

## Blessing of the newly constructed church in the Philippines

**DAGUPAN CITY, Philippines** - The newly constructed Church of St. Louis-Marie Grignion de Montfort was officially blessed in a solemn ceremony presided over by the Superior General of the Montfort Missionaries, Fr. Yoseph Putra Dwi Darma WATUN, SMM, with Fr. Prem KUMAR, SMM, Assistant General and the Montfort Missionaries in the Philippines as concelebrants. The event drew a large gathering of parishioners, local officials, and benefactors, marking a significant milestone for the community.

The ceremony began with a procession spearheaded by different village (barangay) chapels under the parish jurisdiction (Brgy. Bolosan, Brgy. Mangin, Brgy. Mamalingling, Brgy. Salisay, Brgy. Tambac, AB Fernandez and Tambac Muelag), followed by a solemn Eucharistic celebration which highlighted the completion of the church. The celebration stands as a testament to the faith and dedication of the parish community. In his homily, Father Dwi emphasized the importance of the community and the role of the church in nurturing spiritual growth.

Fr. Rene S. BUSTILLO, SMM, the parish priest, expressed profound gratitude to all sponsors and benefactors whose contributions made the construction possible. He highlighted the collective effort and generosity that transformed the vision of the parish into reality.

The event concluded with a gathering as the attendees enjoyed sumptuous food and different presentations led by the pastoral council and parish ministries, allowing them to celebrate the blessing of the new church and connect with one another. The church of St. Louis-Marie Grignion de Montfort Parish is set to serve as a cornerstone for spiritual life in Bolosan, reinforcing the community's commitment to faith and fellowship.