



## **Renewal of Vows - Latin American Scholasticate**

**LIMA, Peru** - With a simple but emotional celebration, Brothers Gregory Pierre, Cristian López and Bendy Dafnis renewed their vows for the first time during the Holy Mass in the Company of Mary on the 8th of December 2020, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary.

The Eucharistic celebration was held at the chapel of the Latin American Scholasticate based in Lima at 12 pm. It was presided over by Fr. Jesús Cucho Puchuri, SMM, the Delegate of the Superior General for this occasion. He was accompanied by Fathers Luis Salvador, SMM and Giovanni Bigoni, SMM who are the formators, together with the scholastics of this international community.

Prior to the renewal of vows, Fr. Jesus, during his homily, urged the community, especially the scholastics, to be constant in our process and to stand firm despite the various difficulties caused by this pandemic throughout the year, and that we do not neglect dialogue since it is one of the best tools that helps and benefits our formative growth.

On the other hand, he stressed the importance of being aware of the formative stage in which we find ourselves, in order to mature and strengthen our identity as religious and as Montfort missionaries. Likewise, from the Gospel, he emphasized the value of listening that stands out in the Virgin Mary as an example so that like her, we are always attentive to the voice of the

Lord and know how to live our vocation with joy, also with the conviction that our yes is a total self-giving in this consecrated life. He also concluded by stressing a value that marked the life and vocation of our founder, Saint Louis-Marie de Montfort, regarding the importance of maintaining a living spiritual experience, to say that our whole life must be guided by the presence of God, with the firm objective of always doing the will of God.

After this, the act of renewal of vows took place, in which Fr. Jesús Cucho received from our three brothers the promises to live in poverty, obedience and chastity according to the constitutions of the Company of Mary. After which, they signed the renewal certificate stating their legal commitment to the congregation.

Finally, we thanked Fr. Jesús and through him, the entire congregation for their visit to the community, thus manifesting a beautiful gesture of fraternal communion that encourages and motivates our journey as a neo-religious. We also congratulate our brothers Grégory, Cristian and Bendy, since with their yes, they gave credibility that it is still possible to live with joy and conviction of the project of Jesus in this consecrated life as Montfort missionaries.

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