

The ordination of our new Bishop Paul Narui Daisuke

The outbreak of the COVID19 had gone so seriously enough that had abruptly affected the whole world in every aspects of life! Nobody had envisioned, nor know where exactly had started and it would happen anywhere to anybody, regardless of who we are! And yet in this time of troubles in the Pandemic, we have to face its realities and every consequence. Life must go on, rest assuring that we may be able to overcome through our never-failing prayer to God for our protection and save us from the virus. The more we become stronger in our faith, believing that everything comes from heaven, not always for a worthwhile life, but also the worst things that happens from time to time. In this way we see the light about God's unlimited everlasting love for all of us. We pray, may there be an immediate health-giving treatment to the epidemic.

September 22, 2020 is a very significant day we could have in Niigata Diocese Cathedral. It marks the Ordination of our very own new Bishop Paul Daisuke Narui. The ordination was officiated by his eminence Archbishop Tarcisio Kikuchi Isao of Tokyo. It was also attended by some prominent Archbishops, Bishops and priest from different dioceses in Japan. Due to the Corona Virus, attendance was just limited to 60 people only, just one third (1/3) of the total capacity of the cathedral. It lasted for one and a half hours done in a pure and simple but full of solemnity in the celebration of the Eucharist. May God's blessing shower upon him abundantly as he goes on fulfilling his vocation.

After the public pronouncement of the appointment of the Apostolic See from the Vatican relevant news of the designation of our new bishop, we the parishioners of Shinjo Catholic Church, had been looking forward for the grand trip, all be riding a bus going to attend the ordination, but because of Pandemic, only one representative from each Parish was allowed to go! Although we couldn't all attend the ordination, we offer our fervent prayers most especially for our newly ordained Bishop of Niigata Diocese.

Eight (8) years ago Bishop Paul Narui Daisuke had his first visit Shinjo Catholic Church. We enjoyed having a conversation with him in three languages, Japanese, English and Filipino. He likes to eat some of our Filipino dishes served on that day. We are looking forward for our bishop's first parish visit with us in a near day.

Juliet Chonan

今までに起こったことない感染症、コロナウイルスが発生した時から私達の日常生活のあらゆる面において大きな影響がありました。ずっといろいろ不安でした。もしかすると「世界がここで終わりなのでしょうか？」と思うほど心配でした！ 何としてでもコロナウイルスに負けないように安心して生きることです。神様の愛が私達を守ってくださると信じています。私達の絶え間ない祈りによって神様は私達を常に保護し、救って下さいます。コロナウイルスに対する治療薬が一日も早くできることを祈っています。

令和2年9月22日に新潟大聖堂で私達のパウロ成井大介新司教様の叙階式が行われました。司式者はタルチシオ菊地功大司教様でした。コロナウイルスの為に出席者は教区内で働く司祭、修道者、信徒の代表など、全体で60名に限られました。だいたい大聖堂の席の1/3です。一時間半ぐらいのシンプルな式でしたが、とても厳粛な雰囲気にも包まれていました。パウロ成井大介司教様に神様の祝福がいつもありますようにと祈っています。

教皇フランシスコが新潟の使徒座に成井司教様を任命すると発表された時には、新庄教会の信者達は叙階式に参加することを楽しみにしていました。が、コロナウイルスの影響で皆行けなくなってしまいました。

8年前成井司教様は、司祭時代新庄教会を訪問した事があります。私達は司教様と日本語、英語とタガログ語で話すことがたくさん出来てとてもよかったです。私達は司教様の最初の公式訪問を楽しみにして待っています。よろしく願いいたします。

長南樹理







