

FESTIVAL 50



Photo: (L-R)
Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor,
Bishop Richard Moth (Arundel & Brighton)
Fr. Timothy Radcliffe (Dominican),
Archbishop Peter Smith (Southwark)



Largest Catholic event in Britain since the visit of Pope Benedict XVI



On Sunday 5 July 2015, approximately 11,000 people from across Surrey and Sussex celebrated the Golden Jubilee of the Diocese of Arundel & Brighton (A & B) at the Amex Stadium in Brighton.

Key speakers for the event included Cardinal Cormac Murphy (former Bishop of the diocese), Dr. Rowan Williams, former Archbishop of Canterbury and Fr. Timothy Radcliffe, former Master General of the Dominican Order. The diocese was especially pleased to welcome Bishop Dan Turley from our sister diocese of the Chulucanas in Peru. Over the years an enriching spiritual relationship has built up between the two dioceses as priests from A & B have served in Peru and each community has benefited from the life and mission of the other.

Mass of Thanksgiving was led by Bishop Richard and was a joyful celebration of gratitude to the Lord, shared in by bishops, priests, deacons and the people of the diocese. Bishop Richard Moth (new Bishop of Arundel and Brighton) said: "This is indeed a grand day for our Diocese as we **celebrate 50 years since our foundation in 1965.** It is truly wonderful to see so many from right across our Diocese gathered to celebrate our history, the Church that we are today and the future to which we look with hope and trust in the power of the Holy Spirit at work in his people."

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The celebration began with showers of blessing! The atmosphere leading up to the celebration was one of joyful festive mood. Thousands of people from the parishes in the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton came in coaches, including 35 FMDM Sisters from Guildford, Womersley, Ferring and Ladywell.



The rain did not dampen the spirit of the Jubilee celebration!

A big welcome from the school band at the entrance of the Stadium



FMDM Sisters celebrating with God's people in the Amex Stadium, Brighton.

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RELIGIOUS AND VOCATIONS



SHARING THE JOYS OF LIVING THE GOSPEL

Men and Women Religious (*from the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton*), seminarians gathered as one big family on this special day. Time was allotted to the religious (and seminarians) to share their charism, Life and Mission of their particular Order / Congregation. Many felt inspired and encouraged to listen to the sharing and to witness the joys of these men and women who have consecrated lives to God. We give thanks to the Lord of the Harvest!



FMDM Sisters at the Jubilee celebration.



Bishop Bernard Longley (Birmingham Diocese) and Srs. Yvonne Edwards, Jane Bertelsen and Bee Kennedy.



We pray: "Lord may your people in the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton continue to be witnesses to the love, compassion and joy of Christ your Son. Amen."