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On September 14th, the 72nd Montfortian pilgrimage at Lourdes began with a solemn Eucharistic celebration at the Basilica of Saint Pius X.

There were about 1500 participants.

Most of the members of the Central Administrations of the Daughters of Wisdom, the Company of Mary and the Brothers of Saint Gabriel were present.

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We thank Bro. Emmanuel P. J for editing the texts. We extend our sincere thanks to the translators, Bro. Marcel Chapeleau, Bro. Georges Les Vern, Bro. Jean-Paul Mbengue and Bro. Jean-Marie Thior. A special word of appreciation to Bro. James T. K., Bro. Jean-Marie Thior, Bro. Bernard Guesdon, Bro. Dionigi Taffarello and Bro. Michael Mathew for their assistance. Have a good reading of the Magazine!

Bro. Louis Anthonysamy, SG
&
Bro. Sebastien Ndabungiye, SG

THE MOUNTAINS OF GOD HYMN NO - 43

Chorus:

**Oh! Lord you descend to tread high place
Align our steps with yours in love.**

Oh! Mountains your tales of mystery
Hypnocraze, urge and drive men to you
They climb, straddle and scamper to you
The magnet of dire mirth on death trail
Their minds empowered to rare destiny.

Verses:

Oh! Mountains of God's arcane abode
Your spell of awesome, winsome colours
I gauge not how they clamour
The mystery drives me to such a mode
Spellbound and dumb I keep my stare.

Divine power was revealed at Ararat
That at Carmel, Moriah, Sinai
Nebo, Zion, topped up by Olives
Tabor, Sermon mount, Mount of feeding
Golgotha, the Mount of Jesus' death.

Oh! Mountains you hold millions of tons
Of water in your recess aboard
It breaks loose in floods and cloudbursts
Spreads destruction, causes deaths all along
You break the trust in ghastly outbreaks.

Oh! Mountains of pristine high places
The Lord comes down on you and treads agile
We extol in love your praises afresh
A streak from your face changes profiles
Hold me Lord in the shadows of your veil.

Bro. Emmanuel P.J, SG

CELEBRATION OF THE GOLDEN JUBILEE OF BRO. BERNARD GUESDON

On Sunday, July 25th, 2021, the Community of the General House celebrated with fervour the Golden Jubilee of the Perpetual Profession of Bro. Bernard Guesdon. A solemn celebration of the Eucharist, a video recalling of the apostolic journey of the life of Bro. Bernard, a song in homage to the jubilarian, a message of gratitude to the Archivist, well versed in his task, and a festive meal marked this celebration. At the end of the day, after expressing his thanks to the Superior General, the Brothers of the Community and the Sisters of St. Joseph of Kottayam, Bro. Bernard Guesdon, with palpable emotion, let the following words flow from his heart.

JUBILEE! ... for the gift of Joseph, my father, a hard-working agricultural labourer, and Juliette, my mother, so joyful, and who gave me the love of singing. They did not hesitate to allow their first-born to live his vocation as a Brother of St. Gabriel. Jubilee also for the gift of my younger brothers, Robert and Jean-Paul. JUBILEE ! ... for being baptized in the Parish of Saint-Pierre de Mouchamps.

JUBILEE! ... for the gift of having lived as a neighbour with the Protestant Families during my entire childhood, as the Calvinists have been present in my home town for almost five Centuries (1st Temple built in 1628). This opened me up to tolerance and respect.

JUBILEE! ... for having lived my childhood in

a Montfortian and Gabrielite atmosphere, because I was educated by the Sisters of Saint-Gildas des Bois and the Brothers of Saint-Gabriel: Father Gabriel Deshayes sent the Brothers in 1835 and the Sisters in 1838. They remained in my Parish for more than 150 years. Thank you, Bro. René Dabin and Sr. Jean-Baptiste!

JUBILEE! ... for the Formation I received in the Juniorates of La Tremblaie and Saint-Laurent, in the Novitiate of Bois-Tissandeu, which led me to my Profession on September 1st, 1964, after which I continued in the Scholasticate of La Mothe-Achard.

JUBILEE! ... for my first two years of teaching at Le Boupère in Vendée, under the guidance of the two wise and joyful Confreres: Bros. Jules Renaudin and Édouard Hélias. It was a precious initiation at the community, pedagogical and parish Levels.

JUBILEE ! ... for the 28 years lived in Senegal and the 2 Years in Congo-Brazzaville: Years of openness to other Cultures and Religions, especially to Islam. My thanks to the Presidents Léopold Sédar Senghor and Abdou Diouf, who provided dignity and openness to their Country. Many thanks to my French, Senegalese and Congolese Brothers, to the Juniors and Novices, to my Christian and Muslim Colleagues and Students. Thanks for the joy of having seen the District of Senegal become a Province in 1983.

JUBILEE! ...for the two sabbatical years I spent in Fribourg, Switzerland, in 1983-1985, at Ecole de la Foi, founded by Father Jacques Loew: Years that allowed me to really open up to the Bible, to the Liturgy, to the Theology, to



the History of the Church, to Community Life, with Religious Brothers and Laity from every corner of the World.

JUBILEE! ... for the 22 years lived here in Rome, in the "heart" of Italy, of the Catholic Church, of the Congregation of the Brothers of St. Gabriel, of the Montfortian Family! Thanks to Italy, the 5th Land of adoption!

Many Thanks to all my Brothers and Sisters of the Casa Generalizia, to our dear Chaplains, to our dear Collaborators. Thanks to the Brother Capitulants and Session Members. Thanks to the Montfortian Fathers and Brothers, to the Brothers of St. Gabriel, to the Daughters of Wisdom, who vibrate the hearts of Montfort, of

Marie-Louise and Gabriel Deshayes. The Vicar of La Cornuaille (Anjou) wrote on 19 March 1764 in the Parish Register: "The mission was opened by Messieurs de Saint-Laurent, worthy successors of Messieurs de Montfort and Mulot, Messieurs Albert, Haquet, Javelot and Renaud, and Brother Guérin, catechist". These are not just names, they are really elder brothers and sisters who participate in our life today, who built it. We can sing with Saint Louis-Marie: "Let us bless the Lord forever for his goodness! Let us bless the Lord forever for his goodness!"

DEO GRATIAS! GOD ALONE!
Bro. Jean Marie Thior, SG
Secretary General.

PROVINCE OF EAST AFRICA



FINAL PROFESSION

25th September was indeed a glorious day in the annals of the new Province of East Africa for we received 11 Brothers with Perpetual Vows. It was a moment to rejoice and render thanks to God and to accompany these brothers by our prayers. A goodly number of religious and priests, parents and relations, Brothers of the Province, faithful of the Parish participated in the colorful event held at Montfort – Dar es Salaam. Most Rev. Salutaris Libena, Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Ifakara, Tanzania presided over the Eucharistic celebration. We had the presence of the Superior General of the Militantes of Mary, Sr. Seraphine Ndikumana along with General Councilor, Sr. Liberata; Superior General of the SCIM Brothers from Iringa, Rev. Bro. Christopher

Chavalla, who also preached the retreat to the Brothers. The program was telecast live in the Catholic TV channel 'Tumaini' and in the YouTube for those who could not make it due to various reasons. We thank one and all for the overwhelming support that we received during the preparatory program which lasted for two months and for the celebration of the Final Profession.

Bro. Jimmy George Kalapurayil, SG
Provincial Superior





ON SALE: The different departures to the Father's house, the reorganization of the quarries especially at the 3rd age make the Province try to reduce the places of implantation and to fill the houses that remain. In 2018-2019, 37 brothers lived in 7

residences; 11 of them were in infirmary at the Residence de la Salle run by the FÉC. In 2019-2020, the number of houses is similar but the Brothers are 35 in number, plus two Brothers in Intercultural Community; in the infirmary, there are 10 confreres. The pandemic occurred and in 2020-2021, there are only 32 Brothers, including two from the Intercultural Community. However, only 6 brothers are in the infirmary. In 2021-2022, we reorganize a little: the chalet of Ste Geneviève is sold, the residence of Saint-Bruno is also sold and that of Trois-Rivières is put up for sale.

the grounds of the Provincial House. It was strong windy and the temperature was cool. After two moves of the chairs and tables, 25 confreres came to share their joy, the tributes to the Jubilees, the Marian prayer and the meal. We celebrated the 25 years of perpetual



Chalet Ste Geneviève



St-Bruno



Trois-Rivières



profession of Brothers Jocelin Dussault and Jean-Claude Musema (one year late), the 50 years of priesthood of Brother Guy St-Onge... we hope to continue this with his family during 2022, the 60 years of First Profession of Brothers André Contant and Gérard Joly the 60 years of second profession of Brothers Gilbert Goulet and Denis Lefebvre, the 70 years of profession of Brothers Guy St-Onge and Henri-Paul Germain, the birthdays of Denis Lefebvre (80 years), Hubert Forest (90 years) and Henri-Paul Germain (90 years). Finally, we talked to each other differently than by ZOOM!

VISITS TO THE CEMETERY: A very Gabrielist Canadian tradition is the visit to the cemeteries where our deceased confreres rest. As the funeral of



Brother Georges Croteau was celebrated, the rites of burial of the funeral urn constituted the visit to the cemetery on the Trois-Rivières side. A fraternal mother, shared with family and friends, Significant gestures as the urn was carried to the ground by two confreres, Brother René Delorme, provincial leader and Denis Lefebvre who lived with Brother Georges. The Rest of St. Francis of Assisi brought together the brothers as well. It is a new place where the remains of our Brothers who were buried in

REUNION: Will we recognize each other after 18 months? It is this desire to see us again following the relief from Public Health about meetings, after the two doses of vaccines and the vaccination passport, that led to a REUNION party, on September 7th, 2021, on



Laval a few years ago are deposited in the Saint-Gabriel section. A simple, fraternal, family prayer because some members of the families accompanied the Brothers.

ACTIVITIES: Our average age, our state of health, means that many of us are no longer on the road, walking the various fields of apostolate. Curiously, however, many confreres, even with fragile health, are members of the Community, Diocesan or Extra-Community Board of Directors, in non-profit organizations. The parishes also call on

confreres for liturgical service, the council of Fabrique, animation or catechesis in the journeys of faith. Many, and there are many, exercise an occasional and even fairly regular apostolate near the elderly, the sick, prisoners; the pandemic has often reduced this to phone calls but how warm. Finally, a few others are engaged in religious periodicals of all kinds. (En son Nom, Les nôtres...)

A non-exhaustive list is built and renewed every year... according to health and needs.

Ronald BRISSETTE, SG

PROVINCE OF SENEGAL

JUBILEES AND PROFESSIONS

Bro. Michel MANCEAU's Jubilee of sixty years of Religious Life and Bro. Jean ARMAL's sixty years as a Missionary in Senegal:



The Eucharist on the Jubilees of Bros. Jean ARMAL and M i c h e l MANCEAU took place, in Thiès, on July 4, 14th Sunday of Ordinary

Time. The celebration should have taken place, last year, but had to be postponed because of the restrictions due to the pandemic prohibiting every gathering. The ceremony took place at the Novitiate. The Eucharist was presided over by Fr. Abraham of the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament. On this occasion, the Provincial Superior warmly thanked our two Brothers.

Silver Jubilees of Profession of Bros. François-Marie MBENGUE and Jean-Pierre TINE and first Professions of the 2nd year Novices:

On August 07, at 10 am, in the magnificent Cathedral St Ann, of THIÈS, the congregation of the Brothers of St. Gabriel welcomed 5 newly professed Brothers and celebrated, joyously and enthusiastically, the Silver Jubilees of Bros François-Marie MBENGUE (from Mont-Rolland) and Jean-Pierre TINE (from Pandiènou-Léhar). The Eucharist was presided over by Fr. Simon-Pierre THIOR, in charge of Consecrated Life in the diocese of Thiès. The batch that was leaving the Novitiate had taken Bro. Gérard DUPONT as its icon. They are Bros. MANANGA Prévu Raphaël and NSEY MABWAVA Gauthier from the province of Kinshasa; IAMBY Ghislain from the District of Madagascar, Province of France; KINIMI Adje Jean Jaurès and ZON Alexis from the Province of Senegal.

Bro. Patrice Mbengue, SG



Frère François Marie



Frère Jean Pierre TINE

X MEMORIAL DE LOS MÁRTIRES

The 10th Commemoration of the GABRIELITE MARTYRS took place on August 8th, at the Brothers' Place of St Gabriel, at La Aguilera-Aranda de Duero, as every other year.

The event had to be organized taking into account the restrictions due to Covid-19. Unfortunately, due to the circumstances, we could invite Brothers only. For sure, we would have been very happy to have the very appreciated and precious presence of the Members of the Families of our Martyrs, as well as many other friends of the Institution.

This drawback was partially compensated by the presence of Bro. John Kallarackal, Superior General, and Bro. Jean-Paul Mbengue, Assistant General. Both had come from Rome to spend a few days and take some rest among the Brothers of the Province of Spain. Their presence added solemnity to the homage and strength to our prayers.

We also had the joy of being accompanied by Fr. Jesús Espeja, O.P., who had preached the Retreat to the Brothers during the previous week. Fr. Jesús would have been pleased and happy to be present with us but on the same day the Church was celebrating the Feast of the Founder of the Order of Preachers (Dominican Order): Saint Dominic of Guzmán.

The celebration started in the Chapel of the



Community where Bro. Faustino Besa, the Provincial Superior, presented the event we were commemorating. Bro. John Kallarackal addressed an official message to those who were present.

Then, all the participants went to the monument situated in the "Court of the Martyrs". The name of the 49 Gabrielite Brothers and of their Chaplain, Rev. Fr. Manuel Berenguer Clusellas, were recalled and a wreath of flowers was placed in front of the plaque on which all the names are engraved. The moving ceremony came to an end with a prayer of homage and supplication to our "Martyrs" and a hymn to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

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FIRST SESSION OF THE PROVINCIAL CHAPTER 2019-2022



The first Session of the Provincial Chapter 2019-2022 was held in Angers from June 23th to 25th, 2021. The Assembly was made up of 18 Capitulants and invited Members: Bros. Dionigi TAFFARELLO, Vicar General, T.K. James, Assistant General, Louis ANTHONYSAMY, Communication in charge, Dionisio SANTORO, Superior of the Italian Sector and Marcel ULENAERS, Superior of the Sector of Belgium. Bro. Thierry BEAUPLÉ (a Brother of the Christian Instruction of Ploërmel) was the Facilitator.

Bro. Claude MARSAUD, Provincial Superior, opened the first Session explaining that the main objective of the Chapter was to prepare the Province of France for July 1st, 2022 that will see a new Provincial Administration, a new organization and, therefore, a new structure: "For that, we need to fully grasp all the realities that influence the future of our Province and take into account our human resources, the necessary solidarity with the other Provinces and with the whole Congregation, to be able to consider with hope and cohesion the future and the mission."

Bro. Dionigi TAFFARELLO, Vicar General, conveyed the warm greetings of Bro. John KALLARACKAL, the Superior General. He, then, stressed upon the importance of this Session of the Provincial Chapter because it was "... a time to prepare for the future, to develop projects and programs. This Chapter takes on a special character because we are called to project ourselves into an even more distant future... We are invited to reflect upon and take important orientations that are not easy at all. Therefore, I would like to invite each one of us to adopt a positive mindset which seems essential to me for the success of the Provincial Chapter. The first invitation is to open our hearts and minds to the Holy Spirit... and the second invitation is to embrace the future with hope. "





During this Session, in addition to the work on the restructuring of the Province, a financial report of the Province was presented to the Capitulants who were also informed about the work of the Committee in charge of the dossier "Montfortian Action for a Sustainable Integral Development (AMDID)". One evening was also spent to raising awareness about the necessary reparation towards the victims of sexual abuse in the Church.

The Province of France is currently made up of 5 entities: Madagascar, Brazil, Italy, Belgium and France. At the end of the Session, the Provincial Chapter proposed to the Central Administration the study and the establishment of a new structure. It also stressed upon the fact that each entity should be consulted in the coming months about the restructuring project.

The Chapter came to an end with Bro. T. K. James' concluding words: "I am quite impressed by the way the Chapter went off. Even if the Province is facing a difficult situation, the Members of the Provincial Chapter have shown their courage to move forward with hope and trust in God. I was very happy to observe the cordial atmosphere and the fraternal spirit among you. We believe that 'with God everything is possible' (Mt 19:26). I would like to conclude by thanking God for the generosity of all the Brothers of the Province of France... Let us put the future of this Province in God's hands and His Divine Will."

Bro. Christian Bizon, SG



The present condition of the world is the result of what men and women (the guardians of the earth) did during the past millennium. Unless urgent and decisive actions are taken, the frequency and magnitude of man-made natural disasters and human conflicts will be of apocalyptic proportion leading to the extinction of humanity sooner or later. As Educators we need to become aware of the risky path the humanity is treading. We ought to become convinced of the need for course correction and take action that are within our capacity. We are placed at an advantageous position to spread the much-needed awareness through various school programmes and make a difference in caring for the mother earth and make her calm down. For this, we need to devise a behaviour-change methodology that requires a lot of organisational engagement around a shared goal for a shared benefit.



We need to make our schools, educational institutions:

- That understand the importance of connectivity to nature and local ecology demonstrated through curriculum options for staff and students.
- That equip their staff and students with an age appropriate theological and moral understanding of the issues affecting our common home.
- That are prepared to evaluate how it has, and will care for our common home through faith-inspired actions.
- That encourage students to take the lead supported by teachers wherever possible to develop the Catholic leadership of the future.
- That ultimately become what it professes, aligned to its charism through ecological eyes.
- Finally, that celebrate, communicate, include, translate and evangelise others, within and beyond their school campus.

We have been confronted by global warming; extreme and unpredictable weather pattern; increasing number of natural disasters such as earthquakes, cyclones, volcanic eruptions, tsunamis; forest fires; frequent out-break of viruses and pandemics, population explosion, hunger, poverty, war; terrorism etc during the first quarter of the 21st Century . Let the launching of Montfortian Action for Total Sustainability be the first step towards achieving these goals.

Bro. George P.J, SG
Provincial Superior of Yercaud Province

Montfort Community Development Society is brimming with Corona Relief Activities, Chennai.

We started our relief operations to reach out to the needy during this time of pandemic stress by offering nutritious meal with an egg each to the poor people in slumps as well as the pavement dwellers in Chennai. More than two hundred packets of cooked meals were distributed to the disadvantaged people on daily basis. MCDS believes in Divine Providence and support started pouring in from the Province of Bengaluru, National Council of Montfort Brothers, Friends and well-wishers of MCDS and we started the relief operation with dry Rations consisting of rice, dal, oil and other essentials for about 1500 families. Most of our beneficiaries were

either living in the slums and slum relocated areas, physically challenged, Women, Senior Citizens' and parents of Study Centre Children and Special Children and Youth.



International Yoga Day Celebration at Wisdom Montfort International School, Bengaluru



Yoga is a spiritual, mental, and physical practice that originated thousands of years ago in India. International Day of Yoga is celebrated every year on 21st June.

Wisdom Montfort spread awareness about the many benefits of yoga for the wellbeing and health of our teachers and students. As the world is going through difficult times due to the COVID 19 pandemic, it has become imperative for everyone to take good care of their mental and physical health.

Montfort Feast Day Celebration at Montfort Boys' Town, Shah Alam Malaysia



We are fortunate to celebrate this year's Montfort Feast Day with a theme: "O God, Your will be done; nothing more, nothing less." Students were given activities to choose pictures depicting the values of St. Louise Marie De Montfort and to colour them and were displayed for general viewing of staff and students. We had 3 days (triduum) masses with the themes: "Montfort friend of the Poor, Montfort the Educator and Montfort the Preacher." We celebrated the feast day on 30th April 2021 with the Holy Eucharist followed by sharing by Bro. Robin on life of St. Louise as well as on his vocation to religious life following the footsteps of St. Louise Marie de Montfort. Based on the 3 themes, all students were divided into many

groups moderated by the staff to reflect and share with others as well. A few groups came up and shared their reflections and it was amazing to note how the young are abreast with current issues affecting them and the humanity at large.

Funeral of Bro. Swaminathan

The cremated remains (ashes) of Bro. Swaminathan were brought in an urn to our Community in New Washington on 15th August. In the evening, a virtual prayer service was organized by the DS, Bro. Dominic Yeo Koh. A Memorial Mass was celebrated on 17th August at the Parish Church by His Lordship Bishop Jose Corazon T. Tala-oc, Bishop of Kalibo. The following day, the urn with the ashes was taken to Manila by Bro. Arul Soosaiah and was kept at the Montfort Sisters' Chapel. Later, it was repatriated to India on 24th August. Bro. K.K. Thomas received it at Chennai Airport at 10.00 pm on the same day and brought it to St. Louis Institute, Adyar. On 25th August, a Memorial Mass was celebrated at 6.30 am at the St. Louis Auditorium and was attended by many Brothers from Chennai



Sector, teachers, family members, ex- students and well- wishers and at 8.00 am, it was taken to Tindivanam for the Funeral Mass that began at 10.30 am. The Mass was followed by burial. Most Rev. Dr. K. Neethinathan, Bishop of Chengalpattu was the main Celebrant. A large number of Brothers and well-wishers attended the Mass and burial. May the soul of Bro. Swaminathan rest in peace.

Bro. Jenny Kuriakose, SG

ASSUMPTION UNIVERSITY BUSINESS MAJOR STUDENTS WIN THE GOLD STANDARD PRIZE

On May 12th, 2021, at the NIBS (Network of International Business School) International Virtual Conference, Assumption University Students were announced to be the winners, receiving the Gold Prize of -€1,000.

The First runner-up was a team from Rotterdam University and the Second runner-up was a team from Washburn University, USA.

The Team of four students from AU introduced the CropsJet Drones and CropsJet Seed Bullets to promote innovativeness, sustainability, and efficiency in agricultural practice.

CropsJet's winning piece was part of the Team's work for the Entrepreneurship course, in which students were tasked to develop innovative business ideas and write up a business plan.

July 20th, 2021, personnel from the Office of Administrative Affairs, Assumption University, under the leadership of Bro. Achin Tengtrakul went to Buddhasothorn Hospital at Chachoensao Province to give lunch packs to doctors and nurses on the occasion of the 74th Anniversary of the Canonization of Louis Marie de Montfort. These doctors and nurses



have been working very hard to help patients affected by the COVID-19 viral infections.

Reported by Bro. Achin Tengtrakul, SG



MONTFORT BROTHERS COLLABORATE WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF TRIPURA

Montfort Brothers along with NGOs and the Government of Tripura initiated a project 'Saksham Tripura' to educate the Children with disabilities in the Government schools. The Department of Education taking into consideration the long experience of the Montfort Brothers in the field of Inclusive Education invited

them along with two other NGOs to train and supervise the teachers of selected Government schools in imparting inclusive education. The Province of Northeast India has signed an MoU to this effect through the Heads of Montfort School, Champaknagar and Montfort School, Agartala to train the teachers of 80 schools in Inclusive Education. The Government of Tripura will finance the total expense incurred in the implementation of this project. In accordance with the MoU signed, the Montfort Brothers along with other NGOs have taken the responsibility of providing the Government with special educators and Mentors to implement this project.



BUILDING BACK BETTER COVID - 19 RESPONSE IN NORTHEAST

The Montfort Brothers of St. Gabriel, Province of Northeast India, in response to the worsening Covid-19 situation in the Northeast region during the 2nd Wave, decided to plan a reach out programme to alleviate the suffering of the marginalized, under privileged and the disabled.

The Brothers in collaboration with CBM Germany, distributed dry rations, hygiene kits and electronic tablets, through Montfort Centre for Education- Tura, Meghalaya, Montfort

School- Guwahati, Assam Montfort School- Agartala and Montfort Hr. Sec. School- Champaknagar in the state of Tripura as part of a Project 'Building Back Better – Covid – 19 Response'. This initiative brought relief and consolation to 2735 marginalized and underprivileged families inclusive of 529 Children/People with disabilities and a hundred students who were presented with the electronic equipment to enable them to attend their online classes.



THE ECO-FRIENDLY TOILETS- THE FIRST OF ITS KIND IN MEGHALAYA

Montfort Brothers of St. Gabriel, have once again emerged as trend setters in North East in the field of 'Inclusive Education'. Twenty years of undying efforts in support of 'Inclusive Education' and building infrastructure facilities for the same, the Brothers in collaboration with CBM, have provided accessible Bio - toilet facilities for a Lower Primary Government School at upper Dopgre, in Meghalaya. We hope that this venture that is implemented by Montfort Centre for Education, Tura, will inspire the Government of Meghalaya to install similar type of 'Eco-friendly toilets' in other schools as well.

This project is the first of its kind in Meghalaya and in the West Garo Hills.

During the inauguration, the Chief Guest, Shri Ram Singh, the Deputy Commissioner of Tura,



profusely thanked the Montfort Brothers and CBM for providing such a facility to this village school and commended the efforts taken by them that will make a difference in the lives of the students of the School and encourage Inclusive Education in the state.

Reported by Mr. Alex



PROVINCE OF YERCAUD

MONTFORT SCHOOL, ARIYALUR

On 11th September Bro. Johnson S Provincial Superior of Yercaud had inaugurated the Mother Mary grotto in the school campus and it was blessed by Bro. Alexander. After which a felicitation function was organized to the Brothers who received best teachers awards from the Government of Tamil Nadu State.

The best teacher awardees were Bro. Dominic Savio (Principal of Montfort school, Yercaud), Bro. Johnson Arulraj (Headmaster of St. Peter's School, Chennai) and Bro. Antony Samy Chezhan (Principal of Montfort school, Ariyalur).

Bro. Antony Samy Chezhan, SG



A SEMINAR ON,
"EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION
TO ENHANCE GOOD
RELATIONSHIP"

"The art of communication is the language of leadership" James Humes.

To enhance good relationship and to become effective communicators, a two and a half days seminar was organized for 14 Brothers of our Province at Montfort Bhavan from 30th August to 1st September 2021. Fr M Kulandai Raj SJ and Sr. Regina Antony, CM were the resource persons for the seminar.

The sessions were interactive in nature, which gave ample opportunity for all the participants to share their understanding about communication. All the participants shared the style of communication that each Brother practices in his day-to-day life. The participants were also given opportunity to exhibit their communication skills and to enhance them by one-to-one interaction. The resource persons gave needed inputs to enhance these skills further and to become effective communicators.

The session on positive affirmation was very helpful for all of us. The positive affirmation that each Brother gave about others in the group helped us to understand every other Brother more closely. It also brought in a positive feeling and outlook about one another. The sharing and the interaction that we had has helped us to be more understanding and caring towards one another in the community and in our mission.

On the second day of the seminar, we had a panel discussion. The panellists were Bros. C.A Thomas, Show Reddy, C.A James, Rayappa Reddy and M.K Mathew. The main points that were shared by the panellists are,

- We need to play the role of stewardship and custodians while handling our resources.
- We need to communicate with the Divine, oneself and others.
- Build consensus in decision making and take everyone along with you.
- How we communicate is important than what we communicate.
- God communicates with us and we need to be observant.

The seminar was an opportunity to refresh ourselves as this was the first physical meet after the outbreak of pandemic. This also gave all of us an opportunity to interact and to share our mission closely and to cherish the joy of Brotherhood.

"I am not a human being having a Spiritual Experience. I am a Spiritual Being immersed in human experiences." Teilhard de Chardin

Bro. Don Dominic, SG

ST. VIANNEYS AND MONTFORT SCHOOL, LACHRAGARH

The Offline classes for classes IX and X began from 6th August. The St. Vianney's and Montfort school campuses are back to full life. The lock down and the Corona virus have not stopped the enthusiasm of the local youths of



Lachragarh. Every weekend, football and hockey tournaments are being held. The juniors in Apostolic school are back they will be residing in the new Apostolic School Building. Bro. Binod ever youthful with his daily games accompanies the local youth. He takes initiative and encourages many youths to play games in the evening and keep fit.

Bro. K. Arogyam, SG

MONTFORT NIWAS, CUTTACK

On 13th August few students of Cambridge School participated in FIT INDIA FREEDOM RUN conducted by NCC Group Headquarters, Cuttack. On 15th August, 2021, the 75th Anniversary Day of Indian National Independence. Bro. Thomas John, the Principal hoisted the National Flag in the presence of a small crowd. All other events of the day were organized through online platforms. On 16th August, the Odisha Government allowed physical classes for IX and X students. The implementation of the



MATS' guidelines by the Community is going on in the campus.

Bro. Vincent Madhanu, SG.

MONTFORT TRAINING INSTITUTE, BUXAR

The Training programmes along with fabrication and carpentry works are going on smoothly. We have work orders of desks, benches, chairs, tables etc. from different institutions of Buxar.

After a heavy flood, the water level in the river Ganges has gone down.

Bro. John Paul, SG



MONTFORT SCHOOL, ARIYALUR

Sector Recollection: Due to pandemic Brothers were unable to come together for any events. We had our sector meetings at five different places on 22nd of August.

Laudato si' Action programmes



Social Action Centre at Ayan Poruvai, Palakurichy carried out a special program for women. They were taught about micro family economics and saving for the future and thus becoming self-reliance families. The village folk have planted a lot of trees around their villages. Free goats were distributed to sustain their families and it is a means of generating revenue for them. Tuition centers for village school going children were once again opened and children regularly come to these centers for their educational learning programs.

St. John's farm, at Firka Kilaiyur, Manapparai have reclaimed about 25 acres of land for various crops cultivation, since we had a moderate shower last two years. We have



planted sugar cane, paddy, various vegetables and many types of fruit trees.

Educational Mission:

Our Institutions in Tamil Nadu have opened for educational activities after eighteen months of gap. The schools are opened for 9th standard to 12th standard students only, that too in a shift system. We are yet to open for the lower classes that is, kindergarten, Lower Primary and Upper Primary classes. We are watchful and careful



and we take all safety and precautionary measures as guided by the Government. However, we have not opened schools at Kerala.

We have included two more institutions in our Province, i.e., Montfort school at Aranthangi and Montfort School, Jaffna this year. We have started online classes for Montfort School students, Aranthangi with the restricted strength of 320 pupils. Final touch in construction and equipping with more infrastructures are going on. However, Montfort School at Allaippiddy, Jaffna is yet to be opened. The school will be opened after getting due permission from the Government of Sri Lanka.



Candidates at Palakurichy:

Our Juniors are back into our Juniorate after a gap of almost two years. Our Brothers were in touch with them constantly. We have 38 candidates. Our recruiting process had a setback due to pandemic and lockdown. I hope and pray the situation will be normal in course of time.



Missionaries to Sri Lanka:

Bro. Jacob Iganatius has left to Sri Lanka to join Bro. Maria Pragasam who was alone for almost two years. Bro. Gabriel is expected to join him shortly once his papers are ready. We had a prayers service and mass for the intentions of our mission at Sri Lanka on 21st August 2021.

Aasan's Award:

Bro. Innaci Asir was awarded with the prestigious medal and cash prizes for his long

standing teaching career in a special school, at St.Louis, Adyar. He is a teacher for the blind children for almost 15 years. Aasan's award is given to notable service done by individuals in the field of education, organized by Chennai city club and Rotary Club. It was given by the education minister of Government of Tamil Nadu. Congratulations Bro. Innaci Asir.



Cheirotonia:

The Catholics in Trichy diocese had the joy of welcoming a new Bishop Rt.Rev.Dr. Arockiaraj.S. We Brothers met him and



congratulated him and sought his pastoral care and blessings.

Bro. Irudayam, SG

ISTITUTO CA' FLORENS ISTRANA - ITALY

CENTRE OF THE ADOPTION AT A DISTANCE

Instituto Ca' Florens is an oasis of green peace, prayers, prayer groups, meetings and spiritual retreats of the benefactors who help children through the Adoption at a Distance of Bro. Mathew Kavumkal.



Parishes, Scout movements, formation movements organised by the Carmelite Fathers of Treviso and Venice, sports groups and many other groups are continuously searching for our Institute for their activities.

The sports group of Istrana is regularly conducting their formation and training activities in our Institute. There are young people who book our main hall with attached kitchen for their marriage feast celebrations.

Indian Catholic Community have their monthly



meeting and Holy Mass in our Institute. On every Sunday people come to our Chapel for Holy Mass.

Bro. Dionisio Santoro celebrates Masses in the 5 nearby Parishes. During this Covid-19 period, our Institute is a safe place to conduct meetings, prayer groups, Masses, scout activities, sports activities and therefore we have continuous requests for our structures internal and external.



For the past 21 years, the ex-students of our Institute conduct a full day feast in our Institute. They themselves prepare barbecue lunch and celebrate outside under the shade of Linden trees avenue (Tigli in Italian) of our Institute. Every year they make a new photo album and keep as memory for their children. They recall the good days of formation they had while they were in the Institute. They remember Bro Dionisio, Bro. Giuseppe, Bro. Mathew Kavumkal, Bro. Rocco, Bro Michele and Bro. Alfonso. They are grateful to all the Brothers



for the good they have done for them. They proclaim aloud that they have come up to their present level of success in life due to the great attention the Brothers have given to them during their period of formation in our Institute. Now we are only two Brothers here: Bro. Dionisio Santoro and Bro. Mathew Kavumkal. We both are fully occupied here mainly dedicating our time, energy and knowledge in favour of many people who come to us. There are many people who need prayers and a word of comfort in their difficult situations. We help many people in this spiritual field.

Bro. Mathew Kavumkal, SG

SACRED HEART NOVIATE EACHINKADU



On 9th July 2021 we embarked our Novitiate programme in the presence of Bro. Johnson, the Provincial of Yercaud Province, Bro. Dominic Savio, the Principal of Anglo Indian School along with the Novice Master Bro. P.T. George, Socius Bro. Savari and Administrator Bro Alwin. We had recollection on 11th of August 2021 and the theme was 'The Call'. Regular Recollections and confessions are the imperative ways by which we nourish our spiritual growth.

On 15th August 2021, the Independence Day was celebrated in a grand manner along with the feast of the Assumption of our Blessed Mother. We had a feast day Mass followed by a short programme at Montfort School Yercaud. In the evening we had a friendly volleyball match with Holy Cross Novices.

Bro. Savari our Socuis takes numerous classes on English language, Non-violent communication, Liturgical objects, terms and gestures and Sacraments. Bro. P.T. George our Director takes classes on how to study, Consecrated Life and Rule of Life.

All the Provincials together have made a visit to the Novitiate as they were having the National Council meeting at St. Louis Villa, Yercaud on 21st & 22nd of August. On the occasion of their visit Bro. James Ekka, the National Chairmen gave a pep talk which invigorated us to flourish in spiritually.

On 29th of August 2021 we had a walking picnic which was a radical experience for all of us. Firstly we visited Susaigiri community and school, where we met the Community Brothers, It was a great opportunity for us to know their mission and witness their zeal and commitment in their mission. The walk continued to the cliff of the mountain and then to the botanical garden where we saw a plethora of flowers and plants.

On 6th of September we started our volley ball coaching in Eachinkadu for a week by a coach from Montfort School, Yercaud.

Alex (Novice)



ST. GABRIEL'S HOUSE SITAGARHA

Currently, we are 17 novices from 7 different Provinces. We are delighted to bring to your knowledge some of the significant events that took place at St. Gabriel's Novitiate, Sitagarha during the last three months.

After a long time we had a walking picnic to



Lara River which is 9 km away from the Novitiate. We enjoyed our walk and swim in the river. We also relished the sumptuous meal on the bank of the

river. We enjoyed every moment which brought so much of physical and mental relief.

We have planted nearly 100 saplings of various types of fruits and paddy in our campus. The planted saplings are mango, pomegranate, guava and lychee and they are growing very well.

We were able to transplant the paddy in the entire field within a day with the help of the seminarians of St. Mary's Minor Seminary. It was a very memorable experience as it was first time for most of us. We are adding beauty to our house by planting more flower saplings in the pots; currently we have 150 pots in our garden with many types of plants and flowers.



We celebrated the feast of St. John Mary Vianney, the patron of priests on 4th of August along with our neighbouring community fathers and the seminarians of St. Mary's Minor Seminary. We cherished their hospitality and friendliness on that day.

On 16th June we celebrated the birthday of Br. Rahul in a grand manner by inviting the Brothers, Fathers of the neighbouring communities and the families of all our domestic helpers.

On 28th July 2021, all of us Novices and Brothers participated actively in a Human Chain Rally organized by the Jesuit priests for the cause of Social Justice and fighting against corruption. A large number of religious men and women belonging to different Congregations and lay people participated in it.

We're engaged these days with so many intellectual activities and classes on different subjects such as, Prophetic spirituality, the



Documents of Vatican Council II, Rule of Life and Constitutions, the Wisdom Books and the Spirituality of the Sacraments

The 4th book review presentation was wonderfully done. All of us toiled harder and smarter to present it creatively. All of us have learnt to prepare PPT and present the book review in PPT format.

Reported by Bro. Arokiya Raj, SG

MONTFORT ARULUDHAYAM (PRE-NOVITIATE)



The present batch of Pre- Novices consists of 26 candidates from seven Indian Provinces and we had begun our formation program in July 2021. On the 28th of July, we celebrated the Birthday of our Director Rev. Bro. Binu Mathew along with neighbouring community of Brothers.

The official inauguration of the new batch was held on 31st July 2021 with the presence of Bro. Johnson S, the Provincial Superior of Yercaud Province. We started our classes on Basic English and Prayer. The classes are being taught by Bro. Sahai and Bro. Binu Mathew respectively. They are helping us to increase our proficiency in English and to understand deeper meanings of prayer to grow spiritually.

On 15th August we celebrated Independence Day of India along with the Brothers of Montfort school, Sathiyamangalam. Fr. Michael was invited as the chief guest for the function.



On 21st August, we celebrated the festival of Onam, which is one of the important festivals in the state of Kerala. The day's event started with different kinds of fun games followed by Onam Feast prayer service organized by our Director.



We had invited Brothers, Sisters and Fathers from nearby communities and a few families to take part in the prayer service and fellowship meal that followed thereafter. It is also an enriching experience to all of us to spend our precious time in learning and exploring life.

Reported by Bro. Binu Mathew, SG



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MAM SINGAPORE

THE PARTICIPATION OF MONTFORTIAN ASSOCIATES MOVEMENT IN THE MONTFORTIAN MISSION

What content of spiritual and missionary training can open the associate's vision to the spirit of communion and synodality among the Montfortian Family?

All our associates are to have done their preparation for total consecration before enrolling themselves into the movement. Our mission as Montfortian Associates is to live, share and promote the charism and spirituality of the total consecration according to St. Louis Marie de Montfort.

We provide a monthly formation which is an ongoing training to deepen the associate's understanding and appreciation on the life and writings of Montfort. Throughout the year, there are community building opportunities such as fellowship, Eucharist and workshops to help members build bonds and find a sense of connectedness as a community. Our associates are also engaged in some forms of outreach through events such as parish missions and the Heart of Living seminar where they get to promote the spirituality and importance of the total consecration to Jesus through Mary.

What is the formation of reliable leaders with good knowledge and appreciation in the field of Montfortian spirituality in order to be authentic missionaries in schools, parishes, dioceses, communities?

Montfortian resources, which include the life and writings of Montfort as well as the reflections and retreat materials are made available at Montfort Centre. Our associates also have a dedicated partnership room for their use and a resource space to call their own.

We run the Montfortian Experience programme which are retreat sessions based on the spirituality and writings of Montfort. The programme helps participants to renew their commitment to God and deepen their lived experience of a total consecration. We have even managed to run an online Montfortian Experience on the Secret of Mary in May 2020 as well as a blended approach on Prayer for Missionaries (Extraordinary Mission) in September 2020.

Before the Covid-19 pandemic, we would organize a Pilgrimage in the Footsteps of

Montfort every two to three years. We have installed sites of Montfort in each of our institutions and will be running a local pilgrimage using a blended approach called the “Montfortian Pilgrimage In Our Schools” (MPIOs) for our school community, associates and eventually the wider church community.

The possible missionary fields for collaboration:

1. **Montfortian Spirituality & Retreat Work**
The Montfortian programs at Montfort Centre are run by the Montfortian Associates. The pastoral program staff themselves are also Montfortian Associates.
2. **Educative Mission of the Brothers**
Some of our associates are teachers in the institutions of the Brothers while others are involved in the social mission such as Boys' Town. They help to live and share the spirituality of the total consecration in their engagement with their colleagues and beneficiaries.
3. **School Chaplaincy Team**
Our associates are also in the Montfortian School Chaplaincy Team. This team is the keeper of the Catholic character of the institutions, and integrates Montfortian values into the life of the school through retreats, dissemination of materials and group activities for the whole school community.

The history of the creation of the Montfortian Associates in connection with Montfort Center in Singapore: are there any other groups animated by the Brothers of saint Gabriel in Singapore-Malaysia, what kind of formation and missionary activities are offered in Singapore, what are the challenges experienced?

The 30th and 31st General Chapters of the Montfort Brothers of St Gabriel had called for empowering the laity as collaborators and partners. Establishing the Associates of the Brothers of St Gabriel under the name “Montfortian Associates

Movement” (MAM). The Montfortian Associates Movement for the then Province of Malaysia-Singapore was officially launched by Bro Yvan Passebon, Vicar General of the Montfort Brothers of St Gabriel on 21 Jan 2015 at Montfort Centre. The first 13 members began their preparation in October 2015 and Pronounced their total consecration on 3 April 2016. The other group animated by the Brothers includes the Montfortian Associates in Sabah, Malaysia.

The membership for the associates is very diverse with members even from the Philippines and Indonesia. We have a total of 42 members to date with the youngest being 23 years old and the oldest being 78 years old.

One of the challenges is finding time for the preparation process which should be 33 days as proposed by Montfort. Lay people who have family and work commitments are unable to set apart a whole month. Inspired by St. Ignatius' 19th annotation, we spaced out the preparation across a period of 9 months on every alternate Saturday morning of the month. We even did an online preparation for 15 participants through Zoom due to the Covid-19 restrictions.

Another challenge would be language as some of our members' native language is not English. Some are more comfortable using Bahasa Indonesia and Chinese. Not all the writings of Montfort are available in the languages. For instance, only the Secret of Mary and True Devotion are available in Chinese.

*Zerah Goh,
President of the Montfortian Associates Movement*

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Crafting Knotted Rosaries

On Saturday 1st May, we held our 2nd MA Community Building Day for 2021. As the month of May is the month of Mary, a rosary making session was planned for our community building followed by mass to bless the rosary and to commission Montfortian Associates to spread devotion to our Lady and recitation of the Holy Rosary.

We had about 20 participants and everyone arrived at about 9 am to have breakfast. There was indeed no shortage of food as many people brought something to share. We even had some piping hot Chinese dim sum with home sourced chili sauce.

Brother Damian started the rosary making session by showing us certain videos on rosary making.

Thankfully, he then declared that he had a simpler method and showed us how to make the knots that would resemble our rosary beads. He, however, cautioned that we must always maintain the distance between the knots. Bro Damian was deft with his hands and his knots came out beautifully consistent. Those of us following his guided instructions soon fell behind as we had to unpick our knots and re-knot again, not once but quite a few times.

Once all ten knots were complete, Bro Damian showed us how to make the crucifix using a similar knot technique. It was then that the scales fell from our eyes. We realized maintaining the same distance between the knots would leave us enough rope to make the knots for the crucifix!

We were tasked to make two rosaries but quite a few of us only managed to complete one. We however promised ourselves we would make a second rosary and took some extra rope home. The rosary making session ended with all handcrafted rosaries collected and placed in an organza bag with our names for the blessing and

commissioning ceremony that would take place at mass.

Fr. Edward Seah presided at mass and as May 1st was also the Feast of St Joseph the Worker, he commemorated St Joseph as the exemplar of a man whose sanctification comes from working for the glory of God. After holy communion, Fr. Seah blessed all the handmade rosaries. Zerah, the President of Montfortian Associate then called out our names individually. We came forward to receive our blessed handmade rosary which Zerah commissioned each of us with the words “let us crown ourselves”; to which we each responded, “with the roses of the rosary”.

It was an uplifting moment as we prayed after the commissioning for the graces of the Mysteries of the life and passion of our Lord to come down into our souls and into the souls of those we touch. With this all of us were sent to spread devotion to our Lady and the Holy Rosary.

Immediately after mass, we adjourned for a spicy curry lunch and a carrot cake dessert donated by one of the participants at our Evening of Prayer with Montfort. For many of us, it was a first to be making our own rosary and more importantly commissioned to spread our love and devotion to Mother Mary.

As we build community and meditate through this rosary-making activity with the Blessed Mother, we pray for the Holy Spirit to grant us a deepening desire to love as Jesus loves. Each MA is on mission to make Jesus and the Blessed Mother known & loved by befriending the last, lost and the least around each one of us. What a good start to give our hand-made rosaries and accompany them as prayer intercessors too!

*By Ambrose Chua,
Montfortian Associate and Paulette Lirio,
Outreach Sub-committee of the Montfortian
Associates Movement*

3RD SHARED MISSION FORMATION SESSION FOR BROTHERS, ASSOCIATES AND COLLABORATORS

On Saturday, June 12th, the third online meeting of Formation for Shared Mission took place. On this occasion, in response to the request expressed at the previous meeting, all the members were invited to the same link: **B r o t h e r s ,** associates and collaborators from all over the Province.



Sobre el cuidado de la casa común

Given that this year marks the fifth anniversary of Laudato si' on care for our common home, the GCM Formation Team felt that it would be an interesting theme for all of us, as individuals and educators, for our final meeting.

It is certainly impossible to deal with a subject like this in a single session, but at the very least we are trying to give a condensed presentation of its content and to raise awareness of the urgency of the challenge we face in "caring for our common home". Because, as Jaume Flaquer, Head of the Theological Area of Christianity and Justice, says in his article "Coronavirus: a single humanity, a common vulnerability", the pandemic situation, which we are still experiencing, has opened our eyes to a reality that we thought was far away. A reality that has highlighted the deterioration of nature and how this affects the poorest in particular.



Pope Francis tells us that an integral conversion is necessary, a commitment to another way of life. And that this is possible because human beings are capable of overcoming and regenerating themselves, beyond all the mental and social conditioning imposed on them.

And especially Christians, because this conversion is born in us from the convictions of our faith.

What are the keys to change proposed by "Laudato Si"?

1. Be grateful and practice gratuitousness: The Pope asks every Christian to recognize the world (creation) "as a gift received from the Father's love", something that implies "attitudes of renunciation and generous gestures".
2. Educate in different areas: at school, in the media, in catechesis and, above all, in the family.
3. Banish compulsive consumerism: human beings accept lifestyles imposed by planning and mass-produced products and act with the feeling that this is the right thing to do. We believe we are free because we have a supposed freedom to consume, when those who have this freedom are a minority who hold economic and financial power.
4. Forgetting selfishness: "The emptier a person's heart is, the more he or she needs objects to buy, possess and consume". It is necessary to "reach out to others" and overcome "individualism".
5. Inner conversion: It is necessary "to be converted, to really meet Jesus Christ and to start a new life. The Christian must live his vocation by admiring the beauty of God's work and protecting it. To have "a healthy relationship with creation" as part of the

conversion of the whole person. Change from within.

After the presentation of the contents of the encyclical, we worked in groups in different online rooms and finally we shared the different reflections in the main room, where we discussed the need to dedicate more time to the study of the encyclical given its richness and depth. For all, believers and non-believers, the encyclical is a guide to achieve the much-

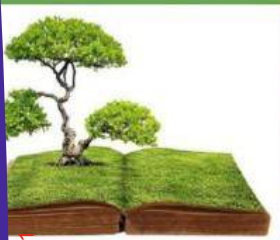
needed integral conversion.

With the hope that next year we will be able to return to a longed-for normality that will allow us to meet in person, we wish each other a good and well-deserved summer break.

The Formation Team for the MCG Province of Spain

Cap. 2 El Evangelio de la creación

- La responsabilidad del ser humano respecto a la creación.
- La necesidad de vivir en armonía con todos los seres del planeta
- La Biblia no da lugar a un antropocentrismo despótico que se desentienda de las criaturas
- El destino de toda la creación pasa por el misterio de Cristo, presente desde el origen de todas las cosas.



Las cosas no solo tienen valor de uso, son valiosas
Hay una comunión universal y un destino universal de los bienes.
La existencia humana se basa en tres relaciones fundamentales estrechamente conectadas: la relación con Dios, con el prójimo y con la tierra".

Cap. 1 Lo que le está pasando a nuestra casa

- Contaminación y desechos
- El calentamiento climático
- La extinción de la biodiversidad
- La escasez de agua potable
- Un deterioro que golpea de modo especial a los más pobres
- Una situación provocada por una minoría privilegiada



Cap. 3 RAÍZ HUMANA DE LA CRISIS ECOLÓGICA



El antropocentrismo moderno



El relativismo práctico



tecnología



Los límites del progreso científico



El valor del trabajo

Cap. 4 UNA ECOLOGÍA INTEGRAL



Ecología humana, ambiental, económica social y cultural



Ecología de la vida cotidiana



Justicia y solidaridad entre las generaciones



El principio del bien común



Cap. 5 ALGUNAS LÍNEAS DE ORIENTACIÓN Y ACCIÓN

EN LA POLÍTICA INTERNACIONAL

EN ECONOMÍA

SOBRE EL MEDIO AMBIENTE

POLÍTICAS NACIONALES Y LOCALES

TRANSPARENCIA EN PROCESOS Y DECISIONES

DE LA RELIGIÓN CON LAS CIENCIAS

SOCIAL

DIÁLOGO

"Ningún proyecto puede ser efectivo si no es alentado por una conciencia formada y responsable"

Cap. 6: EDUCACIÓN Y ESPIRITUALIDAD ECOLÓGICA

Otro estilo de vida, libre de la lógica consumista



Educación



conversión ecológica



Gratuidad, la llave de la felicidad. Gratuidad. Es dar sin esperar nada a cambio



El gozo y la paz



Amor civil y político



Más allá del ser. La reina de todo lo creado.



El camino de la cristiana es el camino esencial del Eucaristía. Sacramentos que celebran

THREE DECISIVE MOMENTS IN THE LIFE OF MARY LOUISE THAT CHALLENGE US

On April 17, in the Province of Spain, we held the meeting of the second training session for associates and collaborators for the MCG of this year, which of course was also attended by the Brothers.

Our motivation for our chosen topic?



- The words of Pope Francis in his Apostolic Exhortation GAUDETE ET EXULTATE: *"I wish to evoke so many unknown or forgotten women who have sustained and transformed families and communities by the power of their witness. This should inspire and encourage all of us to do our best to progress towards this unique and inimitable project that God has willed from all eternity for each of us."*
- And of course, the tercentenary of the arrival of Marie-Louise of Jesus in Saint Laurent sur Sèvre. **A turning point for the Daughters of Wisdom and for the whole Montfortian Family.**

At what three points did we stop?

HER MEETING WITH FATHER DE MONTFORT, 1701 AND HER ADMISSION TO THE GENERAL HOSPITAL OF POITIERS, 1703.



When Louis Grignion de Montfort came to Poitiers for the first time, Marie-Louise was 17 years old. This encounter of grace was decisive for Marie-Louise, who chose the direction of that priest and remained faithful to him at the cost of innumerable difficulties. Marie-Louise continually insisted on obtaining entrance to a convent from her director. The answer was always vague: "Yes, you will be a religious", without any further explanation, and without revealing anything of the project he had in mind for her. One day, Marie-Louise returned to the charge with particular eagerness. The priest replied: "Good, come and live in the hospital!" She joined the small group of "La Sagesse" formed by Montfort, who made her take the habit of dressing of the poor. She stayed there for ten years and lived the "God alone" dear to Louis-Marie. Active, silent, giving herself entirely to the poor and abandoned.

MARIE-LOUISE LEAVES POITIERS FOR LA ROCHELLE, 1715



After ten years, Marie-Louise received a letter from Father de Montfort asking her to leave Poitiers for La Rochelle. With Sister Catherine Brunet, she arrived in La Rochelle to teach the children. Marie-Louise consecrated there her qualities of tranquility, gentleness and psychology. Soon, the classes successfully welcomed the poor children.



THE ARRIVAL OF MARIE-LOUISE IN SAINT LAURENT-SUR-SÈVRE, JUNE 1720

What to do after the death of the spiritual guide? As a disciple of Montfort, she trusted in Providence. She expected a sign from Providence. She went to pray to Mary, Queen of Hearts, in the little chapel at Montbernage. The sign came in the form of a meeting with Jacques Goudeau, to whom Montfort had entrusted the daily prayer. He pointed out Saint Laurent, where Montfort's tomb was located. Madame de Bouillé offered Marie-Louise an empty house, the "Maison Longue". For several years they lived in conditions of extreme poverty, but by this bold gesture, Marie-Louise de Jesus is at the origin of the foundation of the cradle of the three Montfortian Institutes.

The meeting was attended by 27 people from the area of Catalonia and about 30 from the area of Madrid and La Aguilera. As always, the dialogue established between the participants enriched us all, although we concluded that it is necessary to widen the information on Marie-Louise of Jesus, for all that she can contribute to us and for the importance she had for the whole Montfortian Family. Therefore, when we are able to hold a more extensive session in person, we will do so.

MGA - CELEBRATION OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR BLESSED MOTHER

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PROVINCE OF BENGALURU

“The Son of God became man for our salvation but only in Mary and through Mary.” - Louis de Montfort

Every year 8th September is very special to all Members of the Gabrielite Associates at Montfort St Thomas Mount. This year too we made it more special by making the 9 day Novena preparation starting from 30th August after the Flag Hoisting at Velankanni Shrine, Nagapattinam on 29th August.

Every day the Novena Prayer followed by an intercessory prayer for the days' intention will be posted in the whatsapp group by 1 member and concluded with a Hymn to Mother Mary. In response the other members recite the prayers which are posted and in acknowledgement re-post the Hail Mary.

Special intentions were offered during the Novena everyday for the School, the Brothers of the community, the Students and their families, the Staff and their families, Departed souls due to COVID, Children orphaned during the Pandemic, Women and children of Afghanistan affected due to terrorism etc. The Novena concluded on 7th September.

On 8th Sep 2021, the Feast of the Nativity of our Blessed Mother was celebrated in a grand manner at School.

Volunteers from MGA, prepared for the Solemn Holy Mass with appropriate readings and choir. Two cars were decorated beautifully with flowers; one with the New Statue of Mother Mary and the other with the Statue of our Patron, St. Montfort for the Rosary and Procession.

At 2.45 pm the MGA members of Montfort

Technical Institute and Montfort School, St Thomas Mount gathered for the celebrations.

At 3.00 pm Fr. Soni, prayed and blessed the new Statue of Mother Mary and the procession started. Some of our Catholic boys and girls of Class 10th, 11th & 12th volunteered to lead the procession playing relevant roles. We recited the rosary with a special intention at every decade along with singing hymns to our dear Mother of God. It was indeed a very pious display of our faith in approaching Jesus



through the intercession of our dear Mother Mary. At the end of the procession we recited the Little Crown of our Blessed Virgin Mary given to us by our Patron St Montfort, after which Fr Soni celebrated the Solemn Mass, during which we offered up all our prayers and petitions to God the Almighty seeking His blessings and protection during this time of uncertainty.

We are in total 70 members belonging to MGA at Montfort St Thomas Mount. After communion service 40 members renewed their vows by reciting

the Prayer of Consecration to Mary, Mother of God. The other members would be renewing the vows during the celebration of the Feast of our Lady of Rosary in October, 2021.

After the final blessing the Video Recorded Messages from our dear Superior General, Bro. John Kallarackal, Bro. Dionigi, Vicar General (Associates in charge) and from our Provincial Superior Bro. P. J. George were projected for the members.

Rev. Bro Kallarackal in his message congratulated MGA, St Thomas Mount for actively involving in faith practices venerating the Mother of God. He said we should continue to be inspired by the



Charism of our Patron St Montfort and continue our Montfortian Spirituality in the right spirit and live the Gospel values in our daily lives.

Bro. Dionigi, thanked the MGA members of St Thomas Mount, for inviting him to be part of the celebration. He said as MGA members we have become a member of the Montfortian Gabrielite

family and by consecrating ourselves to Jesus through Mary we share the mission and the charism of the Montfort Congregation and follow the example and style of Mary and also deepen our Montfortian Spirituality. He quoted the words of St John Paul II "Mary is the Treasure for the whole church". He also expressed his interest in meeting all of us in person and also assured that he would remember us in his prayers.

Bro. P. J. George appreciated the members for their fitting preparations for the feast of the Nativity of our Blessed Mother. In his message he highlighted the words of St Montfort in his book 'True Devotion to Mary' and said, as Montfortians we must encourage ourselves to continue Marian Devotion and derive spiritual benefit from it.

They greatly appreciated the MGA members for all their active participation in the prayers and faith practices and for keeping MGA alive and creative at Montfort, St. Thomas Mount. Rev. Bro Sebati Antonysamy our Bursar the backbone behind organizing this event shared his message with the members at the end.

The celebration ended with High Tea.

We greatly appreciate the sincere efforts of every Member of the Montfort Gabrielite Associate at Montfort St Thomas Mount and extend our special thanks to Bro. Thomas K. K and Bro Sebati Antonysamy for supporting and encouraging us in making the celebration of the Nativity of our Blessed Mother a grand success.

Mrs. Monica D'Souza
President - MGA



THE 49 BROTHERS OF SAINT GABRIEL AND THEIR CHAPLAIN

MARTYRS OF THE RELIGIOUS PERSECUTION DURING THE
CIVIL WAR OF SPAIN IN 1936

MARTYRDOM

**Common narration of the 39 Brothers and the Chaplain
detained in Can Valls,
(Provincial and Formation House)
in San Vicente de Montalt - Caldetas
Barcelona**

In the last days of October, the members of the San Vicente de Montalt union, plotted along with the controlling patrols, the assault on the convent of the Brothers of Saint Gabriel, because "there continued the teaching of religious studies to the students, which could no longer be allowed..." with the intention of jailing them and eventually to martyrize them. Therefore on the 7th of November of 1936, around noon, some 150 members of the controlling patrols and other Marxists, surrounded the house and took it by force. Immediately the Brothers were detained, and using force and death threats, they were forced to remain standing next to the Torre del Moro of the house until 4:30 in the afternoon. Meanwhile, a substantial group of anarchists began to vandalize and pillage the house.

All the students younger than 18 -some 70- were rounded up in the dining hall and were given their first revolutionary and Marxist "speech" which was atheist in nature.

Around five in the afternoon, they lined up the 44 Brothers and the Chaplain in rows by pairs and under heavy guard were taken to the buses that awaited in the main road to Barcelona, in the neighborhood of Las Ánimas, some 400 meters from the house, where various citizens of Las Animas saw them, as they soon after attested before the Judge.

They were forced to climb in right away and began the journey to Barcelona where they arrived when it was already dark, around seven in the evening. The convoy halted at the doors of the former convent of the religious sisters of Jerusalem, now converted into the secret police

headquarters of San Elias, sadly know for the cruelty experienced there, where numerous religious persons, priests and good men were martyrized.

They were placed in a small room. There were obligated to remain 39 Spanish Brothers, 5 French Brothers and the Chaplain Father. According to the testimony of Brother Gabriel Perboyre, "the food they were given was sufficient and the manner among the imprisoned was very reserved". The detainees were greatly resigned with the probable tragic end before them.

Free moments, that constituted the greater part of the day, were dedicated to prayer, the prayer of the Rosary, and commenting on their situation. The presence of the Chaplain Father and that of the Provincial Brother, Brother Estanislao, were of great support in helping maintain the strength of the spirit.

The five French Brothers, among them Brother Gabriel Perboyre, were liberated thanks to the intervention of the French Consul of Barcelona, after they had been held in prison 48 hours with the general group.

Around the 12th of November, about 11:30 at night, as was customary in the San Elías prison, a group of armed militia, after handcuffing the Brothers in pairs, forced them to climb into a truck, taking them to the entrance of the Montcada cemetery. Upon the prearranged signal they fired numerous times and the Brothers began to fall covered in their own blood.



Agustín PASCUAL FUENTE
Brother Elias , 24 years old
Born in Cuzcurrita de Juarros (Burgos)

A young and able religious person with a somewhat impulsive character Brothers Bonifacio and Bautista, citizens of his village, had an influence on his education through the example they gave. He dedicated numerous years to teaching in various Gabrielite schools such as Arenys de Mar , Bañolas , San Sadurní de Noya and Valls. The quality of his person is apparent through his professional enthusiasm and for his Catechism classes in collaboration with the Parish. He was very much appreciated in the various Schools where he worked by both his students and their parents.

His Director in Valls, Brother Sebastián , had the pleasure of attesting that , thanks be to God , Brother Elias had performed with great perseverance his duties both as a religious person and as a teacher .

He stood out by his delicate manners and his almost child - like features and innocent smile . Following the advice of his Director he did whatever possible to flee and reach San Vicente de Montalt (Can Valls).

He relied on his faith when facing the great danger that neared. He had no problems accepting the final sacrifice of the martyrdom in Montcada.

Martyrdom : Common narration

From Brother Elias grant us, Lord, his willing spirit in the hands of God.

Andrés LOPEZ HERNANDO
Brother Bonifacio ,

38 years old Born in Cuevas de Juarros (Burgos)



He was the brother of the also martyred Brother Bautista. They were a joy of religious persons, always smiling, they appeared to be the happiest of men.

His friendly smile captured everyone and spread a religious optimism. He had a good spirit and was always willing and pious in response to the opinion of his Superiors.

Upon his return from military service he was named assistant to the cook and remained there until the 7th of November of 1936 when he was detained by the militias along with the rest of the Brothers that were in Can Valls.

He was especially dedicated to the manual chores in the kitchen , vegetable garden, the farmhouse and laundering area.

A strict religious person and an example in his faithful observance of his vows. He was always ready to comply with the orders from the Superiors. He was the model of personal austerity, spirit of service and very careful with everything related to the keeping of the house.

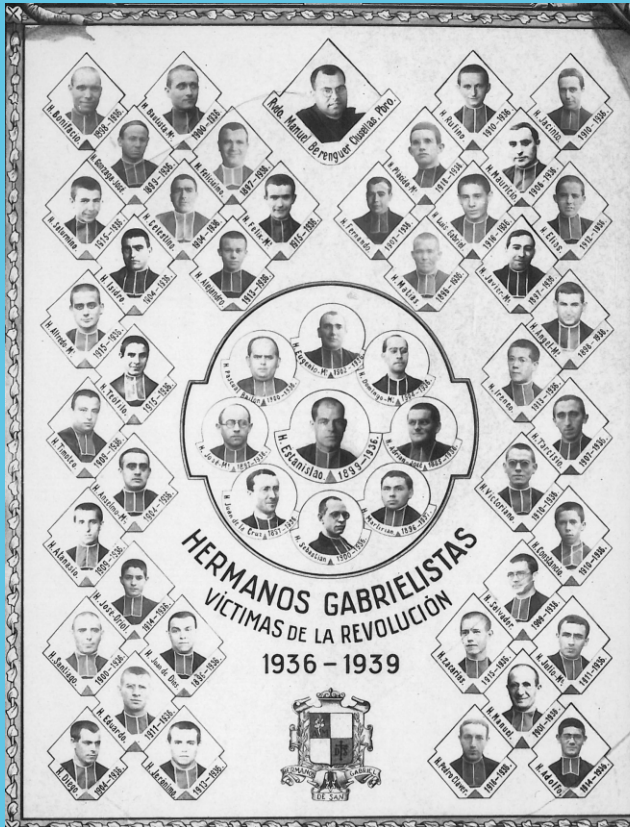
Arriving at the moment of martyrdom, he generously entrusted himself to the cross of Christ to die with Him.

Martyrdom : Common narration

From Brother Bonifacio grant us, Lord, his wonderful goodwill and his permanent smile that brought joy to the rest of his fellow Brothers

PRAYER

BEATIFICATION PROCESS



Lord our God, your servants Brother Estanislao and his companion-Martyrs, witnesses to Faith, not only in the field of education but also in the sacrifice of their own lives. We ask you, through their merits and their intercession, that strengthened by the Spirit, we may dedicate ourselves earnestly to the proclamation of the Gospel. Mother of Wisdom, through the intercession of these Brothers, your sons, grant the Montfortian Family the gift of living under your maternal protection, as they did. Grant us through their merits the grace of (Mention the grace solicited) We beseech you all these through Jesus-Christ, our Lord. Amen

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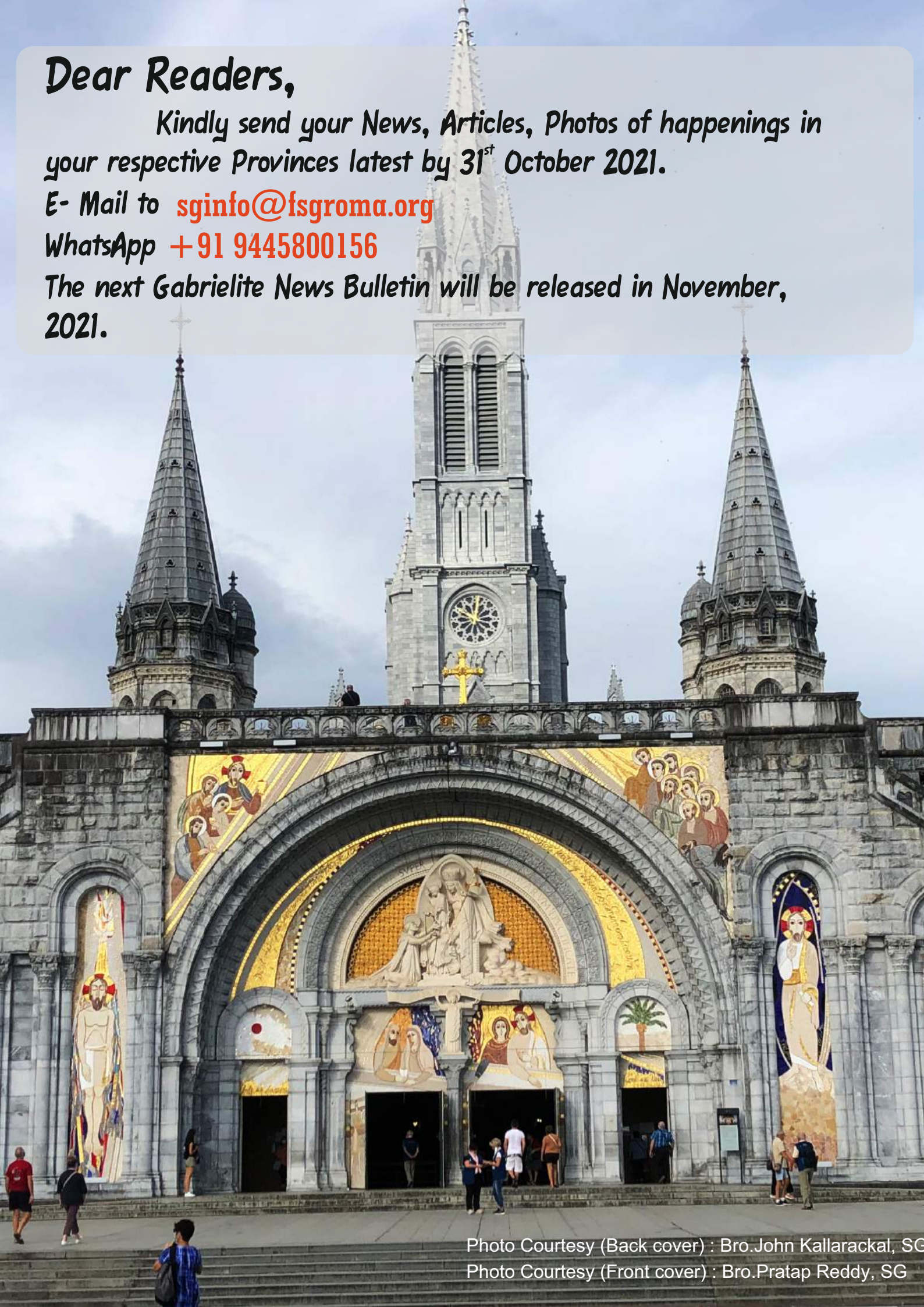


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