

Fr. Martin's Reflection – August 7, 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On August 14th we have the great honor of celebrating with our brothers and sisters of Holy Assumption Church as they mark 100 years of worship, a place of worship that came into being through the faith of the people of Roebing. They petitioned the bishop for a church to be built and a parish to be established, they were refused. But with great faith and a heart filled with love for their God, they persisted, and their persistence won through and they were granted permission to build their church. They built it in three months! Their hunger and desire to worship their God as one family, in one house together, they were going to waste no time.

This coming week, and the weeks and months following, let us remember the faith, courage and desire of these people who have gifted us this beautiful Church. Let us pray for their depth of faith, their strength of courage, and a heart-filled desire to worship our God. Let us not be afraid to witness to our faith and belief in God so that we, like them, may hand on this faith to the generations that are coming after us.

A Place of Pilgrimage

Thank you, Father, for this ancient place of prayer:

for the faith that has blossomed here,

and for worship in all seasons offered here,

for the lives that have been touched here,

and commitment stirred into life here.

As we tread in the footsteps of our mothers and fathers in the faith,

bless us and all who come here,

and speak to us with the whisper of your love;

for you are a God of renewal and of steadfastness

now and forever.

Dear Blessed Mother, as this Parish and this Church is named in your honor, we ask and pray that you will always pray and intercede for us. Help strengthen our faith, encourage us to always turn to your Son and do whatever he tells us to do.

Fr. Martin