



Consecration to Jesus through Mary in Kinatarcan Island, Cebu

KINATARCAN ISLAND, Philippines - On May 24, 2018, Feast of Mary Help of Christians, 26 people in Kinatarcan Island made their Consecration to Jesus through Mary according to St. Louis-Marie de Montfort. The Consecration was integrated within the celebration of the Holy Eucharist which was presided by Rev. Fr. Richard J. Magararu, SMM, Delegation Superior. Some Montfortian priests, Fr. Rene Bustillo SMM, Fr. Gener Pito SMM and Fr. Sherwin Nuñez SMM concelebrated with him. The celebration started at 9:00 o'clock in the morning. It was attended by SMM brothers, some members of the Association of Mary Queen of all Hearts, family of the candidates and the community.

It was an exciting and memorable event in the whole island for it was the first time that the Totus Tuus Journey (TTJ) was conducted in the island. It was through the initiative of the Montfort Missionaries who stayed in the island for the whole duration of the 33-day preparation. Fr. Rene who led the team assisted by Fr. Gener and Bro Christopher Mejia (postulant), made the mission in the island possible. This served as a follow up of the mission which was started by the Montfort Missionaries led by Fr. Reynaldo Bullas Jr. SMM ten years ago.

The journey was not that easy that among the one hundred people who attended the orientation, only twenty six finally made it. The participants who journeyed together really exerted extra efforts since many of them were occupied with house chores and other obligations. The life in the island is very tough because of limited resources especially during summer, the heat is very intense.

One of the participants shared that she was discouraged by her neighbors saying that she cannot gain something out of the activity. Yet it did not hinder her from committing herself to the Lord through the TTJ. She managed to go to the venue on foot despite the long distance. Her only response was ignoring their discouragements and kept on attending the sessions until the end. She felt happy and fulfilled to be one of those who consecrated themselves to Jesus through Mary.

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