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Dear Brothers,

I am sending you the "*Circular Letter on Montfortian Mission today*". Of course, the extraordinary missionary month of October 2019 is ended but the Montfortian mission continues and will continue beyond the month.

I am convinced that the call of our beloved Pope Francis for a missionary church, which goes to human and geographical peripheries, is very urgent.

I pray the Most Holy Trinity that our Montfortian Family, in the arms of the Virgin Mary, with its eyes fixed on Jesus, may be renewed as an authentic missionary congregation. We must renew in ourselves the enthusiasm to go beyond the borders. We need to be more courageous, less fearful and renew our trust in God and Providence.

As a missionary disciple, the Montfortian family is invited, every day, to embrace the actions and words of the Lord. Under the power of the Holy Spirit, Jesus went on a mission, from villages to villages, mingling himself with the poor, the sinners, the sick and the marginalized, announcing to them the Kingdom of God. He did it simply, stripped.

As a result of his preaching and actions, he was persecuted, slandered, imprisoned, tortured and crucified. But the Father raised him! He built his community and sent it all over the world to proclaim the Good News, that God is our Father, that we are all brothers, giving us His commandment to love one another.

Saint Louis Marie de Montfort took, with all his heart, and throughout his life, the actions and the mission of Jesus, calling Him Eternal Wisdom. He asks us to do the same, according to our historical and cultural realities.

As Pope Francis says: "*Challenges exist to be overcome! Let us be realists, but without losing our joy, our boldness and our hope-filled commitment. Let us not allow ourselves to be robbed of missionary vigor!*" (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 109).

Today, Jesus calls and sends the Montfortian Family on an urgent mission, accomplishing it with simplicity, poverty, and evangelical option for the poor.

Happy reading!

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