



Fr. General in Vietnam

January 18-20, 2012

A Young Province



On the first day of his visit, 18 January 2012, Fr. General had a fruitful dialogue with the young men in formation of the Vietnamese Province in the new St. Joseph Scholasticate in Ho Chi Minh City. He encouraged and challenged the young men to aim to serve not just Vietnam but the universal mission of the Society, and to deepen the spirit of St. Ignatius in their lives. Here, he is with some of the novices, juniors, philosophers, regents and theologians of Vietnam. Of the approximately 160 members of the Province, over 100 are in formation.

Encounters



On the second day, 19
January 2012, Fr
General visited
Cardinal Jean-Baptiste
Pham Minh Man,



Cardinal Man is
Archbishop of Ho Chi
Minh, and a good
friend of the Society.



In the afternoon, he
met all the formed
Jesuits—a much
smaller number than
the formandi!

Encouragement



Infirmary

Fr. General visited the sick members of the Province in the Infirmary.



Collaborators

On 20 January, 2012, Fr. General met more than 200 lay and religious collaborators.



Consultors

On Wednesday, 19 January, Fr. General had a good meeting with the Province Consultors and the Rector of the Scholasticate.



Pictures

After his talk, Fr. General posed for pictures with the different groups of collaborators.

New year, new hope



Fr General's visit coincided with TET, the Lunar New Year, the most important feast in Vietnam.



He spoke of new hope, after so much suffering and persecution. This Province had lost everything!



The scholastics dramatized the story of the first martyr of Vietnam. This courage and faith continues today.

Happy New Year!



Fr. General at the airport before leaving Vietnam, with (from left) Fr. Vincent Mam, Rector of St. Joseph Scholasticate; Fr. Joseph Doan, former Regional Superior and Regional Assistant, now Superior in Jerusalem; and Fr. Joseph Liem, Provincial.