



FROM OCTOBER 7TH to October 19th, the Consolata missionaries in Asia gathered in Taiwan for a retreat and a regional conference. In Asia, there are 20 Consolata Missionaries working in three countries: Korea, Taiwan, and Mongolia.

The event began with the arrival of Vice General Superior Fr. Michaelangelo IMC and retreat master Fr. Luca Bovio IMC on Thursday, October 5th. On Saturday, October 7th, missionaries from Korea and Mongolia arrived in Taipei and then traveled to Hsinchu in Hsinchu diocese where the Consolata missionaries are based.

On Sunday, October 8th, the missionaries attended Holy Mass in three different parishes served by the Consolata Missionaries, providing them with a taste of a Chinese-style Holy Mass. After the Mass, they embarked on a four-hour journey to Kaohsiung, where the retreat and regional conference were to be held.

The retreat, led by Fr. Luca Fabio IMC from Poland, began on Monday, October 9th. Fr. Luca delved into the theme of "mission," emphasizing the missionary

calling and the importance of setting an example as true Christians and following Christ's model in their mission. He emphasized that "the mission precedes the missionary." The retreat concluded on Friday, October 13th, with Fr. Luca presenting the grim situation of the war in Ukraine, which he had personally witnessed during his missionary work.

On Saturday, October 14th, the group, along with the Superior General, Fr. James Lengarin and his General Council, enjoyed a day outing in Kaohsiung City, visiting the Fo Guang Shan Monastery, the largest Buddhist Temple in Taiwan, which houses one of Sakyamuni Buddha's tooth relics.

The Conference officially began on Sunday, October 15th, with Bishop Li John Baptist of Hsinchu discussing the pastoral realities in Hsinchu Diocese and Taiwan in general. The Conference continued until Thursday, October 19th. Missionaries with less than ten years of priesthood would proceed to Taipei for a two-day Ongoing Formation and depart on Sunday, October 22nd.