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Echo from Montfort Scholasticate: Closure of the Initiation Year and Renewal of Vows

GITEGA, Burundi - It was Saturday, 29 June 2024. It was on this Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul that the Montfort Scholasticate is closing its 2023-2024 initiation year (which began on Saturday, 23 September 2023) during a Eucharistic celebration presided over by the rector of this house of formation, the Reverend Father Henri ALOTEREMBI, SMM.

It should be noted that this closing of the year is celebrated in tandem with the renewal of the religious vows of our Montfort scholastic brothers. As part of the preparations for these vow renewals, from Tuesday 25 to Thursday 28 June, a three-day spiritual retreat was organised under the theme **“Following the example of Mary, let us say yes to the Lord”**. During the retreat, the moderator, the Reverend Father Jean de Dieu EKANGA, SMM, in his presentations, urged the scholastic brothers to remain faithful to their commitments, especially through their life testimonies; and that their little yes be grafted

to the great Yes of the Virgin Mary, as revealed to us by Saint Louis-Marie Grignion de Montfort, our founder, in his book “*Secret de Marie*”, numbers 70 and following.

Six brothers renewed their yes to the Lord by agreeing to continue walking in the footsteps of the poor apostles in the Company of Mary. Here are their names: Vincent TABUKU, SMM, Yannick Siméon MUKOMO, SMM, Jofred WEMEGAH, SMM, Guellord Dédé EWANE, SMM, Justin MAOMBI, SMM and Tresor KASEREKA, SMM. It was in this joy of Christ that each participant took part in this Eucharistic celebration dedicated to these various circumstances.

“To be men of faith, following the example of these two great figures of the Universal Church, Peter and Paul, is the total commitment required of all Christians in general and of all consecrated persons in particular, who are called to remain faithful to their commitment to live their faith authentically in the service of God and humanity.” This was the main message delivered by Reverend Father Henri ALOTEREMBI in his homily of the day.

Started with Mass at 4pm, the festive evening ended with a final prayer and blessing.

Christian greetings to all.

Bro. Yannick Siméon MUKOMO, SMM