

Alpha program

“启发”课程

Our Chinese Apostolate started the Alpha program on the 15 July 2017. The program was led by Alpha evangelization team from KL Archdiocese.

There were 40 participants and included 3 non-Catholics and 2 participants from Butterworth. The attendance rate was quite good as 34 participants had 80-100% attendance rate for the whole program.

The program was scheduled for five weeks on every Saturday from 5pm to 10pm. The dates were 15 July, 22 July, 5 August, 19 and 26 August, 2017.

There were 10 topics being shared and two topics were shared on every Saturday. At

5.00pm, section started with a song and prayer, followed by a talk. After the talk, the participants broke into small groups for reflection on the topic. They had their dinner at 7.00pm and continued the next section that ended at 10.00pm.

On 12 and 13 August, the participants had two days one night Alpha retreat at YMCA, Ipoh. There were 48 persons that included 30 participants, 18 facilitators and a prayer group from Alpha evangelization team.

The topic for the retreat was “Holy Spirit” - the Third person of the Blessed Trinity. “The Holy Spirit” was introduced to the participants. The camp had 3 sections with the topic of; “Who is the Holy Spirit”, “What does the Holy Spirit do”, and “How can I be filled with the Holy Spirit”. During the camp,

the participants had the opportunity to experience the Holy Spirit in Charismatic prayer and healing section on Saturday night. It was a fruitful retreat. Besides the comfortable venue and delicious food, participants had the chance to experience the presence of Holy Spirit in different ways. On 26 August, the last day of the program, participants had their simple graduation celebration. They had a short sharing section of their experience in the Alpha program. Souvenir with the bible verses: Matthew 28:19 "Go therefore to make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit" were given to the participants and photos were taken.

The Alpha program was successful in that many were touched by the teaching, witnessing & fellowship. Faith was renewed as have now a deeper understanding of the Catholic faith. Some are even motivated to participate in parish life.

