



### **Response to a Call: GIVE FOOD AND FEED THE HUNGRY**

**CEBU CITY, Philippines** - Last December 4, 2022, a gift-giving and feeding program was conducted at Kabangkalan, Tuburan, Cebu City, the current mission area of the Itinerant Mission Team of Montfort Missionaries, namely Fr. Lester C. BONETE, SMM and Fr. Ronald B. BARUELA, SMM. It was indeed a grace-filled moment for the community of Kabangkalan as they entered the Second Sunday of Advent and heard the voice of John the Baptist saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near...Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.” (Mt. 3:2-3). These words of St. John the Baptist were actualized and responded to by the two Montfortian missionaries together with the Daughters of Wisdom-Cebu Community, headed by Sr. Marie Leonora SANTOS, DW; Friends of Wisdom; Association of Mary Queen of All Hearts-Cebu (AMQAH) and Totus Tuus Journey-Cebu (TTJers).

At 10:00 in the morning, the Eucharistic Celebration was presided over by Fr. Lester C. BONETE, SMM, and was concelebrated by Fr. Ronald B. BARUELA, SMM, who also delivered the homily. After the Mass, 243 households received 5 kilos of rice and groceries each. Food packs and ice cream were given to almost 300 children. Not only did the Montfortian family become an instrument of God's blessing, but also the community of Kabangkalan. They prepared simple snacks for everyone who visited and helped them as a sign of gratitude for what they received.

The mission of Christ continues for the greater Glory of GOD ALONE.

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