



VIQUEQUE welcomes NEW Parish Priest

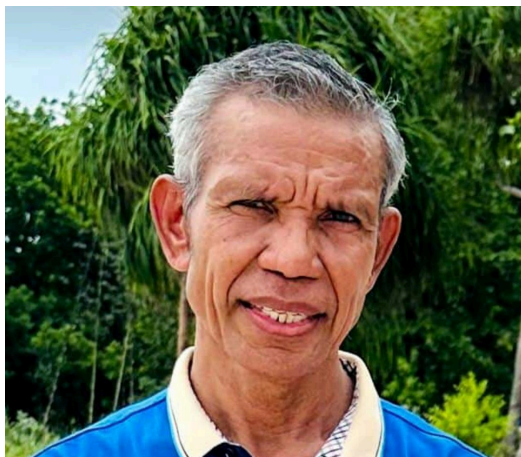
Last week, on the 25th January, the Viqueque parish (Church of the Immaculate Conception) welcomed their new parish priest: **Pe Tomas Guterres de Aquino Lopes da Cruz**. The former parish Priest, **Pe Evaristo Antonio da Costa**, has moved to the Diocese of Baucau to work in the department of education.

In a final message to parishioners of St Mary's Geelong, **Pe Evaristo** said:

“During 6 years I received supporting ou helping of Geelong parish, to facilitate my pastoral program. Geelong parish has shared his life, experience and kindness with us Viqueque parish. Sent much money to Viqueque parish to facilitate our programe, Pastoral, infrastructure, education and so on. I feel helpful to work. I have nothing to reward you.

Before leave from Viqueque parish, I would like to thank you all. I always remember you in my prayer, when I celebrate mass in every day. I would like to convey my greetings to all parishioners of Geelong. Especially to parish priest, parish council, to business manager.”

We congratulate Pe Tomas on his appointment as the new parish priest and look forward to working with him and the Viqueque parish in the future. The 8th December 2023 was the 14th anniversary of the partnership between St Mary of the Angels Geelong and Viqueque.



Former parish priest, Pe Evaristo Antonio da Costa



Bishop Leandro Maria Alves welcomed new parish priest, Pe Tomas Guterres de Aquino Lopes da Cruz