



Newsletter

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Reportage and pictures on a conference in China 28th and 29th of October 2014

"International Conference on the massacre of Zhengding Church and on Religions' Humanitarian Rescue efforts during the war". Town of Shi-jia-zhuang.



Picture of the enormous banner outside the conference building of the 'Hebei Normal University'



Photograph of the participants at the beginning of the conference, on the stairs of Shijiazhuang's Major Seminary. Were present: 14 Dutch people (1 from Switzerland, 1 from Taiwan, 1 from China); 2 from Slovakia; 1 Austria; 1 Poland; 1 USA; 2 Taiwan; 1 Germany; 3 Indonesian; 1 Belgium; 1 Ireland; 2 Chinese from Hong Kong. The others are from People's Republic of China.

Opening session at the Major Seminary of Shi-jia-zhuang



To the left: the Chinese bishop Mgr. Fang of the Henshui diocese.



To the right: father John B. Zhang the great promoter and organizer of the conference



The 96-year-old Trappist, Benedict, from Hong Kong recalled touching memories.



The auditorium. The opening happened here.



Vincent Hermans spoke on behalf of the Schraven-family



Unveiling of a memorial plaque with the text of the Martyrs' Memorial Monument together with Mgr. de Jong, coadjutor of Roermond

after the opening session, as usual, a picture of all the official participants of the Conference in front of the main building of the Major Seminary



Visiting the "Mgr. Schraven Memorial House" in the Major Seminary



To the left the Pope and to the right Monsignor Schraven



An enlarged page from the comic strip.



Pictures of the martyrs in front of the window

Solemn Celebration of the Eucharist



Entering the chapel.



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priests Principal celebrant Mgr. Feng



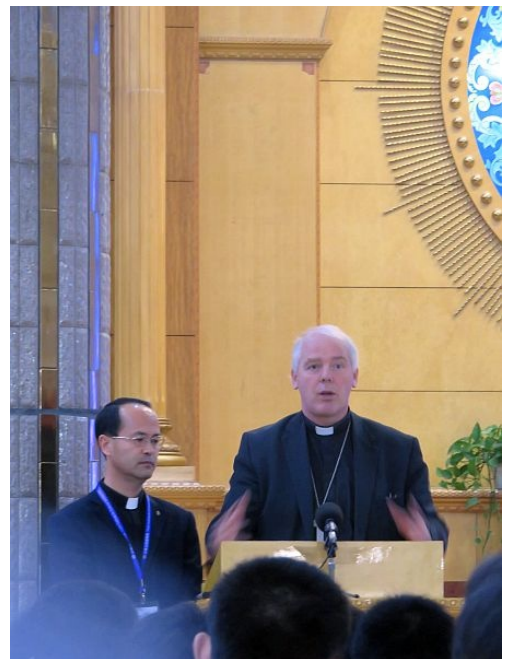
Sermon by Fr. Jeroom Heyndrickx CICM (Louvain)



The choir of the students sang very well with much enthusiasm.



Fr. Shijo CM from Rome spoke on behalf of the Superior General of the Vincentians.



Mgr. E. de Jong from Roermond spoke on behalf of bishop F. Wiertz

The conference in the University



In the bus on our way to...



entering the campus of the university



Mgr. Schraven's biography by Prof. Li Xiaochen



Dutch contributions: 'The Great Silence' and 'mysterious haze' around the massacre in Zhengding



You can say 'a conspiracy of silence' around this massacre



The biography of martyr Bro. Wladislaw Prinz from Poland by Pawel Wierzbicki CM from Poland



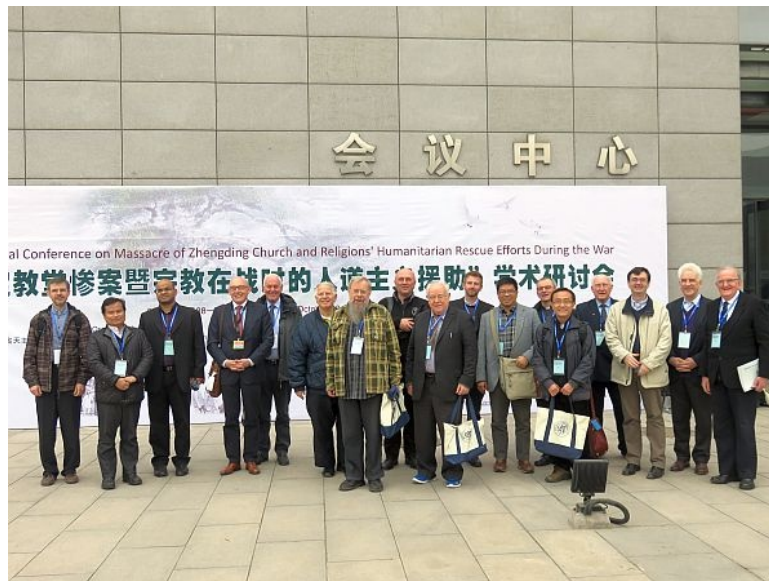
The biography of Fr. E. Robial OCSO from France by the Superior of the Trappists in Hong Kong Fr. Paul Kao OCSO



The biography of Fr. Thomas Ceška CM from Austria by Alexander Jernej CM from Austria.



In the morning of Wednesday October 29, there were two parallel meetings in the Chinese language. The foreign guests were treated with a visit to the provincial museum of Shi-Jia-Zhuang.



A delegation of 12 Vincentians took part in the conference that was dealing with seven of their confreres



In the hall of the university an exhibition about Mgr. Schraven and the Zhengding Mission



Prof. M. van Knippenberg CM about the spirituality of Monsignor Frans Schraven



Fr. Kusno Bintoro, (from Indonesia) provincial superior of the Vincentians of the Chinese province, speaks about the Vincentians in China.



The biography of Bro. Antoon Geerts CM from Oudenbosch by Mgr. E. de Jong



Fr. J.B. Zhang speaks about the prophetic role of bishop Frans Schraven.



The portraits of the nine martyrs and their presentation have been printed on canvas and have been framed. Jan Haen is the artist.



The chairman of the Mgr. Schraven foundation spoke to the audience.



The reproductions are a gift to Mgr. Schraven's former diocese.



Fr. Jaroslav Jaško from Slovakia spoke on behalf of the archbishop of Bratislava.



Fr. Frans Bomers CM spoke on behalf of the Dutch Vincentians.



At the end of the conference big banners are presented to the Trappist fathers of Hong Kong, to the Mgr. Schraven foundation to the bishop of Roermond



Chairman Harry accepts the gift proudly.



At the end of the conference, 'the international friends, who gave their lives to protect Chinese citizens', are praised once again. The meeting was a great success. The conclusion was an excellent Chinese dinner, which was eaten together.

A report of the conference in 7 pages can be had when ordered via the Mgr. Schraven Foundation