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The calvary of Pontchâteau

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The most famous of all the missions he gave in the region of Nantes, and the most talked about, was that in Pontchâteau, eight leagues from Nantes.

Monsieur de Montfort, seeing the fervour of all the people of the neighbourhood and all the parishes where he had preached, set out to build a Calvary in honour of Jesus Christ crucified, on a small hill in the parish of Pontchâteau, with views all round up to two leagues, both over land and sea.

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No sooner had he made known his plan than all the people eagerly offered him their services for its execution. For fifteen months they came from all quarters, from twelve to fifteen leagues away, to work there: men and women, boys and girls, up to more than three hundred persons. Each of them brought along their own provisions and tools to carry out the work.



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Grandet

And what greatly increased their fervour and made them at every opportunity put their hand to the task, was the fact that they saw M. de Montfort at their head, digging the ground, and moving and carrying big stones. They all sang hymns and talked about pious subjects while they worked.

MONTFORT & PONTCHÂTEAU



All around this Calvary, first of all, he had them dig ditches twenty feet wide and as many deep, and he had erected on the summit of the hill, three crosses of prodigious height, the one in the middle being at least 40 feet high, so that it could be seen from further away and would inspire the adoration of the people around. He wanted to build there fifteen chapels where there would be life-size representations of the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary.



Three had already been built when the enemy of Jesus Christ, foreseeing that this place representing the Calvary would bring about further victories over him and overcome his traps, aroused some zealous people who, on fine pretexts, carried word to the Court that this Calvary would simply be a retreat for robbers who would ravage the neighbourhood. This was why King Louis XIV, always keen to promote the good of his subjects and to prevent even seeming evils in his kingdom, gave orders for the Calvary to be demolished and the crosses removed. Straightaway the inhabitants of the surrounding parishes who had been working on it, were ordered to destroy it.

This was not done without difficulty and the shedding of tears, when the poor people saw themselves obliged to obey. To put an end to the blasphemies uttered by the soldiers, and to prevent them profaning the cross which they were going to cut down by putting an axe to the foot of it, the good people preferred to take it down themselves, so as to preserve it and give it back to M. de Montfort, rather than see it broken to pieces.



Thus this work was destroyed in less than a week, that had taken more than a year to build, and that anyone but M. de Montfort would not have succeeded in doing for twenty thousand écus. We are assured, even, that the said remains which are still in place are worth more than twenty thousand pounds. Even though there was a great scarcity of food during 1709 when M. de Montfort was having the Calvary built, nevertheless he found ways to feed a multitude of poor people who, without him, would have died of hunger (From Grandet).



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MONTFORT'S PATIENCE

*Letter of Fr. Préfontaine, Jesuit,
Fr de Montfort's Spiritual Director in Nantes*

.... His patience was heroic. Perhaps no man has ever met with so many contradictions or had more to suffer, being persecuted in all places and by all kinds of people. But all the evil that could be done to him and all the persecution aroused against him, never pushed his patience to the limit.



When obliged to leave one place, he would go to another. He would stay there without remembering, in the place where he was, what he had suffered in the place he had left, never complaining of anyone, and never seeking to justify himself by making known the unjust proceedings taken in his regard and the disgraceful manner in which he had often been treated. Everyone knows all the trouble he went to, to build a calvary on the heath of Pontchâteau. He had always had this project in his heart, to honour Jesus Christ crucified. And when at last he found a time and a place



that he believed right for its execution, he made it his duty to do it. It cost him infinite trouble and immense expense, to which the generosity of a number of people, and the zeal of the people of the countryside contributed equally.

The work was almost finished, and Monsieur de Montfort would soon have all his wishes satisfied, seeing this place already become famous for the devotion of the people, who came in droves from all parts to offer their prayers to God and to

retrace, on seeing this calvary, the calvary on which the Saviour of the world had once offered himself for them. When, all of a sudden, a court order came to undo all this work and to destroy this calvary, M. de Montfort received this news, at which anyone else who did not possess all his virtue would have been devastated, with no other thought than to withdraw to spend eight days in retreat and to console himself with God. He went into retreat and I received him without being able to see that he had suffered the slightest upset. He spoke with me in his normal way, and did not show me the slightest emotion in his words, his maxims or even in his face. As this court order made a great stir in Nantes and its neighbourhood,



we were soon made aware of it. I spoke of it with Monsieur de Montfort. He confirmed what was being said, but not a word escaped him of complaint or discontent against those who he had reason to suspect had brought on him an order so positive and so unexpected. This peace and tranquillity, this equanimity which did not flag for a single moment throughout eight days, surprised me. I admired it. What I had seen and what I knew of him had caused me to look upon him up till then as a great good man.



But this patience, this submission to Providence in such a delicate situation as this, the serenity, and the joy, even, that showed in his face despite such a devastating blow for him, made me regard him henceforth as a saint, and produced in me sentiments of respect and of veneration for his virtue, that I have retained ever since, and that I shall retain to my dying day....

(from Vannes, 28 November 1718, in Grandet)

The Montfort Association Mary Queen of All Hearts Democratic Republic of the Congo

Fr. Frédéric

Short story

Montfort Missionaries arrived in DR Congo since 1933 and settled in the Diocese of Isangi, where they began to evangelize the people and started the creation of the group of "Legio de Mariae". They arrived in the Diocese of Kisangani around 1985 for the formation of future Montfort Missionaries.



Some activities

At the beginning of 2018, the Montfortian family present in Kisangani could rejoice at the presence of the lay associates within this family; since on December 17, 2017, the new group of lay associates montfortains was born. This new group had the grace to be baptized by the presence of Father Arnold SUHARDI and Father Marco PASINATO, General Assistants who met and nurtured these new associates



in the House of the Delegation by sharing on some important themes of our life: baptism, consecration, mission, Father de Montfort and the Company of Mary. It should be noted also that the Montfortian lay associates of Kisangani prayed and celebrated with the Montfortian family the feast of Father de Montfort and that of Mother Marie-Louise of Jesus. Since then, members of this new group have a meeting every Saturday in the Montfortian Formation House of

"Deo Soli". At each meeting, there are around 30 members coming from different parishes in Kisangani. The Book of Fr. Alphonse BOSSARD: Following Jesus Christ with Mary, according to Saint Louis-Marie de Montfort, is the basic work of the formation we give to our associates.

First Vision of the Montfortian Associate Group

The Bible tells us: "hope does not disappoint" (Rom 5: 5). Seeing the diligence and courage of the members who joined this group, we hope that they will come to help us in the vast field of mission that the Montfort Missionaries of



the Company of Mary have here in Kisangani and the DRC and in the whole Francophone African General Delegation.

In our reflections and sharing, inspired by the sharing of experience of Father Arnold, the Montfortian lay associates, gradually assimilating this path to get to live it. They plan to realize, after their consecration to Jesus Christ through the hands of Mary, this coming 08/12/2018, with the collaboration of the Montfort Missionaries, even the whole Montfortian family, spiritual meetings, days of prayers, popular missions for to make known more



about Christ, the eternal and incarnate Wisdom of the Father through his Mother, the Virgin Mary. We note here that the Montfortian Associates of Kisangani - DRC have just adopted as a greeting of the group the following exchange: the first one says: "To Jesus! And the second answers: "Through Mary!" If this will interest the Father General Director of the Association Mary Queen of All Hearts, this greeting may someday become the greeting of the Montfortian Lay Associates of around the world. It's a wish!

QUEZON CITY, Philippines **Association of Mary Queen of All Hearts**

Saturday, August 18, 2018
Recollection day preached by
Sr. Mary Grace Rallos,
Benedictine Servant of Mary,
Mother of God.

The theme was on prayer.

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Prayer Intentions

Week 25 & 36

1-In visiting Vendée, we spend our time here in this beautiful place of pilgrimage to present to the Lord all the beautiful things along with our sufferings. Thank you for preserving us. Thank you for mom, thank you for keeping us united.

2- "Ask and you will receive" ...For the goodness of the Lord are not exhausted ... But yes the Lord is good. Eternal is her love!



It is good to wait in silence for the help of the Lord! Let's give up everything for your greater glory and the good of all. Total trust and glory to our God!

3-Saint Louis-Marie, take under your protection our grandson to whom you are the patron saint and get him the success in his exams and his future. Also, support with your kindness all the young people who succeed in their exams because it is the beginning of their future lives. Thank you

4-Saint Louis Marie de Montfort, I entrust to you the parish Saint Louis Marie in Brocéliande (Montfort sur Meu), the parish priest, the different pastoral agents and all those who wait to know God, his love and his mercy.

5-Saint Louis-Marie Grignion de Montfort, thank you for your spiritual tenacity. Teach us to love Mary better and to give France the missionary priests it needs. Alleluia



6-On August 26, 2017, we prayed with Mom that the surgery she undertakes may regain her health back. After a long trial and 8 months of hospitalization, she went home and I just want to say thank you for helping her in her fight. Thank you for giving us the strength to stand firm and thank you for allowing her to continue living. I love her even more since her illness. She's 84 years old, it's like a miracle. To know how to pray and ask but also to know how to say Thank you!



7-In the footsteps of Father de Montfort, since the Calvary of Pontchâteau, the cave of Mervent and the Tomb here at Saint Laurent sur Sèvre. We give thanks for these days of pilgrimage. Thank you

