

We are traditional Catholics!

It is now already one month since I returned from my last trip to Vanuatu but the evening of the 22nd August remains engraved in my memory. Inside the large dimly lit hut that we use temporarily as a chapel, I had asked chief Wan if I could discuss with him and the men of the village about our future visits, the building of the church and especially their position towards Tradition. It was not only Wan and the men who came, but the whole village was present.

After many years without the visit of a priest, the new appointed priest in charge of the area came to visit them between my last two trips. At my question to know where they stood towards the modern Church, the answer of the chief was a great moment for Tradition. He stood up and said in broken bislama tso hat I could easily understand: « Father, there is no discussion, we all agree, we are traditional Catholics! If the local priest comes to visit us, we will welcome him generously, but we will tell him that we are traditional Catholics and, if he wants to come visit us, he should be a traditional Catholic ». What a testimony! Far from the amalgams and without understanding all the theological issues, a Catholic village was professing its faith in the Church of all times and wished only one thing: that its shepherds continue to teach like the missionaries who taught their fathers, like the Society of Saint Pius X is teaching today. I thank God to have been witness to the testimony of those men and women profoundly attached to the faith of all times.

« Go therefore, teach ye all nations » Mat 28,19



Procession in honour of Our Lady on August 22nd



Many big games for the children

Group of faithful on Sunday 23rd January after the Mass



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A church to finish

Under the leadership of the Tynong's Knights of Our Lady, the building of a large church started in July 2010. Since then, the natives have continued construction brick by brick. There remains much work for generous men to complete this project for the greater glory of God.



Many thanks

To our two catechists Floriane and Clotilde who have prayed and have made pray, sung and have made sing all these children so desiring to know better Jesus and Mary. A memorable experience!



Our Presbyterian friends at Araki

Do you protest? No!

Our catechist, Hailili baptised Joseph, comes from the tiny island of Araki where all the inhabitants are Presbyterians. As usual, we passed the last day of our trip in that paradisaical place on earth but, this time, the locals were not happy with some discussions. 'Explain to us the way of the Cross'. I responded, it is with pleasure that I will do so but, first of all, after having recited the rosary together (!), I introduced my 'conference' this way: 'Am I a Catholic priest?' 'Yes, Father'. 'And are you protestants?' 'Yes Father'. 'You protest then?' 'No!' 'But do you know why you are protestants'. 'No, we don't know'. And I spoke, then, about the Church and her marks: One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic. The mark Apostolic captivated them particularly. 'Ah, yes, you come from Jesus, through the bishops, up to the Apostles. We can trace back to Jesus. We will ask our pastor where he is from!'. And Sésé, the oldest one answered: 'But I know where he is from, we were at school together and they decided that he will become pastor. But the pastors speak constantly about money. It is not feed my sheep but feed my shepherd!' What an amazing evening. The questions never stopped. These souls are thirsty of the Truth. 'Thank you very much Father. When you speak, it is clear. Please, come back, come back again.' For sure we will.

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« My roses' blades will have apostolic value » (St Therese of the Child Jesus)

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- January 2016
- August 2016

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« The measure of our zeal must be that of Jesus Christ » (Father Damian de Veuster)