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Blessing of the House for Senior Confreres of the Indian Vice-Province

MYSORE, India - The long-awaited house for the senior confreres of the Indian Vice-Province was blessed by Father Peter MASCARENHAS, SMM, the Provincial of Indian Vice-Province on 20 April 2022. It was providence for the Indian Province to have such a house to care for the elderly and sick priests with love.

This newly renovated house is situated at the bottom of the Chamundi hill in Mysore, Karnataka state, India. This house is away from the noise of the city at the foot of this small hill with its unique beauty with lush green nature which makes its ambiance very calm and serene. In the earlier days, this was the Farm house and later, the house was used as the Novitiate, Provincial house and now it is turned into senior priests' home. Presently, this house has nine self-content rooms with Chapel, recreational hall, dining hall and kitchen (with store room).

On 20th April 2022 at 12 pm, the house was blessed and the first entry was made by Father Norbert LOBO, SMM, our senior priest by cutting the ribbon as sign of official opening ceremony. This was witnessed by some of our Montfortian priests, sisters from neighboring communities and brothers from both the minor and major seminary. Father Prabhakar who is the local superior welcomed the gathering for the blessing of the House and Father Mohan, the Administrator, thanked all those who had worked for the renovation of the House. There were fifty people present for the blessing. In his message, Father Michael Sahayaraj called this house as *Wisdom house* which would carry out the Spirituality of caring for the sick and old.

In his vote of thanks, Father Mohan thanked the Provincial, Bursar of the Province, the renovation committee, Engineer, the contractor and Laborers who worked hard for the renovation. It was a short and simple celebration and all were happy to witness the program. After the blessing all were invited for the sumptuous meal.

We thank the General Administration for granting us this project for the Indian Vice-Province. We thank the people who have worked for the realization of this project in a short time. We pray for all the donors who made this project possible for us.

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