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60 years Young

Sydney’s Chinese Catholics come together to celebrate their community’s diamond jubilee – and a unique contribution to the Church in this city and nationally

By Peter Rosengren

Food – lots of it. In fact, 36 courses of traditional Chinese dishes. Noise. Plenty of that, too, as more than 500 Chinese Catholics took over the Eight Modern restaurant in the Haymarket on the evening of Sunday, 5 October, a day after the Feast of St Francis. Infants scampered in every direction throughout the evening as older children and teenagers dressed in brightly coloured traditional costumes presented a series of traditional dances and performances.

Throw in one Apostolic Nuncio, a handful of Franciscan friars together with a sprinkling of other religious and you’ve got one of the things the Chinese do best – a celebration.

In this case it was the diamond jubilee of the Australian Catholic Chinese Community (ACCC), the oldest of the nation’s organisations for Chinese Catholics.

When Fr Paul Smith OFM intervened late in the evening to inform the 500-plus guests that the Rabbitohs were on the verge of winning the NRL Grand Final, rousing cheers, hoots, table-thumping and roars immediately erupted from several nearby tables.

Other tables just looked glum. Not, admittedly, a scientific test, but it was a measure of how far Sydney’s Catholic Chinese community has come in recent decades.

Sixty years ago Chinese and other Asians who migrated to Australia faced a completely different reality. Receptions then varied widely from goodwill and friendship on the part of a few to mere tolerance or even...
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Chinese Community celebrates its diamond jubilee

The ASIANA Centre, the ACCC’s archbishop said during his homily into the Church in Australia, the Chinese Catholics, had been integrated just how deeply immersed Australia’s Chinese Catholics have become in their new country’s life. Gallagher earlier in the day as he maintained the distinctive and unique contributions of Chinese Catholics to the Church in Australia. The hosting really made a roar for a welcome and traditional welcome for for variety and even the crebiled disappointment at others signals just how deeply immersed Australia’s Chinese Catholics have become in their new country’s life.

A unique point was made by Apostolic Nuncio Archbishop Paul Gallagher earlier in the day as he maintained the ACCC in 60 years. Since coming here two years ago he had been impressed by how the many ethnic groups, including Chinese Catholics, had been integrated into the Church in Australia, the archbishop said during his homily at the Asiana Centre, the ACCC’s headquarters in Ashfield.

At the same time the witnessed of so many Chinese bishops, clergy, religious and laity to their faith during the beginning of the ACCC in 1954. In fact, as celebrations and speeches were on into the night its been said that it was a spiritual event that the ACCC’s foundation and journey through the decades.

The celebration occurred close to the 360th anniversary of the founding of St Ignatius Church, Australia, on the beginning of the Chinese Catholic Pastoral Centre. After a decade, Masses recommenced at the Asiana Centre and had been the centre of the ACCC’s pastoral work in Sydney, serving the community, including the Chinese Catholic Pastoral Centre, for the last 10 years.

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