



Montfort_EurHope: Apostle of the Latter Times

ROME – *On Sunday, the 31st of May this year, when the Feast of the Visitation gave way to the Solemnity of the Pentecost, a lay woman made a Montfortian consecration at the chapel of the general house.*

After the 33 days of preparation, Mariana Berliana ALI (50), who was born in Jakarta and lives in Rome for studies, has consecrated herself to Jesus through Mary. Her decision of the consecration could be traced back before receiving her Sacrament of Baptism on 11 May 1997, encouraged by the testimony of her father who became a Catholic five years earlier. Her preparation for Baptism took place in an entirely original way: she received the effusion of the Holy Spirit after participating the Life in the Spirit Seminar and began to pray the rosary daily. On her Baptism day, she made the decision to lead a celibate life for the mission that the Lord would indicate to her. Being ignorant of Scriptures, she has a deep desire to study the Bible. After her pilgrimage to the Holy Land, she left her job as an investment banker in Singapore and began her studies in Rome using her own savings at the Pontifical Universities: philosophy at the Angelicum, theology at the Gregorian and licentiate in Sacred Scripture at the Biblicum. Currently, she is writing her doctoral thesis on the lexicon of *ergon* in the Fourth Gospel. Her formation in Rome is developed progressively by the Divine Providence. Although she is engaged in studies, her apostolate continues. Indeed, she becomes for many people met in Europe with a lukewarm faith, an authentic “apostle” of prayer and rosary.

At the end of the celebration, she expressed her joy and emotion, asking to pray that this consecration may prepare her heart for the Kingdom of Jesus Christ through Mary. We wish Mariana Berliana to become all for Mary for the glory of God and the salvation of souls.

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