

*"If I had to choose a book to keep, I would choose the Bible.
I have read it from beginning to end.
It is a moving and wonderful book".*



sang one more verse at the top of their voice.

The presentation went on. Lene Mayer-Skumanz is a children's author and very well known in Austria. Fr Friedrich, as the Director of Don Bosco Verlag has already been involved in publishing some of her works, including a life of Don Bosco. Both were very happy with this new Bible. Lene Mayer-Skumanz, assisted by an actor, recited a number of passages from it. Later she signed and wrote notes in the new books.

Little Paul, speaking for all the children,

handed over a gift copy, though a little nervously, to the bishop. Fr Friedrich spoke to the bishop at the conclusion: "May I ask you to give a blessing" and Bishop Turnovsky turned to the children: "I invite you to focus and think for a moment, prepare for the blessing". He bowed his head briefly and raised his hand for the blessing making the Sign of the Cross: "May Almighty God bless you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen".

The children were given a Holy Picture with a prayer. This was to put in their new Bible. It would remind them of the day the bishop was with them.

