



# MONTFORT ADAGE

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## 'Brothers' for Life

The Montfort Brothers of St. Gabriel from the district of Southeast Asia met at Montfort Centre for the District Assembly in July. Bishop Rosario Menedez, SMM presided at mass.

## 75th Anniversary of the Canonisation of St. Louis Marie de Montfort

On 20 July, balloons in the shape of a Rosary were seen outside Boys Town, followed by mass and lunch at Montfort Centre, honouring the 75th anniversary of St. Louis Marie de Montfort's canonisation.



## Greetings from the Philippines Mission

(Bro John Albert, fsg, District Superior)

I am delighted to share my reflections with all our benefactors, associates and friends of Montfort Centre. God's Providence led me on my canonical visit to the Philippines Mission bathed in the beauty of God's Creation and Presence. Laudato Si (Praise Be To You!). God's silent voice is audible in the lush trees, plants, flowers, birds, fish and sea gulls enjoying their morning breakfast. It was breath taking. We are reminded of the Psalmist praising God, *"You let the earth produce grass for cattle, plants for our food, wine to cheer us up, olive oil for our skin, and grain for our health"* (Psalm 104:14-15). Conversely, what I saw saddened me. There were plastics floating on the beautiful ocean. Am I also guilty of this pollution? We are called to care for the earth. I felt consoled at a friend's house on a little hillock, as I could see the nearby mountains with a telescope and some fishermen in their boats. I was blessed to enjoy fresh fish daily and drank refreshing coconut water. God's goodness surrounds us always. On 4<sup>th</sup> October 2022, we celebrated the feast of St Francis of Assisi, Patron of Ecology. We are invited to praise and bless God in His creation, to respect the dignity of Mother Earth, our common home. We are also called to be peace makers and defenders of God's creation. May Our Blessed Mother Mary, Star of the Sea, Sky, and Land inspire us along our earthly journey towards our eternal home.

My sincere gratitude to all who have been supporting the cause of creating and sustaining sacred space at Montfort Centre. **God bless us all!**



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**Individual & Group Retreats: Never a Dull Moment**  
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Throughout the year Montfort Centre has been blessed by many who have come to spend time in this sacred space. Christians from all walks of life have encountered the grace of God in the Montfortian Way. This place is also used by church ministries and non profit organisations for trainings and seminars. Booking in advance is recommended.

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**Evening of Prayer with Montfort**  
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On the last Wednesday of each month, an *“Evening of Prayer with Montfort”* is held at 8pm in the chapel on the 2nd floor. All are welcome!

Do check our website for updates.

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<https://www.montfortcentre.org/>  
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## The Montfortian Experience

As we are fast approaching the end of 2022, we want to thank God for His care and protection during this past year as Montfort Centre moved from being partially open to fully open. We also want to thank all our friends, retreatants and benefactors for your support and prayers, for hanging on with us during the uncertain times of the Covid regulations. With steadfastness and faithfulness to the mission of St. Louis Marie de Montfort, we did some hybrid retreats both on zoom and onsite and gradually progressed to live-in weekends Montfortian Experience retreats. In June, the retreat theme was **“Gentleness of Wisdom”**. In July, **“A Heart That Forgives”** and recently in September, **“Laudato Si”**. There were about 12-15 retreatants for each retreat, a good number as it was semi-directed with quiet, personal, solitude time with God plus the small group sharing gleaned from the talks or from their own personal reflections. The times of silence and solitude with sharing and fellowship helped in building community for as the saying goes, “No man is an island.”

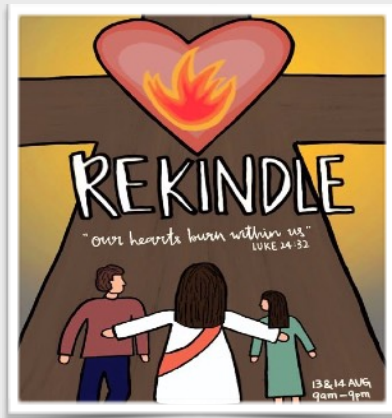


To know more about future upcoming events and retreats, please check our website and Facebook.

To book an individual retreat, you can register on our website or you can phone during office hours Monday to Friday 9am-5pm



## Rekindle @ OYP



Montfort Centre facilitated a weekend retreat for a young adult community from 13 to 14 August at the Office for Young People at Lorong Low Koon, Upper Serangoon.

The theme of the retreat **Rekindle - our hearts burn within us** was inspired by the Gospel story of the Road to Emmaus (Luke 24: 1-35) and it was an invitation for the community to recall and recognise the moments God was with them in their faith journey.

With their love for God rekindled, the community members went in pairs to their place of significant encounter with the Lord in Singapore, and renewed their commitment to God by renewing their own baptismal promises to Jesus through Mary.

St. Louis Marie de Montfort, companion and guide for the youth had a special place in his heart for the youths. During a private audience with Pope Francis, an Italian writer Elisabetta Ronchetti, had the opportunity to speak about Montfort. This enthusiasm for Montfort recently materialised in a book for teens: *"The Love of Wisdom. A boy seeks the secret of life"*, Edition Messaggero Padova, 2019.



## Montfort Centre Ongoing Maintenance & Upkeep

Over the years of wear and tear, our retreat centre ensuite bedrooms need repairs. We have been replacing broken taps, pipes and aircon float pumps. Your contribution and donation to Montfort Centre will help to make Montfortian Experience possible today and for the years to come.

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at the Cesson Bridge



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The Family That Prays Together...



Stays Together

**October is the "Month of the Rosary"** and the feast day of "Our Lady of the Rosary" falls on 7 October. Pope St. Pius V established the two essential elements of the rosary: vocal prayer and mental prayer. This fact has been highlighted by all Marian saints, especially St. Louis Marie de Montfort (1673 - 1716), author of popular Marian books such as, *"The Admirable Secret of the Rosary"*, *"True Devotion to the Blessed Virgin"* and *"Methods for Saying the Rosary."*

In the span of only five years Pope Leo XIII, an enthusiastic promoter of the rosary wrote eleven encyclicals on the rosary. St. John Paul II called the rosary his favourite prayer, *"in which we meditate with Mary upon the mysteries which she as a Mother meditated in her heart"* (Luke 2:19).

Our Blessed Mother has been known to appear many times and quite often she has reiterated a similar message: pray the rosary, at Lourdes 1858 and Fatima 1917. Fr Patrick Peyton, (January 9, 1909 - June 3, 1992), also known as "The Rosary Priest", was an Irish-born Catholic priest, member of the Congregation of Holy Cross, and founder of the Family Rosary Crusade. He popularised the phrases *"The family that prays together stays together"* and *"A world at prayer is a world at peace."* His cause for canonisation was opened in 2001 and Pope Francis declared him Venerable on December 18, 2017.

Today, many Catholic homes have lost true devotion of praying the family rosary together. Have we strayed from the path leading to heaven? Then call on Mary, for her name means *"Star of the Sea,"* the North Star which guides the ships of our souls during the voyage of this life, and she will guide us to the harbour of eternal salvation

(St. Louis Marie de Montfort, *The Secret of the Rosary*).



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