

## NEWS FROM CAMEROUN MEME COMMUNITY

We are at moment of celebrating our 50 years of existence as a Diocese of Maroua-Mokolo. The inauguration of the jubilee year was on December 3, 2021 by Bishop Bruno Ateba Ado. It was also an opportunity to welcome new Religious in the Diocese of which Sr. Philomena Alako and Sr. Bélise Niyongere were among.

Towards the end of January this year 2022, the Parish said goodbye to Sister Patricia who was going on a mission to Ghana. Thanks to Patricia who was an Instrument of Mercy among the sick and the poor of the Parish of Mémé.

With the departure of Sister Patricia, Sister Keren arrived in Cameroun on February 15, 2022 to join our community. It was a busy moment with the girls in session. She has embarked on helping these young girls to encourage them in their handiwork such as embroidery, sewing, cooking etc.

We have other activities during the year such as to educate small children in movement called cop Monde (could be compared to Holy childhood) to know God.



Sr. Philomina is responsible for Liturgy. Sr. Bélise teaches catechesis in Primary School and accompanies women in their activities

On Palm Sunday, some of our girls obtained their certificate of completing their training. It was joy in the heart of these girls and their trainers. That day we exhibited the work done by these girls in training.

We also celebrated women's day together with the women of the Parish. It was good to exhibit their talents by dancing and marching together.

The other important event in the Diocese was a Mass of thanks giving for Bishop Philip Steven RIP in Mayo-Ouldeme Parish, where a Cross was erected in the presence of the deanery and members of his family who could make it for the occasion. It was a memorable celebration.

On the Feast of St. Joseph, we joined our brothers, the Josephites at Ouzal Parish to mark the day. They were happy to be supported by us because their Parish is isolated and in red zone where the Boko Haram still raid the area at any time.



They are courageous in remaining in the Parish to strengthen the Christians. Thank you to our brothers, father Paulino and Ambrose for being there.

We had a visit of Sr. Grace our Regional Leader and Sr. Alice Kyasimire from Uganda.

It was a joy to have them with us. People around us were also happy to see Sr. Grace again after some years since she left in 2015.

For Alice it was her first time to be in North Cameroun. She visited some Parishes around and



the place where our sisters worked in Mayo Ouldeme Parish.

The happiest moment for her, it was when she climbed the mountain to see where our Sr. Bernadette lived.

From there we admired the courage, zeal and simplicity of our sisters at that time. Thanks to Sr. Bernadette who chose the hermit life. She gave life to people around the mountain.

Thank you, Sr Grace and Alice, for your visit, come again.

Before ending the school time of the Year 2021-2022, we had a Zonal gathering of 380 Youth from different Parishes. The theme was the one of the Diocese: *“Put out into the deep and let down your nets”* (LK 5,4). We invited them to overcome their problems, their worries to go beyond them by creating work, by looking to Jesus in moving on a better life full of hope and confidence.

For now, we are in rainy season where people are busy in the fields, the sorghum is growing, it is time of hunger no food in houses, they are waiting for the harvest.

May God grant us nice time of rain so that we can have a nice season and a better harvest.







Girls in formation exhibiting the work of their hands



Sister Bélise teaching catechesis



Sister Philomina with the Cop Monde group