



Priesthood Ordination of Deacon Sintus, SMM

FLORES, Indonesia - On Saturday, October 1, 2022, the Feast of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus, one of our confreres, Deacon Sixlus Rikardus DEPA, SMM (Sintus) was ordained priest at the Hall of the St. Paulus Ledalero, Maumere. He received the sacrament of priesthood with 11 other SVD deacons, with the ordaining bishop, Mgr. Vincent SENSI, Bishop of the Archdiocese of Ende. The ordination began at 09.00 WITA and ended around 12.30. Hundreds of priests, brothers, sisters, and families of the new priests attended the celebration. It was very lively, accompanied by beautiful dances and melodious chorus singing from the SVD Ledalero brothers.

These twelve new priests chose the ordination motto "Love Never Ends" (1 Cor 13:8). Through this motto, they want to declare that God's love is eternal and perfect in the journey of their vocation. In his homily, the bishop advised the new priests that receiving the sacrament of priesthood means receiving the grace of God. The priesthood is a clear sign of God's unending love. Therefore, the sacrament of priesthood needs to be received with gratitude and joy.

On his remarks at the end of the celebration, Fr. Anton TENSI, SMM advised the new priests to maintain the priesthood faithfully and be witnesses of Christ's love wherever he was sent. Meanwhile, the provincial priest of SVD Ende, Fr. Lukas JUA, SVD, emphasized that new priests should always harmonize their life and priestly ministry with the mystery of the cross of Christ. Fr. Anton also officially announced the first assignment of Fr. Sintus which is in the Netherlands.

May the prayers of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the prayers of St. Louis-Marie de Montfort and Blessed Marie Louise of Jesus always accompany Fr. Sintus in his priestly ministry in the Netherlands.

Fr. Lukas DIRMAN, SMM