



A Momentous Occasion: Ordination of Deacons Peter Anthony, SMM and Martin Selvanayagam, SMM in the Vice-Province of India

BANGALORE, India - On the auspicious day of November 26th in Maria Bhavan, our Scholasticate community, a sacred ceremony unfolded as Deacons Peter ANTHONY, SMM and Martin SELVANAYAGAM, SMM were ordained to priesthood in the presence of a devout congregation consisting of 60 priests, religious brothers and sisters, laity, families of the ordinandi, and Montfortian friends. This momentous event holds special significance as the newly ordained deacons are bestowed as a gift upon the vice-province of India in commemoration of its Golden Jubilee.

The Holy Eucharistic celebration, presided over by the esteemed Most Reverend Dr. Raja Rao, SMM, was a deeply enriching experience for all in attendance. During the ceremony, Dr. Raja Rao eloquently expounded on the profound importance and meaning of priesthood, delving into the intrinsic value of the sacrament. His detailed insights provided a spiritual backdrop, enhancing the significance of the ordination for both the ordinandi and the congregation.

Witnessing such a sacred event was described by many as both a blessing and a privilege. The air was filled with reverence and joy as the faithful gathered to witness the transition of Deacons Peter ANTHONY, SMM and Martin SELVANAYAGAM, SMM into the esteemed role of priesthood. The sense of community and shared spirituality was palpable, creating an atmosphere of unity and celebration.

Following the solemn ceremony, the congregation came together to share a sumptuous meal, reinforcing the bond of fellowship among the attendees. This shared meal symbolized not only the nourishment of the body but also the spiritual nourishment gained through communal worship and shared faith.

The joyful occasion was further commemorated with a series of vibrant photo sessions. Participants donned specially distributed jubilee shirts, capturing the spirit of the event in lively snapshots. These photos serve as lasting mementos, encapsulating the joy, unity, and shared spirituality of this momentous day.

In essence, the ordination of Deacons Peter ANTHONY, SMM and Martin SELVANAYAGAM, SMM stands as a testament to the enduring strength and vitality of faith within the Montfortian community. As they embark on their journey as priests, their presence serves as a symbolic gift to the vice-province of India, marking the beginning of a new chapter in the spiritual tapestry of the Golden Jubilee celebrations.

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