



Radiant pole of evangelization in the footsteps of Saint Montfort

CALVARY OF PONCHATEAU, France. On March 27, 2023 the three General Councils of the Montfortian Family as well as three Provincial Councils of France met with the three communities of the Calvary of Pontchâteau to listen to the proposal of the prospective group around the Reflection on the deployment of a radiant pole of evangelization in Pontchâteau with its methods of action and its conditions for success.

After an introduction by Fr. Santino BREMBILLA, SMM Superior of the Calvary community, Fr. Sébastien de GROULARD, Vicar General Diocese of Nantes confirmed on behalf of the Bishop the desire of the diocese to work with the Montfortian Family. Then Mr. Éric DUJONCQUOI layman, facilitator of the project, who accompanied and summarized the reflection, presented the fruit of the work of a year of reflection: genesis of the project carried by the whole of the Montfortian Family and by the Diocese, timetable and working method, with a medium-term aim and a proposal for the first stage to start in a pragmatic way.

After the presentation and a time for discussion, the prospecting group which wishes to launch the project in September 2023, asked two questions to the Superiors of the Montfortian Family on the

decisions to be taken: “*Do you validate this proposal? "How are you able to engage in the first stage?"* ". The response of the Superiors is to arrive at a coordinated decision in June 2023.

The atmosphere of the meeting expressed all the joy and emotion of the Montfortian Family and of the Diocese of Nantes, deeply shaped by Montfortian spirituality, to set to work for a place of renewal and evangelization in the footsteps of Saint Louis Marie de Montfort.

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