

A Letter from Fr. Olivera (The 35th Anniversary of Our Community and Arise)

Dear brothers and sisters,

Our Mission has completed the Arise process; many of you generously participated and have been abundantly blessed! Five seasons of faith sharing helped us to grow in our faith and also in the friendship between us; as a result, we are a stronger community.

Three years ago we began the first season of Arise exploring the theme “Encountering Christ” and we have finished with the assurance that “We are the Good News”. We are now more prepared for the Mission of the Evangelization entrusted to all of us by Jesus Christ.

This Sunday, November 25th, Feast of Christ the King, is the 35th anniversary of the beginning of the Chinese Community in the Diocese of San Jose. This is a good opportunity to open a new chapter in the life of our Mission, with a new commitment: to be the Living Good News for others.

The Faith-Sharing groups that we formed during the Arise process have a fundamental role in this mission. For this reason, I have called all the group leaders this Sunday for a new commission, so the graces that we received during the Arise seasons will have no end but will keep inspiring community life.

Dear brothers and sisters, with the strength of the Holy Spirit, we are called to be the Good News that so many people still need. By the example and the prayers of Mary, our good mother of heaven, let us listen in our hearts the call from our God, and let us again and again: “Arise, together in Christ”!

Happy Thanksgiving to all!

Fr. Olivera