

Sunday, June 7, 2015

Saint Boniface Celebrates the Feast of *Corpus Christi*.

On Sunday, June 7th, Holy Cross and Précieux-Sang parishes (Precious Blood Parish) joined ranks to organize a procession to celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi in Saint Boniface.



People met at Holy Cross church where they prayed the opening prayer under a cloudy sky and pouring rain! Then they walked a 5 km loop down the streets of St Boniface, with ten pauses along the way to reflect, and pray for all their parishioners.



Nicole Gosselin, member of Précieux-Sang, thought it was important that the two parishes united to celebrate this Feast. “This procession is usually organized by Holy Cross Parish. This is the first time we get together to plan and celebrate, and thus we walk side by side around Saint Boniface.”

The joy of being together was evident as well for the parishioners of Holy Cross.



“Holy Cross Parish organizes this procession every year. This year, we wanted to share with the people of Précieux-Sang. We have much in common, so we must also have ties. We are the same people! We took the initiative to invite them and

they joined us for this wonderful procession,” commented Michel Robin, between a lull in the voice directing the prayers over the loudspeaker, and alternating between English and French. Indeed, this procession, for the first time, brought two parishes together, one Anglophone and one Francophone, to pray and celebrate this great Feast of *Corpus Christi*.

A bus moved along with the procession to accommodate those who could not walk the entire route. Inside the bus, the faithful who had this feast at heart continued to pray.



“It is important for us to be here, to participate in this procession; it is our way of following Christ, it allows us to show the world that we are Catholics,” confided a lady who was sitting and praying on the bus.



There were similar comments within the group of walkers outside, according to Indrajith Gunasekera “I am here because I am a member of a religious order and I wanted to take part in this event, celebrating of one of the most beautiful Feasts of the year. We are also sharing in all truthfulness. When we are Christians from birth, as I am, it is really important to be here today.”

In spite of the rainfall throughout the course of the procession, the faithful who walked together were enthused about having brought together two different parishes for two hours of sharing and praying.