoon The Queen and Prince Philip were holding a Garden Party at Buckingham Palace, and Her Majesty had invited 50 representative veterans to attend as her guests.

RETIRED? WHEN?



Groundbreaking: April 1999

Bishop Simon Kim (69) who was Bishop of Seoul, has been working very hard to start a new home for handicapped people. He secured enough money to build a multi purpose centre for handicapped people and the groundbreaking ceremony was held in April 1999. The new Centre



was opened in December 1999 (see photo on left). In photo on right we see Bishop Simon taking part in "Washing Feet" for the unemployed and needy to give them hope and encouragement, but most of all love and care. It was held at Yonysan railway station, one of the sub stations in Seoul.

Sungkonghoe University, the Anglican University in Seoul is in the middle of construction of a new building that will serve as Humanity and Society building. The University's chapel and library as well as some classrooms and professor's' rooms will be in the new building. This is a huge project, costing a lot. We are asked to keep this in our prayers.

NEWS FROM THE KOREAN FRANCISCAN BROTHERHOOD



관구원장의 방문

7월에는 호주뉴질랜드관구 프란시스 수도 회 관구원장 콜린 윌프레드 형제가 우리를 방문하였다. 그는 일주일동안이 기간에도 불구하고 여러가지 방법으로 우리에게 도움을 주었다. 이 사진들은 우리가 함께 했던 몇몇 일들을 보여준다. (위의왼쪽) 인천에서 스테반 형제, 콜린 형제, 로렌스 형제 그리고 크리스토퍼 존형제 (위의 오른쪽) 송림동 자활지원센터를 방문(왼쪽에서 두번째 조흥식 신부) (밑의 왼쪽)용인민속촌에서 찍은 기념사진 (밑의 오른쪽)콜린 형제가 형제들 피정을 인도하다.



Minister Provincial's visit

In July 1999 the Society of St Francis Australia/ New Zealand Minister Provincial, Br Colin Wilfred, paid us a visit. Although he was only able to come for a week he was able to help us in many ways. These photos show some of the things we did. (top left) Brothers Stephen, Colin Wilfred, Lawrence and Christopher John in Inchon. (top right) Visiting the Songrim Dong Centre for Self-Support (second from left is Father Cho Hung-Sik.) (bottom left) At the Yongin Folk Village. (bottom right) Brother Colin conducting a retreat for the brothers.



다른 손님들...

예수원에서 온 젊은 형제 자매들을 포함하여 조용한 분위기에서 공부하길 원한 대학생들과 교회와 나눔의 집에서 피정을 위해 방문하였다. 우리에게는 세명의 장기 손님들이 있는데 가장 최근에는 신학과를 졸업한 이종민형제가 우리의 일을 도우면서 삶을 함께 나누고 있다. 모두 환영합니다!



Other guests ...

...have included some young brothers and sisters from Jesus Abbey; university students for a quiet atmosphere for their study; and church and sharing house groups for retreat. We have three longer term guests; most recently a theological graduate Lee Jong-Min who is sharing our life for a while and helping with some tasks. You are all welcome!