

## Mission Day in Proseč - Following Saint Missionaries' Trails

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On Saturday September 19, 2019 Mission day called Following saint missionaries' trails was held in Proseč near Skuteč. Over 110 small as well as big missionaries from the diocese Hradec Králové and the archdiocese Olomouc experienced a community full of joy, creation and God's Presence.

At 10 o'clock we started a program focused on saint missionaries who the children of Holy Childhood got to know under the terms of preparation for Extraordinary Mission Month October 2019. Here we were welcomed by the parish pastor, and a presenter of the whole meeting - the diocesan director of PMS for the diocese Hradec Králové Mrs. Bronislava Halbrštátová who presented the clothing of Malawian inhabitants to the people present. The girls of the Little Mission Club Proseč (in the Czech Republic a community of children who by praying, education, creation and financial sacrifice are formed to be interested in mission are called Little Mission Club) performed a liturgic dance according to music of the anthem of Holy Childhood „Send me, I will go.“ Then the national director of PMS in the Czech Republic Mr. Leoš Halbrštát was given the floor. He presented us via photos, videos and talking his experience and feelings from mission journey to Malawi. He showed us the places where children need a lot of help and where gifts from the Czech Republic are sent. It is for instance the hospital in Mzuzu for disadvantaged children, places destroyed by the spring floods or very poor shelters where school education for children is going. He also mentioned the meaning of Extraordinary Mission Month and what Pope Francis keeps in his mind: that every baptized person is sent to bring the joyful message of Christ and is to be a good missionary.

During the whole day the Mission Fair was held in the church. There was a big choice of ginger-bread cookies, preserves, dried herbs, candles, crocheted toys and other products and mission materials for everybody. The yield of 10.500 CZK will support the projects of Holy Childhood. We express big thanks to everybody!

Then the participants of the mission meeting moved to the parish garden which turned into a place of relax, sharing, good food, sport, creation and playing. At various stands the children got acquainted with the life of St. Patrick and shot at a ship by a big catapult. At the bishop St. Vojtěch's they were searching for a lost sheep and gave it back to the flock. At St. Don Bosco's stand they were building an oratory from cubes. At St. Zdislava's they were training basics of treatment sick people and in the church at St. Bakhita's they were playing the drums and rain sticks. Children who like to create made a mission pendant for instance for keys and a decorative badge. There was a football tournament going on the whole day. Five teams from various Little Mission Clubs encountered to get the challenge cup.

The highlight of the day was Holy Mass celebrated by P. Vladimír Novák. An accidental group „Naživo“ took care of music accompaniment. After the sermon

followed the ceremony during which the national director of PMS Leoš Halbrštát accepted eleven small missionaries into PMS. They promised to pray Hail Mary for poor children every day and to abstain from something sweet every week and together with their parents to save some money for poor children. Then the children were given a mission small cross, a scarf and a present.

Before breaking up into near as well as far homes the children were given a sweet packet from the novohradská charity. They chose a little figure of one missionary which was made by the mums of the Little Mission Club Proseč.

The meeting was a big encouragement and blessing for all of us! It poured us new energy for further mission activities and prepared us for a joyful experience of the Extraordinary Mission Month.

In behalf of the whole Little Mission Club

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