

## Good Shepherd Sisters Korea

### Golden Jubilee (1966-2016)

**The Good Shepherd Sisters in Korea celebrated their Golden Jubilee on 19 May, 2016.**



We prepared for this celebration for one year from May, 2015. This time enabled us to move forward with strength, confidence and unity. We were blessed during this year to become more deeply rooted in our spirituality and experienced a renewal of our vowed religious life.

For our preparation, all of our Korean Sisters were divided into six teams encompassing the following: spirituality, liturgy, booklet publication, video production, St. Mary Euphrasia Words calendar and pilgrimage.

#### **Spirituality team**

- Prepared a monthly retreat for the Sisters according to the Spirituality of St. Mary Euphrasia, St. John Eudes, and 2015 Congregational Chapter statement. After reflection on our spirituality, each community shared their reflections.
- All the Sisters re-read 'Redemption' and shared their reflections with their community.
- Prepared an annual retreat based on our spirituality and charism.
- Gave an 8 day retreat on four different occasions for the Sisters.

#### **Liturgy team**

- Remade a Good Shepherd liturgy book.

**Booklet publication**

- Published an RGS booklet.

**Video Production**

- Produced a video of the Good Shepherd Sisters in Korea which covered both history and ministries.

**SME Words Calendar**

- A calendar was produced with words from St. Mary Euphrasia for each day.

**Pilgrimage**

All the Korean Sisters made a pilgrimage on foot from Gunsan to Okbong which was the location of our first missionary Sisters' convent. We retraced our Sisters' lives remembering that they sowed the seeds of Good Shepherd spirituality of mercy and reconciliation. We renewed our spirituality, zeal, unity and reconciliation following in the steps of our missionary Sisters.

**Missionary Sisters**

May 19 is the day our first missionary Sisters (Sr. Anna Mary Willig and Sr. Rose Virginia Hayes) landed in Korea. Afterwards many missionary sisters came to Korea and lived our Good Shepherd life. They laid the foundation stone in Korea and developed our Korean mission. They include Sr. Eileen Robinson, Sr. Rita Danganan, Sr. Bonaventure Mirasol, Sr. Pamela Volland, Sr. Joanna Le and Sr. Ramani Silva. We invited them to Korea with deep gratitude. Although Sr. Eileen deeply desired to come, her doctor forbade her to make such a long trip. Many other Sisters came for varying lengths of stay during the early years including Sr. Kathleen Caples, Sr. Angela Battung, Sr. Susanne Sinense, Sr. Bernadette Robitaille, Sr. Lourdes and others both from Vietnam and Sri Lanka.





## The Jubilee celebration



The day of our celebration we were joined by 30 priests and over 350 people who came to congratulate us. This included our mission partners, former residents, benefactors, and Sisters from other Congregations.

Bishop Jang presided over the Mass which was very beautiful and majestic. During the Mass we sang "Shepherd of my Soul", and "St. Mary Euphrasia's Prayer for Hope". Our Korean Sisters choir sang "Praise Song". This song was about our Good Shepherd vocation and life.

After Mass Sr. Marie Jean Bae, our Province Leader, thanked all the missionaries and the participants. Representing the missionary sisters, Sr. Ramani expressed her gratitude for her experience in our Korean mission. We presented our history and mission in Korea through the video that had been prepared.

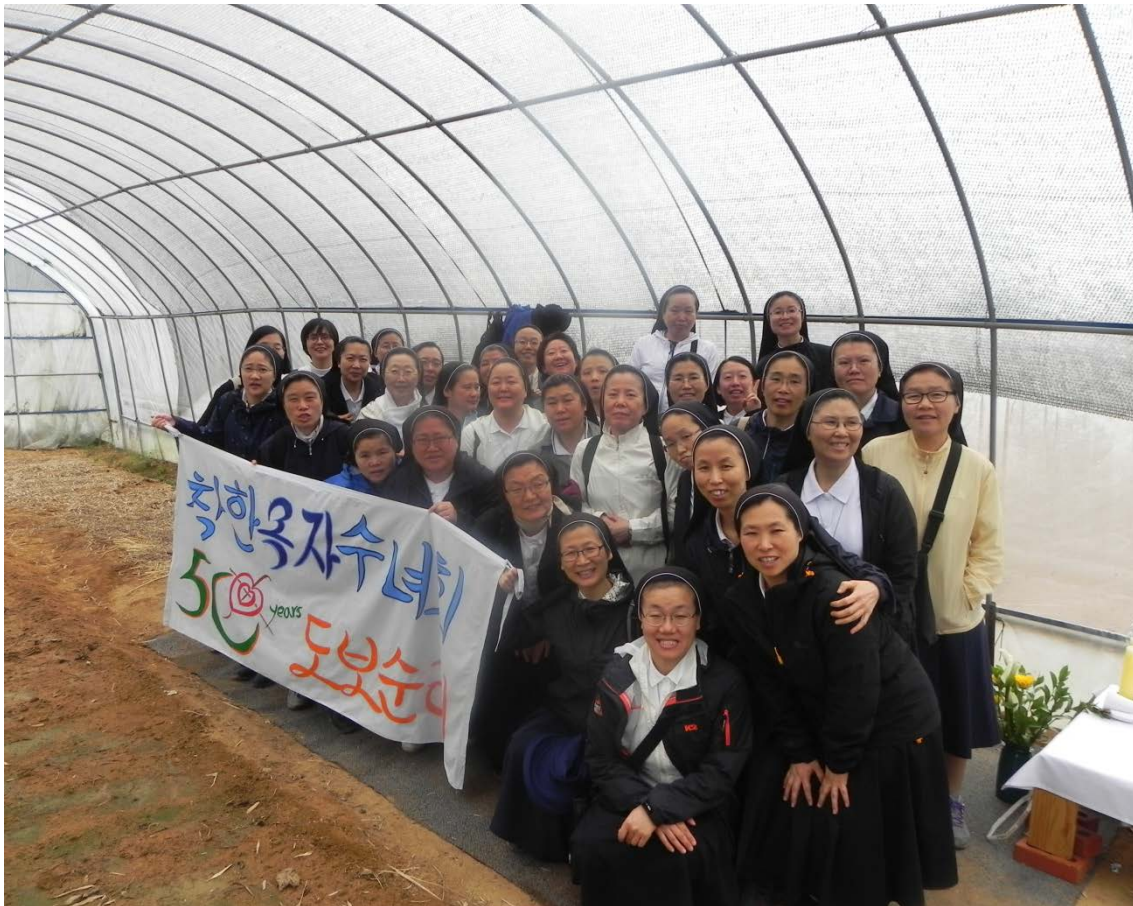


### **The celebrations continued**

Our Missionary Sisters stayed some more days. They were very happy to meet old missionary friends and our Korean Sisters. They visited our apostolates and had a chance to do some sightseeing. It was a very meaningful time for both our missionary Sisters and us.

### **Gratitude and Blessing**

All were filled with a profound sense of gratitude for all that God has done over the past 50 years. May He continue to guide and lead us over the next 50 years granting us many vocations and enabling us, with His grace, to be faithful to His call!



**27<sup>th</sup> April 2016 - Sisters during the Walking Pilgrimage from Gunsan city to Okbong village where the first missionaries began our Good Shepherd mission in Korea in 1966**