



## NEW VILLAGE CHAPEL IS BLESSED

**Ambassa (Tripura): 15 November, 2020** a new village Chapel at Dhonchara in Ambassa Parish was blessed by Bishop Lumen Monteiro CSC, the Bishop of Agartala Diocese. It was a Sunday, a day of Joy and Blessing for the people of Dhonchara Catholics. They have been waiting for this day since the village chapel construction work had begun a year ago. Around 450 parishioners were waiting at 09:00 am to welcome Bishop around 500 meters away from the Chapel. He was received by young and old with flowers and a song in Molsom language. Bishop then blessed the human size statues of Sacred Heart of Jesus, Mother Mary and St. Peter. Along with the statues Bishop was taken in procession with joyful hymns to the newly built Chapel. After placing the statues on the elevation of the church Fr. Jeevan Kennedy SVD, the Vice-Regional Superior of ING and along with local church leaders inaugurated the Church by cutting the ribbon. Fr. Thumma Lourdu Mareddy the assistant Ambassa parish priest unveiled the plaque and Bishop Lumen Blessed the Chapel. Bishop and concelebrant were led to the altar by traditionally dressed girls with an entrance dance in Molsom tribal language. Holy Mass was a thanks giving to the Almighty Lord for the beautiful church. It was the time to pray and thank all those who worked for it, donated money, slogged to complete the work of chapel. The beautiful choir in Molsom language added to the devotion to the liturgy. The felicitation to Bishop, Fathers, sisters, masons and the local leaders with tradition attire was a symbol of love and gratitude. The lunch was prepared for all the people and it was a community meal to thank one another.

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