

# NEWSLETTER



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## FOTOREPORT OF THE COMMEMORATION OCTOBER 2012



### TUESDAY OKTOBER 9:

*Day of the murder.*

*During the Eucharist in the ‘Mission house’ of the Vincentians at Panningen the martyrs were commemorated. Father Jan van Wezel (former missionary in China) in his wheelchair leads the service, with pictures of the martyrs on the altar.*

In the afternoon during the shooting of film material for the dutch TV in and around the birthplace of bishop Francis Schraven at ‘Kaldenbroek’, Lottum.



*Mr Wim van Riswijck (93 jaar) at Tilburg being filmed. When he was six years old he shook hands with Msgr. Schraven in 1925 who was leaving for China again.*

A Vesper service for victims of sexual violence in the parish church of Broekhuizenenvorst with the Schola Karolus Magnus from Nijmegen.



*'An impressive and touching service'.*

In the parish church of Broekhuizenenvorst a special platform is constructed for the Eucharist on Sunday.



**SATERDAY OCTOBER 13th**



*Following his arrival at the airport of Düsseldorf (Germany) the Chinese archbishop Mgr. Savio Hon Tai Fai brought a visit to the commemorative chapel at Broekhuizenenvorst. With enthusiasm, the artist father Jan Haen C.Ss.R explains the story on the panels.*



*Meanwhile boxes filled with comic books in one of the unused chapels of the 'Mission house' at Panningen, await the official presentation.*

## **OFFICIAL PRESENTATION OF TWO BOOKS IN THE CHAPEL OF THE MISSION HOUSE**



*Father Wiel Bellemakers, provincial superior, welcomes everybody and presides over the meeting.*

*Designer Geert de Sutter presents the first copy to the chairman of the Msgr. Schraven Foundation Harry Schraven. Finally the book can be seen.*



*Geert de Sutter takes the floor.*



*Fr. Bellemakers receives the book.*





*Also a comic book for archbishop Savio Hon.*



*The audience follows the program with great attention.*

*For Bishop Francis Wiertz of the diocese of Roermond the matter is very serious.*

*The Japanese priest Fukamizu holds his breath.*



*Father Jan Haen presents his book: 'Over my dead body'.*

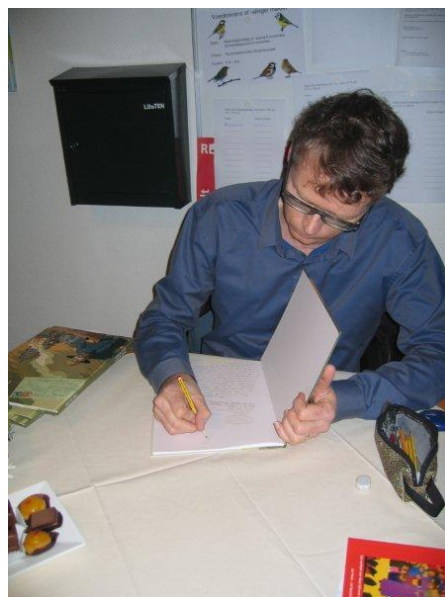




*Again hard work for comic artist Geert:*

*Signing copies of his comic book.*

*A rewarding task.*



*'Japan and China' sit brotherly next to each another, absorbed in the tragedy of Chengtingfu 1937.*

*The engaging smile of archbishop Mgr. Savio Hon sitting next to bishop Francis Wiertz.*



*A social gathering followed, enjoying the hospitality of the Vincentians.*

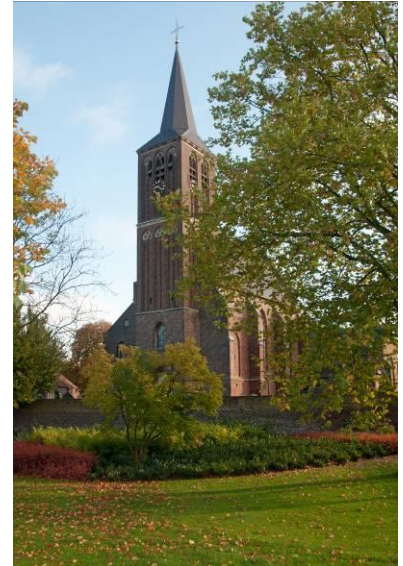


## SUNDAY OCTOBER 14<sup>th</sup> : THE SOLEMN EUCHARIST AT BROEKHUIZENVORST



*In expectation of things to come*

*Mgr. Savio Hon is the first person to sign the guest book.*



*The singing-practice led by Fr. Gerard Verwoerd cm.*



*The reception committee.*



*Father Jerney (Austria)  
with martyr Thomas Ceska*



*Father Noga (Slovakia) with  
martyr Antonin Biskupic*



*Reverend Paul Li (China)  
with martyr Emm. Robial*



*Father Borowski (Poland)  
with martyr Ladislaus Prinz.*



*Mr. Ton van Leest with Gerrit Wouters and  
Mrs. Lonneke van Gorp with Antoon Geerts*



*Father Delplace (France)  
with martyr Lucien Charny.*

*Mrs. Marja Leyten-Schraven Missing is a picture of Fr. Matthew Gong (China) with martyr Bertrand.  
with Msgr. Frans Schraven.*



*The procession to the church.*





*A smiling bishop Everard de Jong  
Dean Alexander de Graaf Woutering (Horst)*



*A stately 'patriarch'...*



*Father Wiel  
Bellemakers  
cm*



*The portraits on the stairs of the altar. In the centre, the reliquary  
containing the ashes of the martyrs and the pectoral cross  
belonging to Msgr. Schraven.*

*The Japanese priest Fukamizu  
testifies to the regret and makes apologies for the  
atrocities on behalf of the Bishops of Japan.*



*Everyone listen to the apology, some with tears  
in their eyes.  
It was followed with an spontaneous applause.*

*Archbishop Savio Hon reacts to the letter.*





*Everyone listened attentively.*



*The three men with miters: bishop de Jong of Roermond, archbishop Savio Hon and the abbot Bernardus of Tilburg*



*The letter of apology(framed) is accepted*



*and a gesture of reconciliation followed*



*Father Maikel Prasing of Oudenbosch stands next to Fr. Wiel Bellemakers cm*



*During the Eucharist...*



## THE BLESSING OF THE WORKS OF ART IN THE MARTYRS CHAPEL







*Father Jan Haen gives the portraits their place in the martyrs chapel.*



*After 75 years the ashes  
of the martyrs have  
a final resting place.*

*Leaving the church.*



*Two waving hands.*





## THE GATHERING IN THE 'MAASPAVILJOEN' AT BROEKHUIZEN

*Welcoming speech by chairman Harry Schraven.*



*Table blessing by bishop de Jong.*



*A generous table and easy atmosphere.*



*The Chinese delegation.*





*Susan Schraven tells of her experience in carrying the ashes of the martyrs into the church...*



*A proud chairman and shining Fr. Jan Haen at the centre of attention.*

**IN THE AFTERNOON THE FIRST LECTURE ON  
MSGR. SCHRAVEN IS DELIVERED  
BY PROF. DR. E. BORGMAN**



***‘We are living in the middle of violence and  
by commemorating victims of violence,  
we oppose this violence’.***