

CELEBRATION OF THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DIOCESE OF MAROUA-MOKOLO, IN THE FAR NORTH OF CAMEROON



The first of July 2023, the preparations for the Diocesan celebrations began. The priests were busy finishing up the house which was built for the Fiftieth Anniversary of the diocese. The house was blessed by Bishop Bruno Ateba in the presence of Priests and the seminarians and there were many different games to mark the Jubilee.



The week before the jubilee, more former missionaries invited arrived for the occasion. It was during this time, Sr Agnes Philips DMJ and Rosemary Kamahoro DMJ arrived, Srs Belise and Dona met them

at the Airport. Even Bishop Bruno was present to meet all missionaries. There was also Sr Anne Marie Adama's sister and brother Pascaline and Moïse, who came to greet Rosemary and Agnès at the Procure. The photos below.

On the eve of the Jubilee, Christians from all over Diocese arrived in Maroua by bus. And cultural evening began. At the bishop's house, a festive meal awaited for missionaries returning to Cameroon for the Jubilee. And each missionary present was given a gift for the congregation or Parish.



That day, Belise and Magina, the wife of the former cook to Abbé Frans Bill (Mémé's first parish priest), had come to pick up Rose Mary and Agnès from the Procure in Maroua (by order of Mgr Bruno and for security reason the Minister of Territorial Administration, representing President Paul Biya, who arrived... two hours later. The three new bells, including the small one from Germany, were blessed, and then rang out joyfully, announcing the start of the Cathedral's Dedication.



The Mass was presided over by the Archbishop of Garoua, Mgr Faustin Ambassa, surrounded by 7 Bishops, including 3 Archbishops, and over 160 priests. Three bishops anointed 12 cathedral pillars and the altar, and Mgr Faustin placed the relics of Saint Vincent Palloti and Saint Faustina, apostle of Divine Mercy, in the altar .

After Mass, groups of people in different locations enjoyed a meal.

Monday, 10th July, we celebrated the birthday of Sr Bélise together with our brothers the Josephites missionaries who had come from Europe and Congo to celebrate Diocesan Jubilee. The parish Priest joined us later and we had a great time together.



From left to right Fr (from Belgium), Fr Floribert, Sr Donatilla, Fr Moise parish priest, Fr Roger, Sr Keren, Sr Rosmary, Fr (from Congo) Sr Belise, Fr Paulin

Meme Community