Over 3,000 join Palm Sunday celebration

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MUKAH: MORE than 3,000 Catholics attended the Palm Sunday Mass at Saints Peter & Paul Church Mukah yesterday morning.

The religious event commenced with the gathering of the parishioners at the old Saints Peter and Paul Church for the blessing of the palm.

It followed with the procession to Saints Peter & Paul Church new building which is just about 200 meters away where the Palm Sunday mass proper was held.

Some came to the Church as early as 7.00am to book for the seats as normally during a special religious celebration as this, the Church goers would double in number as compared to any ordinary mass.

And another factor, was that on a special occasion like that there was only one particular mass held unlike the ordinary Sunday Mass, whereby the Church holds two masses, namely on Saturday evening (Sunset Mass) and on Sunday morning.

This is one of the more important events of the Christian Calendar. It was presided by the Church Rector, Rev. Fr. Michael Lee.

Additionally the presence of the Catholics from elsewhere in this fast growing town which is now hosting a state-level event, 1Malaysia Community Carnival and Convention 2012, further creates a sense of festivity of sorts.

Besides the local Catholics, the Christian students studying in the boarding secondary schools, UITM Mukah Campus, Polytechnic Mukah, Sarawak Skills Development Centre (PPKS) Mukah Branch and MARA Junior Science College Mukah in the district, also contributed towards such festive scenario.