

CELEBRATING THE FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

This year, for the first time, the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus was celebrated in a very unique way. The whole celebration was done in three parts: starting with the anticipation of the feast of the Sacred Heart on the 18th of June 2022; then followed by the SCJ Community celebration on the actual day of the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on the 24th June 2022; and concluded by a friendly soccer match between the SCJ Brothers of Dehon International Formation House in Pietermaritzburg and the Youths of St Francis of Assisi Parish in Eastwood on the 26th of June 2022.



The anticipation of the celebration of the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on the 18th of June 2022 hosted by the Dehon International Formation House in Pietermaritzburg

With great joy the SCJ Community of Dehon International Formation House celebrated the Sacred Heart feast together with the Sodalities of the Sacred Heart from St. Francis of Assisi and St. Vincent parishes on the 18th of June 2022. This was the first time which the Dehon International Formation House hosted Sodalities of the Sacred Heart from the two parishes. They participate in some parts of the devotion to the Sacred Heart, thus coming and celebrating this feast day together with the SCJs enriched them with a prayerful and joyful way.



The celebration started with the Holy Mass where everybody was welcomed by the Superior of the House, Fr. Angel, SCJ.

In his welcoming speech he indicated that it was very good for these three communities to



come together for this celebration so as to pray together and share the same love for the Sacred Heart of Jesus. He emphasized during his homily the importance of the devotion to the Sacred Heart where the love for the Father and all humans is revealed. Thus, we should take it very seriously and practiced it in our daily life.

After mass, lunch was served, alongside with a short presentation of the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus by Br. Rorisang Stephen Malibo, SCJ. Br. Malibo highlighted that the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus' popularization in its modern form is coming from the French Roman Catholic nun Margaret Mary Alacoque who is well known by the apparitions that she received between 1673 and 1675.

During lunch the celebration was graced with live music performance by the Brothers and the Members of the Sodalities of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

In conclusion, the secretary of the Sodality of the Sacred Heart of Jesus from the Archdiocese of Durban expressed his gratitude and thanks to the Community of Dehon International Formation House for hosting such an event. At the end of this part of celebration Fr. Angel, SCJ, gave a blessing to all.

Actual feast day

On the actual day of the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the community celebrated the day starting with Holy Mass presided by Fr. Gilbert, SCJ, who also celebrated his 16th anniversary of priesthood. The day was concluded by a braai alongside with music and joyful atmosphere.

The soccer match



Lastly, the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus was ended by a football match between the Brothers of Dehon International Formation House and the Youths of St Francis of Assisi parish. The SCJ Brothers won the match 3:2. This event was blessed with sunny day and a family time for the parishioners who enjoyed watching the game and sharing braai for lunch. The day ended with music entertainment alongside with dancing and followed by a blessing given by Fr. Gilbert, SCJ, the parish priest of St. Francis of Assisi.