

From the Archives

"Every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old."

Matt. 13.52

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Editorial: In the October 2009 edition of the Australian MSC Province News there was an article by Fr. Greg McEnally MSC entitled "MSC in China". In this article Greg relates how work is going on at present to re-establish an MSC presence in the town of Shiqian in the province of Kweichow in south east China. The three MSC Sisters from Korea will be designated as two nurses and one community worker from the Mechthild Foundation. Our Sisters were in Kweichow from 1932 to 1951. Four Sisters arrived in 1932: Mother Loyola, Sr. Laurina, Sr. Corneliana, and Sr. Rosmunda. Four more arrived in 1933: Sr. Euphrosine, Sr. Centiana, Sr. Solina and Sr. Focia. After the Sisters were expelled by the Communists in 1951, Sr. Solina and Sr. Rosmunda came to Australia. An old photo of four MSC Sisters, two MSC Fathers and a group of Chinese women and children taken outside the convent/kindergarten accompanied the article. The photo is undated and no details are given but our Sr. Solina is quite distinctly the Sister on the far left of the picture. I obtained a copy of this photo for our archives from the editor of the Province News, Fr. Steve Dives MSC. Any documents that we have in the archives about China are mostly in German. In this edition of "*From the Archives*" I have included some selected items that are from the few that we have in English.

