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BLESSING OF THE NEW CHAPEL OF THE Bx GJ COMMUNITY KARA CHAMINADE

A new cheerful and spacious chapel was built in the Bx GJ Chaminade community of Kara and called the Bx Chaminade chapel. Like the community, it is placed under the patronage of the founder. It was then that she was blessed on April 08, 2020, the anniversary of the founder.



Why a new chapel?

The idea of building a new chapel in the Bx GJ Chaminade community in Kara was born out of the brothers' desire to create a great opening of liturgical celebrations to the pupils and educational actors present in the work. Indeed, the old chapel being inside and upstairs of the community, did not allow students and educational actors to participate in liturgical celebrations. Helping all the actors of the college to live with the brothers of the community the Eucharistic celebrations and if possible the offices, is the most ardent wish of the community. It is in this sense that the new chapel was built below, outside the community and open to the college. While the old chapel could hold less than 30 people, the new chapel has a capacity of around 65 places. This will make it possible to accommodate more than one class for the Eucharistic celebrations organized by the college chaplaincy. Since the new chapel is greatly exposed to the sun, it will be bordered by trees to create a cool climate inside it. Also remember that it is equipped with a good solar installation.



Blessing of the Bx Chaminade chapel

The blessing ceremony of the new chapel of the Bx GJ Chaminade community in Kara took place on April 8, 2020 at 6 p.m. in a Mass presided over by the Vicar General of the Diocese of Kara, Reverend Father Innocent PAHIZI, and concelebrated by the Superior regional of the Marianist brothers of Togo, Father Ignace PAGNAN (SM) and Father Robert SIDAKOU (SM). This ceremony took place in very small numbers because of the planetary health crisis caused by the corona virus. Nevertheless, she knew the presence of representatives of three of the four Marianist branches (Marian Alliance, Daughters of Immaculate Mary and Society of Mary) and of some acquaintances in this case one of the Salesian sisters. We also note the significant presence of the mayor of Awandjelo (Kara region), Mr. PISSYU E. Sam,



At the start of the mass, the regional father spoke for his word of welcome. In his word, he presented his thanks to the assembly for his significant presence, in particular to the vicar general and through him his excellence Monsignor Jacques Danka LONGA, bishop of Kara. He recalled the birthday of the founder, Father Guillaume Joseph Chaminade, which the congregation celebrates on April 8. It is for him a grace that the blessing of this new chapel Bx Chaminade be made on this day of the founder. He also made it clear that the altar, tabernacle and large cross will not be blessed, as they were transferred from the old chapel. After the word from the regional, the vicar general also took the floor to greet the bishop who commissioned him to come and bless the chapel on his behalf and to thank the

regional father for his very warm welcome. He underlined that the chapel is a holy place and as such, it allows men to draw near to God and to praise him eternally.



During Mass, the litany of saints was sung, followed by the blessing of the water and that of the chapel. The readings were those of the day. In his homily, the regional father insisted on three significant elements namely the incarnation, faith and the community. He suggested that the transfer of the chapel from top to bottom is a sign of the incarnation, God who

becomes man and close to men. Speaking of faith, he recalled that the chapel is a place of faith. As for the community, it is the instrument of the mission, according to the thought of the founder, he stressed.

After the Eucharistic celebration, the regional took the floor again to thank honorably the mayor of Awandjelo and his collaborators. He did not fail to say thank you to all those who worked hard from near or far for this chapel to be assembled in good and due form. There followed the word of thanks from the vicar general who wanted to say a big thank you to the assistance and especially to the Marianist brothers for the welcome. At the end of the mass, the assembly was directed to the prenovitiate for a fraternal agape.

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Happy celebration of the Easter Triduum!