

The Celebration of the Golden Jubilee of the Diocese of Port-Vila

In order to show that Saint Ann Parish also rejoices at the celebration of the Golden Jubilee of the Diocese of Port-Vila, we organized a program as followed: the Celebration began with a so-called “religious night”. The religious (Daughters of Mary and Marist Fathers) opened the evening with their activity.



It was then followed by choirs, sketches, dances presented by students of primary schools, students from secondary school, youths, groups of prayers (Sacred Heart, Welcome Heart, Legion of Mary), sectors (1 to 5) and also annexes (Lelek, Lorethiakarkar, Sara 3 and Lorevilko). We all thanked the Lord for the gift of Faith that our ancestors did receive and that was then passed on to us. There was a real atmosphere of joy and peace.



The following day (Sunday 25th), we marched from the Community Hall to the Podium, and before the celebration of the Eucharist, we had “le lever des drapeaux”: the Vatican flag, Vanuatu flag and Sanma Provincial flag.



The Celebration of the Eucharist was presided by Fr Louis Maite sm, assisted by Fathers Godfrey and Paul and the Cachechits. All the existing prayer groups animated the mass.



The cutting of the cake and afternoon activities: custom dances, religious dances, sketches, quiz, choirs.





The speech of the bishop was read by Fr Paul to the people of Port-Olry: “The mission carried out by missionaries was not made-upon the road; it is Christ’s mission and the Diocese fully participate in that mission. It is a mission of love, Christ reveals the image of his Father as being a loving Father.” At 5 P.M we formally closed our day but people stayed until 10 P.M, since our activities were still going on. The celebration of the golden jubilee coincided with the Feast of Sacred Heart and the opening of the Synod.



During these celebrations, the theme we tried to put into value was the theme of the Synod: “We are all Evangelizers”!

