



## **A Send Off Celebration for Fr. Richard Magararu, SMM**

**QUEZON CITY, Philippines** - On October 18, 2020, the Feast of St. Luke the Evangelist, the sending off celebration for Rev. Fr. Richard Magararu, SMM to his new mission in the United Kingdom, a collaborative missionary effort for the Philippines-United Kingdom entity, was held at the Mary Queen of All Hearts Chapel in South Triangle, Quezon City.

The celebration started at 5:00 PM with the Mass presided by Fr. Richard and was concelebrated by Rev. Fr. Norwyn V. Baydo, SMM, the Delegation Superior. Some Montfortian confreres together with the Scholastics, Postulant and Pre-Postulants attended the said event.

Fr. Richard, in his homily, stressed out the importance of being sent out not for himself but for the congregation. He challenged everyone to be always available whenever there is a call to do mission even when it entails leaving friends, family and loved ones. Lastly, he reminded the community that like the disciples who were sent in pairs, it is fitting to have someone as they help each other in facing the many challenges of their mission and this is our vocation and mission as followers and missionaries of Jesus Christ. Before the final blessing, Fr. Norwyn blessed and read the rites of sending off missionaries and gave him a crucifix to be always reminded of Jesus, Wisdom Incarnate.

The Mass ended at 6:30 PM. Afterwards, the SMM Brothers prepared an Italian dinner, pasta, French sandwiches and fried bacons. The postulant and pre-postulants prepared a dance number and photobooths. The SMM Scholastics also rendered a song entitled "Paring Pilipino". The

Delegation had a wine toast to express the love and support of the community to Fr. Richard's new mission.

It was indeed an evening to remember that was filled with laughter and celebration. Everyone went back home to their respective communities with a heart full of joy, thanking the Lord for the gift of mission. Glory to God Alone!

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