



## **Laity Consecrated to Jesus Christ, Eternal Wisdom Incarnated and Crucified, through the Hands of the Virgin Mary**

**TOAMASINA, Madagascar** - In 2002, the "*MPIARA-DIA MONTFORTANINA*" or "Montfortian Associates" was born in Toamasina, Madagascar. It becomes AMQAH or "Association of Mary Queen of All Hearts" or *FANGAVAGNA MONTFORTANINA MALAGASY*, today.

There were few members at that time. Only few continued to devote themselves: only six (6) consecrated. But it grew and brought hope later.

We were active and in search within the association for many years (5 to 12 years) before deciding to deepen this CONSECRATION.

There were several reasons for this. There was ignorance of consecration, fear, doubt, etc. However, due to the work of the Holy Spirit and the teachings of the leaders and the longing later, to follow Jesus Christ, Wisdom of God incarnate and crucified, in the hands of Mary, 12 of us committed to the consecration. The life of Baptism, through the renewal of baptismal promises, rejecting Satan and the wisdom of the world, is the basis allowing entrance into the fortification of faith and a new life, according to what Montfort had written and inspired in ASE 223-227.

This courage was reinforced by the teachings during the "Montfortian Month", which began on February 17, 2022 and ended on March 19, 2022, followed by a three-day retreat on March 24-26, 2022.

We feel and expect the best results in our lives to experience self-esteem, to increase our inner reflection and devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary: to respect and love her, the woman chosen by God to be the treasure of the Lord (cf. DV 23). She is the channel through which the Son pours out His Mercy. She is the shortest, simplest, and surest way to obtain the grace of Jesus according to the teachings of Montfort (cf. VD 64).

So, in closing, we thank God for His guidance. We also extend our special thanks to Fr. Jean Claude RAMANDRAIVONONA, SMM, who spent time with us during these months, advised us to carefully follow and study the writings of Saint Louis-Marie de Montfort. He presided over the Mass during the time we consecrated ourselves to Jesus through the hands of Mary on March 27, 2022, without forgetting the renewal of Consecration of a friend of Wisdom and the renewal of vows of a Montfortian brother from St. Gabriel. During which, we celebrated the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, central to our spirituality, therefore our main feast (March 25). The Montfortian family came in large numbers: Friends of Wisdom (AS), Gabrielist Montfortian Associates (AGM), Association of Mary Queen of ALL Hearts (AMQAH), the Brothers of St. Gabriel, the Daughters of Wisdom and the Company of Mary. We shared a fraternal meal after the celebration and everyone was very happy.

We hope that this consecration, including the renewal of consecration of a friend of Wisdom, and the renewal of vows of a Montfortian Brother of St. Gabriel, will lead us to live a life of piety and to consecrate oneself for the poor. It is the testimony of communion with Jesus, Wisdom Incarnate, with the Virgin Mary as our Mother.

May the Holy Trinity help each of us to produce the grace of God. Amen.

*AMRC TOAMASINA*