



Celebration of SMM Mission in Asia-Oceania, Putussibau, Indonesia

PUTUSSIBAU, Indonesia - The opening of the SMM Mission celebration in Asia-Oceania in West Kalimantan was held on January 31, 2022. After the opening, each SMM parish had its own celebration of the SMM Mission in Asia-Oceania. The first to celebrate was the Parish of St. Antonius Padua, Mendalam. Then, on April 28-29, 2022, the Parish of the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary (HSPMTB), Putussibau, also celebrated.

Likewise, the celebration in Putussibau Parish was carried out by gathering young people in SMM parishes around Putussibau, namely Putussibau Parish, St. Antonius Padua, Mendalam, Penampakan Tuhan (Epiphany), Siut. Each parish sent 25 participants. The enthusiasm of the young people in this celebration can be seen in their active participation in every event.

The celebration was held for two days. The first day was opened with a Mass led by Fr. Roin, SMM. After the Mass, the event continued with a shared meal and closed with the Taize prayer. The atmosphere of Taize led young people to pray and reflect on themselves. On the second day, it was filled with several sessions brought by the Montfortians. The first session was given by Fr. Rafael, SMM about "Youth Missioners", and the second session was given by Fr. Martin, SMM about "Youth Spirituality". In the Q&A session, many young people asked questions, although sometimes they were still shy to ask. However, this still showed that young people really have the enthusiasm in paying attention to every discussion.

The event was closed with a Saint Montfort Feast Mass presided over by Fr. Jack, SMM. In his homily, Fr. Rafael, SMM emphasized the importance of young people, being motivators in the development of the church such as Saint Montfort who became a motivator for the people. Teamwork was evident among the priests and the laity, just like Saint Montfort who embraced the laity and cooperated with them in building faith. After the Mass for the Feast of St.

Montfort, the participants displayed their own creativity by rendering a dance, song, and poetry.

Indeed, the collaboration among the priests and the laity was observed in this celebration, wherein the Montfortians worked together with the laity, especially with the young people who were instrumental to the success of the celebration. They contributed well not only in the preparation, but also during and after the celebration.

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