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# "What are you looking for?"

*By Pierrette MAGNÉ*



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**JOHN 1: 35-42**  
**THE FIRST DISCIPLES.**

The next day

John was there again with two of his disciples,  
and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said,  
"Behold, the Lamb of God."

The two disciples heard what he said  
and followed Jesus.

Jesus turned

and saw them following him and said to them,  
"What are you looking for?"

They said to him,

"Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher),  
"where are you staying?"

He said to them,

"Come, and you will see."

So they went and saw  
where he was staying,  
and they stayed with him that day.  
It was about four in the afternoon.

Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter,  
was one of the two who heard John and followed Jesus.  
He first found his own brother Simon and told him,  
"We have found the Messiah" (which is translated  
Anointed).

Then he brought him to Jesus.

Jesus looked at him and said,

"You are Simon the son of John;  
you will be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).



John does not present, like the synoptics,  
the call of the disciples. Here we have the  
encounter of the first disciples with Jesus.  
John the Baptist, a few verses above, in  
response to the Jews who questioned him,  
declared that he was: «the voice of one  
crying out in the desert» and that «he is not  
worthy to untie the strap of his sandal». The  
next day, seeing Jesus, he reiterates an  
important declaration: "Behold, the Lamb of  
God". This word must have had a particular  
resonance for the two disciples of John since  
they left their master to follow Jesus.



In this text, we are witnessing two handovers through testimony: John the Baptist towards two of his disciples and then Andrew towards his brother, Peter. Each time this causes a shift: the two disciples follow Jesus; and Peter follows his brother, Andrew: here we have the importance of the testimony of faith in transmission.

It is Jesus who initiates the interview: "What are you looking for?" It is the quest that characterizes human beings: a quest for meaning, for fullness of life. And their response - "Where are you staying? - reveals to us that what is important is not just to follow Jesus as crowds often will, but to live with him. To be a disciple is to stay with the Master, and Jesus answers this question by telling them: "Come and you will see". The process of faith is described here for us: to come to Jesus and abide in him, this is what is proposed to us.



Andrew rushes to find his brother and reveals to him that he has seen "the Messiah". John had designated Jesus as the Lamb of God, but Andrew declares that this Lamb of God is the Messiah. To "seek" answers a "find". In the sequence with Peter, it is again Jesus who initiates the meeting: he looks at Peter, he enters into communion with him. Simon is recognized in his concrete identity and called by name before receiving a new identity, a new name: he becomes a disciple called by Jesus.

For each of us in our spiritual journey intermediaries often intervene, but the walk of faith always results from a free choice and from the call of Jesus. May we give thanks for all those whom the Lord has put on our path to allow us this encounter with Christ "the Lamb of God". In our turn, let us become these witnesses who by their words and the testimony of their life allow this encounter. ■



“To be a disciple is to stay with the Master.”

By Dola Dhanush

# PERFUME

«Dear Jesus...draw us to you, we run in the odor of your perfume» (HD 29).

Sometimes it happens that we turn our attention to someone to look at him or her, because there is a very pleasant aroma emanating from him or her and which the wind spreads so that it reaches our noses. Per-fume or any fragrance is used by a person for various reasons, for example to increase self-confidence, re-lax oneself and overcome strong body odor. Whatever the reason, people who smell perfume will definitely - albeit spontaneously - look for the source from where the perfume comes, who uses it. Our life, which has a social dimension, never escapes the attention of others. Like a perfume, what we say or do spreads something that lets people know who we are.

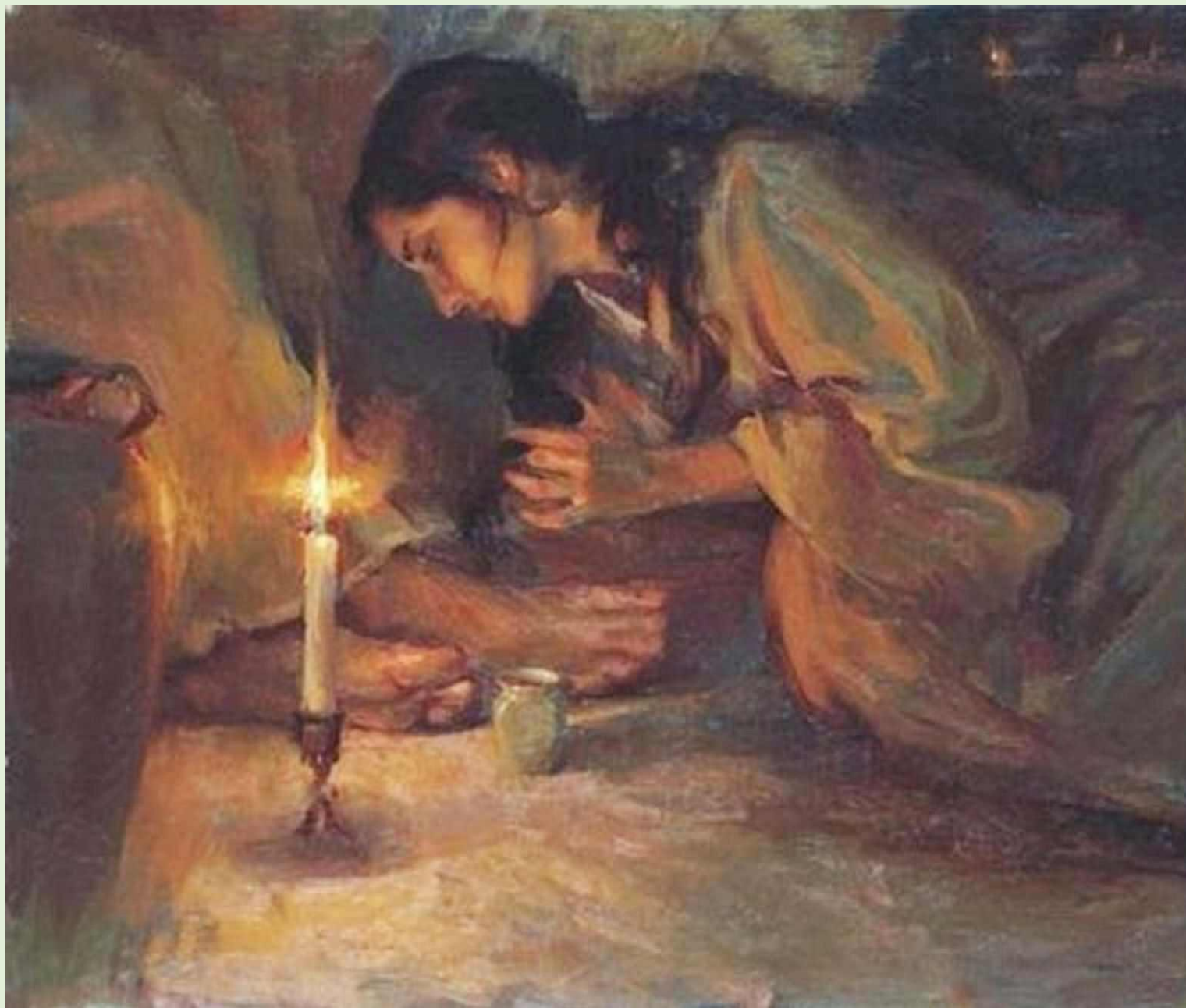
Perfume is something that is used from the outside and sprayed on our body. As part of the outfit we wear, perfume is not too primary in nature, it can be used, it can be ignored. While if we want that our life gives a good smell, we need to have something that should be interior and constant, so it becomes a life-style. Without that, our life would not be attractive. That good aroma will be detected by people because of the fruits that we contribute to our community life.

The scent of perfume makes us pay attention to the person using it, and generally we stop there, we don't really go further by trying for example to find out what kind of perfume the person is wearing, who made it, where it is made .... While "the perfume of life" performed by a person pushes us to find out what se-crets make his or her life beautiful. This is an opportunity for the person wearing the "perfume" to start telling stories or giving testimony. So that it is not us who will be the center of people's attention but the "cause" that makes our life to spread something that attracts the attention of others.

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In all of his writings, Montfort uses the word «perfume» twenty times, and forty-two times the word "odor". He states that Wisdom is the origin of perfume and the various kinds of fragrances and fresh aro-mas we use in life (LEW 25). This perfume was used by Mary, Mother of Jesus (cf. TD 206), and we will use it too if we «empty ourselves and are resolved to remain in that state» (cf. SM 38). This perfume is very fa-vored by God the Father so that He will give us His blessings (TD 184, 211). «How welcome to Jesus Christ, the Father of the world to come, is a child perfumed with the fragrance of Mary! How readily and how in-timately does he unite himself to that child! » (TD 211).

“He states that Wisdom is the origin of perfume and the various kinds of fragrances and fresh aro-mas we use in life (LEW 25)”

Now, Montfort uses this symbol of «perfume» to say that we must live our Christian life in such a way that there is a fresh fragrance that we present in the family, community and society in which we live and work. Our fragrance is of course **a variety of «merits and virtues of Jesus and Mary» we received in our life** (cf. SM 38; TD 206). The perfumes that we spread out are also **various good deeds that we perform in our simple lives every day** (cf. TD 68).

Montfort sings: «Do not fear, do good boldly, / For God alone and to please Him, / Without cowardly fearing / What others think, say or do, / In order to be the sweet perfume / Of Jesus Christ your Savior» (C 37, 107).

Jesus Christ is the reason or the source of the beauty of our life. Montfort says: “Through Jesus, with him and in him, we can do all things and render all honour and glory to the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit; we can make ourselves perfect and be for our neighbour a fragrance of eternal life” (TD 61).







Besides the symbol of «perfume», Montfort also uses symbols of fruit, milk, crops ... (TD 68) always to say that our existence, to be meaningful, must make a certain contribution to community life, small or big does not matter, depending on the type and number of talents (cf. Mt 25:14-30) that each of us has received.

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Does not Jesus say to His disciples in the Gospel of John: “It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain” (Jn 15:16)? A Christian who does not bear fruit or spread fragrant aroma in the surrounding environment is a person who is barren (TD 249) or still wearing old clothes (SM 38). Does my life spread the pleasant scent of perfume in my environment? Montfort reveals: «But what will they be like, these servants, these slaves, these children of Mary? They will be ministers of the Lord who, like a flaming fire, will enkindle everywhere the fires of divine love.... They will bring to the poor and lowly everywhere the sweet fragrance of Jesus, but they will bring the odour of death to the great, the rich and the proud of this world» (TD 56). ■

“Does my life spread the pleasant scent of perfume in my environment?”



# "I want to share with you our history of consecrated persons in Tampico - Mexico"

By Margarita Flores Orduña, from Mexico

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*Since the beginning of September 2020, Mrs. Margarita of the Diocese of Tampico, has been in contact with the "International Center of the Association Mary Queen of All Hearts", in Rome, for the enrollment of the people who have made their "Consecration to Jesus through Mary" in various parishes of this diocese. It is the result of her collaboration with numerous people in a team, accompanied by priests there as well as in intensive contacts with the Montfort Missionaries of the Province of Colombia.*

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Procession with the Blessed Sacrament in the community of Father Celestial and Father Guillermo Buen Rostro.



A fraternal greeting to all. I am **Margarita Flores Orduña**, Mexican, I made my Consecration to Jesus through Mary on December 8, 2012, I belong to the Parish of San Pedro and San Pablo in the Diocese of Tampico. I thank God and the Blessed Virgin for this great gift, so I want to share with you our history of consecrated persons in Tampico - Mexico.

When starting this path that God has chosen to reach us, we have felt the desire to seek to know the pro-posal of Father de Montfort in Perfect Devotion, we started the process asking our Bishop, Mgr José Luis Dibildox for an appointment and requesting his permission to visit the parishes of our Diocese and with the consent of the parish priests to be able to share the Perfect and Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary and the greatness of the Mystery of the Most Holy Rosary. The permission was granted by His Excellency (+).

We were accompanied by Fr. Martín. We have now a new bishop, Mgr José Armand Álvarez Cano. Just this week we have visited him to thank him for presiding over the Holy Mass for the Consecration that was held on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. Thanks to the collaboration of the Vicar General, Fr. Ricardo Ramos, our Bishop was very pleased that the Consecration and its renewal were carried out in the Cathedral. We presented to his Excellency the «Golden Book» of Montfortian Spirituality, where we draw on the complete material for our preparation for the Consecration; we gave him also other necessary books like the Manual of the Consecration and books of prayer.

At the beginning of our mission, the first appointment was in the Parish of San Juan Bosco with Father Bernardo. He agreed to make the invitation to the faithful on Sundays at the different Masses. Then, the first group of preparation for the Consecration was created and several other groups in the course of time.

The parishes visited in our Diocese are: San Juan Bosco Parish with Fr. Bernardo (Cd. Madero Tamaulipas), San Pedro Esqueda Parish with Fr. Miguel Ángel, San Juanita Chapel with Fr. Juan Carlos Rosas (+), Parish of Nuestra Señora del Refugio with Fr. Jorge, Parish of Father Celestial, Parish of Father Guillermo, Parish of San Esteban with Fr. David (Altamira Tamaulipas), Parish of Santiago Apóstol (Tampico), Parish of San Felipe with Fr. Gustavo, Parish of San Luis Gonzaga with Fr. Martín, Parish of El Buen Pastor with Fr. Ricardo, Parish of San Agustín with Fr. Jesús. Furthermore, there are a large number of consecrated persons from different parishes who have come to us to prepare for the spiritual itinerary, most of them participate in different apostolates in their communities.

I especially thank **Fr. Martín Rodríguez**, our spiritual director, who is always looking out for all of us, which we value infinitely.

Participation of the Consecrated people.

Pastoral of multitudes.

Catechesis of Preparation for the Consecration of San Juan Bosco Parish.

Pastoral on the level of the dean of Our Lady of Mount Carmel for the Centenary of Fatima.

Jubilee Year of Rosaries to the Blessed Virgin of Mount Carmel from July 16, 2017 - 2018 in sector II Santi-ago el Menor with the prayer of the Holy Rosary in houses.

Annual Pilgrimage, Holy Mass, Consecrations, celebrating the Mystery of the Incarnation, which is the Mystery proper to this Devotion.

Spiritual Retreats 2 times a year (Adoration, Holy Mass, Confessions, Praying the Holy Rosary and Confer-ence).

Pilgrimage to the Parishes of the Dioceses in the Jubilee of Mercy, in 2015, we visited the 5 parishes des-tined in our Diocese.

Pilgrimage, Holy Mass and Consecrations and at the inauguration of the Adoration Chapel of the Parish of Father Celestial, 25 March 2018.

Marian Catechesis in the Parish of Father Celestial.

Parish Pastoral in the celebration of Our Lady of Mount Carmel of the community of San Luis Gonzaga, several years.



This is the image of my Consecration. San Pedro and San Pablo Parish. Father Jorge García Guevara.



## **Ministry of Consecrated Men and Women of the Parish of San Juan Bosco, Coordinator: Hortensia Palomares.**

Lunch at Casa San Pedro last Saturday of each month.

Meditation of the Mysteries of the Holy Rosary every Saturday from 5-6pm.

Adoration every Wednesday from 10-11am.

Every year we collaborate with 600 liters of oil and eggs for the pantries of the most needy.

## **Ministry of the Consecrated People in the Parish of Good Shepherd, Coordinator: Jorge Luis Zapiens.**

More than 50 percent of consecrated persons have apostolates in our parish. They are involved in different domains. They pay attention also to the chapel of Perpetual Adoration. They teach as catechists, members of the charismatic renewal in the Holy Spirit, members of the whole night Adoration, MFC, ANSPAC. We are in communication through whatsapp where we form prayer groups for the needs of the community. Eventually in small groups we do works of charity.

We have four groups with 20 people each, and the first 4 days of the month we meet (currently in virtual form) to pray the Holy Rosary. We give them complementary information, such as basic concepts of Grace, biblical foundations of Christian life, Catechism of the Catholic Church and teachings on Consecration, values, virtues, vices.

## **Formation of the Consecrated People of the Diocese**

We meet every month in the monastery of the Sisters of Adoration for the catechesis of preparation. Last year, 2019, we have had the support of 5 priests of our Diocese for the different stages of preparation, **Fr. Martín, Fr. Ricardo, Fr. Joel, Fr. Juan José, Fr. Bernardo.**



The image corresponds to the books we have in existence for the growth of consecrated persons. Most of the consecrated persons from various parishes have several books acquired for their preparation on this path of spirituality. All of them have been acquired in the Marian Center of Mary Queen of All Hearts in Bogotá, Colombia, when we did the search for them. We found the address and it was there that we made contact with the SMM of the Province of Colombia, especially Fr. Gabriel Antonio Riveros Prieto and Fr. Jorge Enrique. From the first moment of the purchase they contacted us, it's been a while until today. By means of the packages we were able to have all the necessary equipment.



Fr. Jorge Enrique González and Fr. Gabriel Riveros (SMM) that Providence has placed in our path with their assistance and advice, here at the Marian Center in Bogotá, Colombia.

The formative activities that we have offered to the Consecrated are the study of the works of Father De Montfort such as LEW, SM, TD; Biography of Father De Montfort written by E. Falsina, the novena that we carry out each year is helped by the Secret of the Rosary and the Methods of the Holy Rosary, we use the Fiery Prayer for Missionaries, some Hymns, the «Golden Book» of Montfortian Spirituality, writings on the French School of Spirituality. We have all the books from Montfortian Editions and the Complete Works of Montfort, thanks to Providence and the support of collaborators such as **Teresa Salazar** who together we have formed a good apostolate at the service of our Mother. It has been possible to bring the books to our country, thanks to **Father Jorge Enrique González (SMM)** and **Father Gabriel Antonio Riveros (SMM)** who have welcomed us. For a long time they have supported us. In everything, they have guided us with their advice, providing us with all the necessary documents for the growth of our consecrated persons. We have begun in November a path of deepening Montfortian Spirituality via zoom with Father Gabriel. These talks are scheduled twice a month. At this time in the group of Associates we are reading the short Biography of Montfort written by his friend, Blain. We are grateful to God for all this accompaniment. The evolution of our consecrated persons from when we started to the present day is considerable.

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Consecrations. Chapel of San Juanita community, of the San Pedro Esqueda Parish. Father Juan Carlos Rosas.



Annual Pilgrimage of the Consecrated People on the solemnity of the Mystery of the Incarnation.

There is something that we have learned deeply from the life testimony of this great Missionary, Fr. Mont-fort: it is his obedience to God, the Church, the Blessed Virgin and charity with his neighbor. This has helped us face the challenges that we are living now with great hope. This is God's work and that with love, in communion with our brothers, everything will find its solution.

Finally, I thank all the people who have been with us in this Mission: **Hortensia Palomares, Rosy Gudiño, Patricia, Margarita Flores Pérez, Sara Guerrero, Daniela Aguilera.** ■



# Totus Tuus!

WE ARE CONSECRATED TO JESUS THROUGH THE HANDS OF MARY

By Alessandro Molé, smm from Italy

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*What follows is a sharing from Alessandro, a Montfortian Scholastic, who, on September 20, 2020, with Marek and Daniel, pronounced his first vows in the Company of Mary, in Santeramo, Bari, Italy.*

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On Sunday September 20, 2020, the first religious professions of **Marek Maciejczuk, Alessandro Molé and Daniel Lugutko** took place in Santeramo in Colle (BA), where the novitiate is located. It was a holiday for the Province of Italy, lived in a spirit of fraternity with the confreres, friends and relatives who came for the occasion. Even the inhabitants of Santeramo, who regularly frequent the chapel of our Montfortian community, wanted to make us feel all their affection and their closeness to us, the three newly professed, by participating in the celebration in large numbers, despite the limits imposed by the pandemic.

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From the first day of the novitiate, we have been warmly welcomed by the local population, who immediately made us feel at home. Our formators and all the Montfort Fathers in Santeramo community with great spiritual fatherhood and loving care have always supported and guided us on the path of preparation. Through them, in these twelve months of novitiate we have been able to deepen the figure of St. Louis Marie de Montfort, his spirituality and the charism of our Congregation. Our study was alternated with the time of charitable service and daily, personal and community prayer, for the numerous moments re-served for Eucharistic adoration and spiritual retreats. We had been warned that this year would be an incomparable period and a precious place to lay the foundations of our religious journey. And it was so. *The novitiate has been a time of "grace" where, day after day, we have been able to consolidate our relation-ship of union with the Lord, through Mary, and install in our hearts the ardent desire to give and conse-crate our lives to God, putting ourselves at his service.*



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On the eve of the first profession, the whole community gathered in the old and beautiful chapel of the Novitiate and, during the Vespers prayer, the three of us renewed before the image of Our Lady of the Rosary, lit candles in the hand, our baptismal promises through the Consecration to Jesus through the hands of Mary. The Provincial Father, Fr. Mario Belotti, in his homily, reminded us that there are many slavery in the world but that only the one proposed by Montfort is “liberating” and “divinizing” for man.

In fact, we wanted to carry out, taking his words: “an act of unconditional love, a total, absolute and definitive gift of ourselves, without any reservation or claim - to live a slavery of love - which has as its true purpose only the glory of God and the simple joy of being able to honor and serve God and our neighbor through Jesus, like Mary”. This radical choice of abandonment entrusted to the Lord, which can appear as madness for the world, is the ultimate response to a call that God has operated in our lives: we feel constantly loved by him like "precious pearls" and we have experienced with vigor the many graces of his infinite mercy for us.

If I then look at my personal history I realize how Mary has been the guiding thread of my vocation. My mother at my birth offered me to her as a sign of gratitude for the gift received. I have grown up alongside priests who knew how to transmit to me, through their ministry and their witness of life, a deep sense of God and a great love for the Blessed Virgin, becoming instruments of the Lord for my vocational discernment. Thus, since adolescence, the desire to give my life to God through the hands of Mary had been born in me. Participating then in some Marian catechesis directed by the Montfort Missionaries in my parish in Rome and at the time of the novitiate formation, I have found more and more affinity with the charism and spirituality of Saint Louis Marie de Montfort, and I was able to grasp the great theological and salvific importance for each believer. For this reason, I want to advise those who seek God or wish to give the highest value to his existence, the "True Devotion" proposed by Montfort. In fact, Mary is the star that guides our path and the privileged path that the Lord has given us to unite ourselves perfectly with him, to love him tenderly and serve him faithfully (cf. TD 62). For this reason, I affirm, with an anxious joy: **"TUUS TOTUS EGO SUM, ET OMNIA MEA TUA SUNT: I AM ALL YOURS AND ALL I HAVE IS YOURS, O DEAR JESUS, THROUGH MARY, YOUR HOLY MOTHER"** (TD 233).■



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# NEW VOCATIONS IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA

*By Brother NIRINA, SMM*



Standing from left to right: Fr. Moko, Anselm, Clifford, Bishop Gilles, Steven, Desmond, Br. Nirina, Kelly.  
Sitting from left to right: John, Godwin, Tresi.

**PORT MORESBY, PNG** - On Thursday, October 29, 2020, Bishop Gilles Coté, SMM, bishop of the Diocese of Daru-Kiunga, visited the Montfortian Missionaries' house of Formation, called "Montfortian House", in Bomana, Port Moresby, PNG. On this occasion, in addition to be present with the candidates, Bishop Gilles shared also the lives of the faithful of his diocese. He has particularly evoked a pedagogical school that had just been born, the school is called "Saint Montfort Teachers College".





He also shared about his missionary life and the fact that on November 24, 2020, he will be 75 years old. He expects a successor bishop because Pope Francis has accepted his demission. He expects the new bishop to be announced before April 2021. After that, he says, he will continue his mission in his country, Canada.

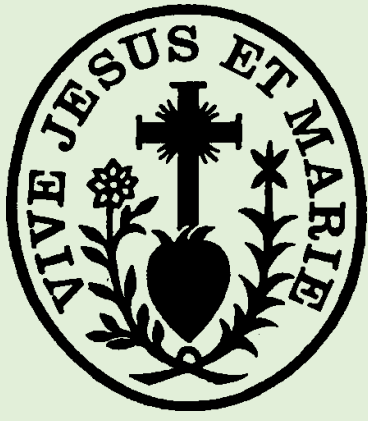
He has encouraged our candidates to be faithful to the end. He says that the Canadian Montfort Missionaries have started the mission in Daru-Kiunga, 61 years ago and that now it is this new generation that will continue their mission. Bishop Gilles has asked the prayers of this community for him and has promised to pray specifically for the candidates who are in this house of Formation.

Thank you, Bishop Gilles, for having visited the “Montfortian House” and encouraged the young people of this house of Formation. ■



Atmosphere in the dining room of the “Montfortian House”, Bomana, Port Moresby, PNG.





# FORM JESUS IN US

Fraternal Visit of the Superior General of the Eudists

By Dola Dhanush



**ROME, ITALY** - On Saturday, October 24, 2020, the Community of the General House, Rome, was honored with the visit of **Fr. Jean-Michel AMOURIAUX, CJM**, Superior General of the Congregation of Jesus and Mary (CJM) or more commonly known as the "Eudists", after the name of their founder, Saint Jean Eudes (1601-1680). He was accompanied by **Fr. Hyacinthe ALLAGBÉ** from Benin who is an assistant general, among others, responsible for assisting their Associates in the world, who also acts as secretary general.

This visit was of a fraternal nature, of course not just because this missionary from Paris knows some of the Montfort Missionaries but also and above all because Montfort, according to many experts in the field of Christian spirituality, bears several characteristics of the current of Berulian spiritual life, just like Jean Eudes himself. This spiritual current finds its starting point with Cardinal Pierre de Bérulle (1575-1629), founder of the Oratorian Priests, this is why this current is called "Bérullian". Jean Eudes himself was an Oratorian Priest before founding his own Congregation, which today has around 370 members worldwide. He also founded "The Order of Our Lady of Charity" which then merged with the "Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd".

The name of Jean Eudes himself, curiously enough, is never mentioned by Montfort in his writings. But the teachings of the future Doctor of the Church of the "heart of Jesus and Mary" are clearly detected in the writings of Montfort. It suffices to consider the titles of several works of Jean Eudes, which find their splash in the various declarations of Montfort in his various writings: **The Life and the Kingdom of Jesus, Devotion to the Most Holy Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Contract of Man with God through Holy Baptism, The Admirable Childhood of the Most Holy Mother of God.**

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Fr. Jean-Michel and Fr. Luizinho



During this meeting, Father Jean-Michel told us about the spiritual goal of Jean Eudes. It can be summed up in this phrase: "to form Jesus in us". It is a synthesis of the 13 volumes of the spiritual-missionary work of the Norman missionary which very clearly underlines the spirit of Christocentrism of this spiritual life. As a missionary, the preoccupation of Jean Eudes was conveyed by Montfort: the interior life of a Christian to live the baptismal life to incarnate what one could call the "revolution of tenderness" (term of Pope Francis) in the life of humanity. In fact, this "formation of Jesus in us" is the fundamental concern of all the leaders of this spiritual school, from Bérulle, the initiator, to Montfort, whom Henri Bremond calls "the last of the great Bérullians".



**St Jean Eudes**

Fr. Jean-Michel also brought several books related to the process taking place in the Vatican to present Saint Jean Eudes as a Doctor of the Church. These books present the excellence of the teachings of Jean Eudes to help the Church today in her spiritual and missionary struggle. This was also put forward in the "Positio" which was presented to the Vatican asking for Jean Eudes to be declared a Doctor of the Church.

This process has been going on for five years. The views of the two Congregations that Jean Eudes founded were presented. In 2016, representatives of the two Congregations went to the Pope to express their intentions which were supported by various Episcopal Conferences. In 2017, all of Jean Eudes' books were transported to the Vatican with presentations on the content of each of them. These books are currently being studied by three theologians. Usually, after three years of study, they give their opinion. Now the Church is awaiting a response to this ongoing process.

Finally, we can say that this will perhaps be the first time in history a fraternal meeting between the Superior General of the Eudists and the Superior General of the Montfort Missionaries, representatives of the two missionary Congregations who have inherited the historic vocation to renewal in the Church. Meetings like this must be repeated and, hopefully, can be oriented in two directions: the joint deepening of the teachings of Saint Jean Eudes and Saint Louis-Marie and missionary cooperation. Father Jean-Michel him-self is currently carrying out research on the theme: "The Holy Spirit in the Hymns of Montfort". Fraternal encounters, common research and missionary commitment are essential for the Church today. Didn't Pope Francis say that our authentic spiritual life should lead us to "encounter with others, engagement with the world or a passion for evangelization" (EG 78)? ■

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Hymn of Father De Montfort

# CONTEMPT OF THE WORLD

## CALAMITIES OF THE WORLD

1. Great God, come to our assistance,  
Arm yourself with your thunder;  
Everyday, far and wide, cruel war  
Is waged against us by the world.  
The world is our most hateful foe  
Because it is the most human.

2. Friends of God, courageous soldiers,  
Let us unite and take up arms,  
Never let us accept defeat;  
Let us combat the bewitching world.  
Since God Himself is with us,  
We will conquer. Let us all do battle.

5. What is this deceiving world?  
It is the global gathering  
Of sinners waging war,  
Atrocious and cruel, against the Lord;  
Sometimes very openly  
But more often secretly.

15. To destroy their holiness  
He uses a thousand ruses;  
To win them over to his side  
He invents a thousand wrongs;  
Good God, how many he has uprooted  
Through all his evil snares!

24. The wicked world is blind  
Yet believes itself wise,  
It has become hardened;  
Whoever corrects it, outrage...  
Alas! it neither sees nor hears,  
And this multiplies its evil.



37. It promises its followers  
Honors, pleasures, rotting goods  
Which are basically deceiving,  
And make people awfully wretched.  
O vanity of vanities,  
The greatest of truths!

43. All these possessions have something  
Inexplicably pernicious;  
They hide within them deadly toxin  
Which sullies and stinks horribly.  
This is what our faith teaches us;  
The wise person understands.

47. The utmost difficulty,  
And the greatest one I know,  
Is to acquire sanctity  
While owning wealth without addiction;  
It takes a miraculous effort,  
What a marvelous prodigy. ■

**SÉMINAIRE EN LIGNE SUR LES CANTIQUES DU PÈRE DE MONTFORT**  
Commission de Spiritualité des Missionnaires de la Compagnie de Marie  
Du 1er au 18 février 2021

Dates	Intervenants	Langues	Thèmes	Horaires & Pays
Lundi, 1	Hélène LeMay, fdls	Français	Quelques jalons d'histoire du chant religieux menant aux Cantiques du Père de Montfort dans l'Église	08h30: Mexique, Nicaragua, Pérou 09h30: Bahamas, Canada, Colombie, Équateur, États Unis (New York), Haïti 11h30: Argentine, Brésil
Mardi, 2	Hélène LeMay, fdls	Français	La Sagesse dans les Cantiques du Père de Montfort	
Mercredi, 3	Hélène LeMay, fdls	Français	Les vertus et les fausses sagesse dans les Cantiques	
Jeudi, 4	Hélène LeMay, fdls	Français	Les Manuscrits des Cantiques du Père de Montfort - 1	14h30: Angleterre, Portugal 15h30: Allemagne, Belgique, Espagne, France, Italie, Bosnie, Croatie, Pays Bas, Pologne
Vendredi, 5	Hélène LeMay, fdls	Français	Les Manuscrits des Cantiques du Père de Montfort - 2	
PAUSE				
Lundi, 8	Hélène LeMay, fdls	Français	Les éditions de Cantiques du Père de Montfort	12h30: Burkina Faso, Togo 15h30: RDC
Mardi, 9	Efrem ASSOLARI, smm	Italiano	Divina Provvidenza nei Cantici	16h30: Burundi, Rwanda, Zambie
Mercredi, 10	Maxim GUREZOV, ive	Italiano	Povertà in spirito nei Cantici	17h30: Kenya, Madagascar, Ouganda
Giovedì, 11	Girolamo DAL MASO, smm	Italiano	Montfort: Poeta, nei Cantici	
Venerdì, 12	Maria della NATIVITÀ, ssvm	Italiano	San Giuseppe nei Cantici	
PAUSE				
Lundi, 15	Mme Mariène BELL	Français	"Sur l'air de..."	20h00: Inde
Mardi, 16	Jean-Michel AMOURIAUX, cjm	Français	Saint-Esprit dans les Cantiques	21h30: Thaïland, Indonésie (WIB)
Wednesday, 17	Peter MASCARENHAS, smm	English	Eucharist - Blessed Sacrament - Sacred Heart in the Hymns	22h30: Malaysia, Singapore, Philippines
Giovedì, 18	Alberto Valentini, smm	Italiano	Maria nei Cantici	00h30: PNG





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