

Monthly Handouts on Montfortian Spirituality

A team coordinated by Fr. Efreem ASSOLARI, SMM, recently took the initiative of preparing a **monthly handout** on Montfortian Spirituality. The initiative will follow the theme proposed at the annual gathering in Loreto for the Montfortian associates of Italy. This year's handouts will be inspired by the epitaph of the saint's tomb, commented on from month to month, to meditate on the portrait of Saint Louis-Marie de Montfort. Each month, the Congregation's website will make the handout available in three languages: Italian, French and English.

The epitaph written in Latin, reported here in its translation, is preserved in the crypt of Saint Laurent-sur-Sèvre and gives us a living and effective portrait of the saint.

Traveller,
what do you see?
A light quenched,
a man consumed by the fire of charity,
who became all things to all men,
Louis-Marie Grignon de Montfort.
If you ask what was his life,
there was none more holy,
his penance, none more austere,
his zeal, none more ardent,
his devotion to Mary,
none more like Bernard.
A priest of Christ,
he showed forth Christ in his actions,
and preached Him everywhere in his words.
Indefatigable, he rested only in the grave.
Father of the poor,
protector of orphans,
reconciler of sinners
his glorious death was the image of his life,
as he had lived, so he died.
Ripe for God, he passed to heaven.
April 28, 1716.
Aged 43 years.