

English edition Newsletters.

Overview of the subjects the Dutch Newsletter deals with.

Newsletter 10 2010/2:

Announcement of the placing of a work of art of Msgr. Schraven in the parish church of his birth village Lottum. The wooden artwork is made by the artist Hub Delnoy.

In a long article is reacted to the question why it is relevant to start a beatification process for Msgr. Schraven and companions. Several objections can be raised. Why still choose for such a process?

On the 5th of June, a reunion took place of the China travellers in autumn 2009.

From the workgroup 'women support', a group of Belgian student sisters and a priest were visited to confer about projects. A return visit followed to The Netherlands.

From the workgroup 'historical investigation and beatification' the archives of the Lazarists in Austria were visited. A visit to the relatives of the Austrian Thomas Ceska, a fellow martyr of Msgr. Schraven, was also made.

A bishop in China has as his heart's desire: a visit to The Netherlands.

The Foundation received a gift from the Schraven relatives: the sash of Msgr. Schraven which was given to the relatives after his death.

Conference about the beatification of Msgr. Schraven took place with the Chinese province.

In the 'Verbiestkoerier' of the Verbiest Institute at Leuven, an article was published about the Schraven relatives' journey to China.

Newsletter 9: 2010/1

In the archives of the Trappists at Rome, an unknown letter is found from the hand of Trappist Struyven in which he tells in what way Msgr. Schraven and companions were murdered.

Photographs of the city walls of the town Zhending, which had to be conquered by the Japanese army in 1937.

In a long article is reacted to the question, why it took so many years after Msgr. Schraven and his companions were murdered, before it received attention.

The underground bishop Msgr. Julius Jia, the successor of Msgr. Schraven, is still kept imprisoned at an unknown place.

In de Trappist abbey, the 'Achelse Kluis', a Chinese chalice is kept, which was given to Father Vincentius Hermans, nephew of Msgr. Schraven, and which he received from his uncle when he was ordained a priest in 1937.

Newsletter 8: 2009/4

The informal period of the beatification process is rounded off.

With the title : 'The resilience of the Chinese church impresses Dutch pilgrims', a report is made of the journey, which the relatives of Msgr. Schraven made in September and October.

Feast in the former diocese of Msgr. Geurts (cousin of Msgr. Schraven), on the occasion of the 110 years existence of the diocese of Tangshan.

Meeting day at Lottum after the China journey, where the travellers told about their experiences.

A publication about Msgr. Schraven and a DVD of the journey are offered for sale.

Newsletter 7: 2009/3

Announcement of a meeting day at Lottum, after the journey of the relatives to China.

Report about the Symposium that was held in Peking, about the History of the Church in China, and where Vincent Hermans gave an introduction about Msgr. Schraven and companions.

Report from the workgroup 'historical investigation and beatification' about findings in the archives of Austria, France and Italy.

Messages from the former diocese of Msgr. Schraven in China.

Report of the preparatory meeting of the travellers to China, in the autumn of 2009.

Short reports: among the Schraven relatives, more than 300 letters are collected. These were translated into English by a team of 10 translators.

The directorate of the foundation gave permission to make an artistic draft for the memorial chapel for Msgr. Schraven.

A beautiful flyer was edited, to draw the attention of a larger public to the work of the foundation, and ask for assistance to enable the foundation to do its work.

Newsletter 6: 2009/2

The direction of the Msgr. Schraven Foundation did have a talk with the church council of Broekhuizen vorst about the plan to create a memorial chapel for Msgr. Schraven in an aisle of the church.

Announcement of the preparation- day for the journey to China in the autumn, and a meeting-day afterwards, to give a report of the journey.

The diary of John Rabe about the mass murder in Nanking is edited and is published in Dutch.

Receipt of particulars about the fellow martyr Prinz, from the archives in Poland.
Investigation of the archives of the Lazarists in Paris supplied fruitful results.

A photograph of brother Antoon Geerts, fellow martyr of Msgr. Schraven, together with his brother, a Dominican.

Information about the formation of a workgroup 'sexual abuse'.

The underground bishop, successor of Msgr. Schraven, again arrested.

An article about the Episcopal coat of arms of Msgr. Schraven.

Newsletter 5: 2009/1

The directorate of the new Msgr. Schraven Foundation introduces itself to the readers of the Newsletter.

Reaction to the former Newsletter, from a reader in Paris.

Messages from the former diocese of Msgr. Schraven.

Report from the workgroup 'Historical investigation and beatification'. Particulars from the archives of Prague and from the war archives of Japan.

Announcement of a symposium at Beijing, next summer.

Reports of the workgroups 'memorabilia' and 'memorial monument'.

Relatives of Msgr. Schraven travel to China.

Announcement of a meeting day after the journey to China.

A call for help from the workgroup 'fundraising'.

Newsletter 4: 2008/4

The Msgr. Schraven Foundation is founded. The objective of this foundation is clarified.

Two young ladies of the Schraven relatives in Antwerpen (Belgium) paid a short visit to Zhending, where Msgr. Schraven was murdered. They give a report of this visit.

From the archives of Graz in Austria, a letter was received about the burial of Msgr. Schraven and companions, one year after their death.

A message about the journey to China in 2009.

A call for help, to translate in English, the letters of Msgr. Schraven which were found with his relatives.

Newsletter3: 2008/3

A booklet about Msgr. Schraven came out from China. An impressive testimony.

Messages from China: the underground successor of Msgr. Schraven.

A journey to China with relatives of Msgr. Schraven is announced.

Family chronicle.

Newsletter 2: 2008/2

A letter from a niece of Father Robial, French Trappist and fellow martyr of Msgr. Schraven is sent to the Schraven family.

By order of the Dutch Bishops, a book about the Dutch martyrs in the 20th century, was published and came out in The Netherlands. This book also includes the three biographies of Msgr. Schraven and his two Dutch companions, Antoon Geerts and Gerard Wouters.

Announcement of the plan to undertake a journey to China with members of the Schraven relatives, and an invitation for participation.

Messages from China.

The directorate of the new foundation considers its course.

Olympic games in China. A family member publishes a booklet about it.

Newsletter 1: 2008/1

Put the shoulder to the wheel for Msgr. Schraven: the directorate of the foundation which is to be set up, introduces itself to the readers of the Newsletter and explains its plans.

Review of the Msgr. Schraven commemoration of 14 October 2007.

The foundation is going to work with different workgroups, which will carry out partly tasks. These workgroups are presented.

Family chronicle.

Also in France, at Rouen, a commemoration was held of the murder of 1937 in China, by the relatives of the Trappist Emmanuel Robial, fellow martyr of Msgr. Schraven.
