

Letter To The Foreigners at Miyazaki Parish

From : Miyazaki Catholic Church

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To All My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ ;

I'm Fr. Yoshida of Miyazaki Catholic Church. We are the community of Miyazaki Catholic Church and I would like to welcome you all with pleasure. We may have differences in language, custom and culture; however, we are the same brothers and sisters who believed in Jesus Christ. I hope that we will go on together with the same way in faith.

As one of the priority subject of the Oita Diocese, Bishop Paulo Sueo Hamaguchi said that – “ Working Community together with the Foreigners - should be given an importance.” According to our Bishop, “ It is not ‘Catholic’ that makes a difference in our culture, race and nationality. It is the present global-culture. There’s no church that would not give any consideration to foreign people. The difference is the dispute to overcome our failures. It is plentiful that will bestow us on this opportunity. So if we can just accept each other, our faith will make a few steps of improvement.

As to what our Bishop says, the church is one country. It is there not only for the sake of one race. It exists for all mankind.

Moreover, based upon the number of people working together, the more we can offer prayers for more blessings, the better.

Presently, there's a Tagalog Mass being offered once a month at Miyazaki Catholic Church. It is greatly a delightful thing, because to join a mass in your own language is a big blessing. May this be given a great consequence. At the same time, our church is expecting your presence at Japanese Mass, too. It is also a wonderful idea if we can be together in doing many things to become acquainted with other Japanese devotees. This is in particular to those foreigners who resides here permanently. For those who have grade-school children, please let them participate in the catechism or Sunday-school. Your children will be brought up in the Japanese society. Therefore, in order to save your children not to steeped in with their sense of values in Japanese society, their faith in God is an important matter. For this reason, it is necessary for the children to learn their faith in God from their childhood.

Hereafter, I pray that we can walk together as one family in Christ.

Peace Be With You,

May God Bless Us All !

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