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# This issue is devoted to the work of Religious Communities working in South Korea

## THE KOREAN FRANCISCAN BROTHERHOOD



In October 2001 the Friary moved from Incheon to a location near Gangchon in Gangwondo (the mountainous province east of Seoul). Since then the Brothers have been settling into their new life in very different surroundings and developing new programmes and ministries.

# KOREAN FRANCISCAN BROTHERHOOD

Our dream is to establish a religious community for men in the Anglican church.

We want to be disciples of Christ and to serve him in the church and in the world around us by a life of:

- poverty living simply
- chastity offering our lives to God
- o obedience being faithful to discern God's call

## Our daily life will be a balance of

- o prayer daily prayer, mass, meditation
- o study to know more about God and to develop our gifts for ministry
- o work our own house work, ministry in the church and in the world

We want to develop a style of community life where we can grow in

- o humility recognising our limitations and our need for God's grace
- o love receiving God's gift of love for each other
- o joy knowing that Christ is the source of a deep happiness that never fades

We want to serve Christ by various ministries.

- o among the handicapped and poor around us
- o among young Christians helping them grow in the experience of prayer
- among those who need rest and refreshments and a time of retreat
- developing our witness as an Anglican community open to all Christians and promoting ecumenical dialogue

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From Left: Brs Stephen, Lawrence & Christopher John outside Friary

# SOCIETY OF THE HOLY CROSS

The Society of the Holy Cross is a religious order of women in the Korean Anglican Church. It was founded on 14th September 1925 in Seoul when the Rt Rev'd Mark Trollope admitted Sr Phoebe Lee as the first Postulant. The Korean Sisters were nurtured by Sisters from the Community of St Peter, Woking, Surrey, England.

The Sisters live in community with the spirituality of a modified form of the Augustinian Rule. They seek to follow Jesus Christ and take

the three vows of Poverty, Chastity and Obedience.

The aim of the Community is to glorify God through loving neighbour and bringing souls God by devoted life of daily liturgical prayer and personal meditation, and by work in whatever capacity calls the God Sisters to in this contemporary world.

The sisters' main activities are:

· parish work,

- · making wafers,
- wine and vestments for the Holy Communion,
- · running a retreat house,
- offering hospitality to guests
- taking care of mentally retarded girls and lonely elderly ladies

**Holy Cross Convent** 

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# **JESUS ABBEY**

Jesus Abbey is an intentional Christian community in the Taebaek Mountains of Kangwondo, South Korea. There are about 30 adult members and 30 novices and postulants (trainees) and 30 children.

The primary purpose of the Abbey is to engage in intercessory prayer for the nation, for the church, for the world and for individuals whose needs come to our attention. We have over 4000 guests in a year and arrange some seminars and conferences for them, but mostly we leave our guests to their own devices to go hiking, enjoy the

scenery, pray, or help with the work.

We have various projects, including a dairy farm and sheep ranch at a separate location and are about 55% self supporting. We are affiliated with the Anglican Church but welcome people of all denominations. We are governed by a council of elders, not by an abbot.

Jesus Abbey

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## ORDER OF ST BENEDICT



Anglican Diocese of Pusan, Korea.

## **History:**

The Order of St Benedict was founded within the Pusan Diocese in September 1993 at the request of the Most Rev'd Bundo Kim, Bishop of Pusan and the recognition of the Standing Committee of the Diocese. Sister Hannah was the founding sister.

## **Purpose:**

The Order follows the Rule of St Benedict as a way of following Christ's spirituality of the Gospel. Through community life we seek fulfilment of God's calling.

## **Spirituality:**

Traditionally the Benedictine Vows are stability, conversion, and obedience. However the present community members have already

made vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. Therefore, we will keep these vows as the Community's traditional religious vows.

#### Vision:

The motto of St Benedict is "Praying and Working" (Ora et Labora). Therefore our life consists of:

Prayer (divine office, meditation, spiritual reading and silence)

Works (including outside work)

A specific work or activity is not our purpose. We are open to all missions and works of the church as much as our abilities permit.

### St Benedict's Convent

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