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## **FROM THE DESK OF THE PROVINCIAL**

We, the Montfortians are at the threshold of our General Chapter which is time of grace and discernment in terms of our charism and spirituality. We come together from around the globe to evaluate and take the challenges of our mission with sense of gratitude to God and to one another. We share the spirit and charism of our founder and enable ourselves towards the message of hope and peace. As the theme of the chapter enlightens us saying "*dare to take risk for God and for humanity*" our sense of creative fidelity to our consecration and mission in a more vibrant manner. Mary our Blessed Mother took a risk and brought forth the saviour, the mystery of Incarnation becomes the central mystery of our Christian faith. We are called to imitate Mary and do the will of God in fulfilling our vocation to sanctity and holiness. In his message for Easter 2022 Pope Francis greets the faithful saying, Jesus is Crucified One, is risen! He stands in the midst of those who mourned him, locked behind closed doors and full of fear and anguish. He comes to them and says: "peace be with you!" (Jn 20:19). He shows the wounds in his hands and feet, and the wound in his side. He is no ghost; it is truly Jesus, the same Jesus who died on the cross and was laid in the tomb. Before the incredulous eyes of the disciples, he repeats: "Peace be with you!"



Yes, amidst wars, political unrests, communal disharmony, ecological imbalances due to man disasters, conflicts and tensions take away peace, social harmony and sustainability at different ways. Peace is the need of the hour world over. So Easter has the message of peace as it comes faster to soothe the thirst and hunger for peace, harmony and tranquillity. The Holy Father Pope

Francis offers ways and means to overcome conflicts and live amicably. For this he promotes "a culture of encounter and journeying together in Spirit." "Creating, developing and sharing the culture of encounter and journeying together involve the individuals and communities to encounter God and one another in experience of life. It is being a genuine experience of fraternity, a caravan of solidarity, a sacred pilgrimage" (*Evangelii Gaudium* 87). A true Christian encounters with an event, a person which gives a new horizon and a decisive direction. Life, for all its contradiction, is the art of encounter (*Fratelli Tutti*. 215). Our service in mission is an action where we meet people and share with them the message of peace and solidarity and call for fraternal life as the way to eternal life. We, as Montfortians are called to encounter communities and charism in the light of faith we have received from our founder. Whenever we encounter another person in love, we learn something new about God (EG 272).

The Holy Spirit tells us that wisdom is not found in the hearts of those who live in comfort (Job 28:13), gratifying their passions and bodily desires, because 'they who are of the flesh cannot please God' and wisdom of the flesh is the enemy of God (Rom 8:8), says St. Louis de Montfort (LEW 194). We must practice, self-denial and renounce the world and self. Very often our journey to God is hindered by our unhealthy attachments, held back by the seductive snares of our sins, by the false security of money and appearances by the paralysis of our discontents, in order to walk, one must unmask these illusions. Donald Neale Walsh, in his book, "Communion with God", tells us that we are led by illusions and falsities of life events. He speaks of ten illusions and one of them is, needs exists, so I go on increasing my needs, but he says, "you came without anything and go without anything, why do you need?" We have made cultural story, so one need we attach many more ...It is a time to reconsider the roads we are taking, to find the way back home, to rediscover the fundamental bond with God and one another. The Father who calls us to return is the one who leaves the house and come looking for us, (Lk 11). The Lord who heals us is the One who let himself be wounded on the cross.

As Montfort tells us, in *Friends of the Cross*, "Now is the time to suffer and mourn, to pray and to do penance, to live in retirement and poverty, to humble

and mortify ourselves, for those who do not possess the spirit of Christ, which is the spirit of the cross, do not belong to Him. Those who belong to Christ have crucified all self-indulgent passions and desires. We must be true images of Christ (FC 9)". This is the message of hope for Montfortians! Have confidence, they say to each other. If God is on our side, within us, and before us, who can be against us? Let us reflect, share the goodness, greatness and magnanimity of our call to commit ourselves to the cross, poor and Wisdom incarnate.

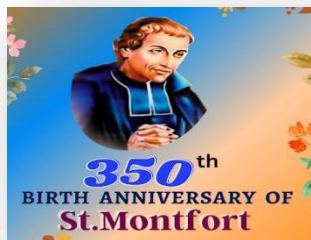
We celebrate the Golden Jubilee of our presence in this land of ours, vibrant with religious faiths, spiritualities, cultures and ethnic groups. There are many challenges to overcome and make our home to the abode of the Father above. What are our aspirations? Do we inspire people? It is time to look back and give thanks to God for the wonderful way he has accompanied us as Montfortians and praise God in manifold ways, so also seek graces and blessings to move forward with hope and united in company in fraternity in the words of Pope Francis. Let us be open to the promptings of the Holy Spirit and whisper the prayer of St. Louis Marie de Montfort " *Liberos*: free men. Men always available, always ready to obey you when those in authority speak. Always with words of Samuel on their lips: *praesto sum*, here I am, always ready to be on the move and to suffer with you and for you, just as the apostles were: *eamusetmoriatur cum illo*, let us go and die along with him"(PM 10). May the forth coming events in our congregation that is our General Chapter and the Golden Jubilee our presence lead us to begin a new chapter in our Vice Province and the accompaniment of the Risen Lord open our eyes and hearts and burn with the zeal for the greater glory of God.

***WISH YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY EASTER. MAY THE RISEN LORD BRING  
ABOUT BLESSINGS TO EACH AND EVERY ONE OF THIS HOLY SEASON OF  
EASTER***

***Peter Mascarenhas SMM  
Adarsh Bhavan***

## **350<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHANNIVERSARY OF ST. LOUIS MARIE DE MONTFORT**

St. Louis Marie de Montfort was born on 31<sup>st</sup> January 1673 in Brittan in the town called Montfort-la-



Cane. From his childhood day onwards, he was a virtuous and exhibited an extraordinary love for Blessed Virgin Mary and for the poor. He became a priest and worked ceaselessly for God Alone. On Jan 31<sup>st</sup> we celebrated 350<sup>th</sup> year of our founder's birth anniversary all over the globe by the three Congregations namely Montfort Fathers, Montfort Brothers of St Gabriel, Daughters of Wisdom and by the Montfortian lay associates. His birth is something special for the Montfortian family. If one visits Rome in St. Peter's Basilica would see the Statute of St. Montfort. Montfort was conferred with the title as 'Apostolic Missionary' by Pope Clement the XI in the year 1706. He was beatified in the year 1888 and Canonized as Saint July 20<sup>th</sup> 1947 by Pope Pius XII. He was a great missionary of extraordinary range and influence who worked in 12- 14 dioceses in France and preached more than 200 missions. According to biographer Joseph

Grandet, Montfort added the name Mary into to his name on the day of his confirmation; it is because of his love for Mother Mary. In True Devotion to Mary no.63, St. Montfort says "It would be easier to separate light from the Sun and heat from the fire but it is not easy to separate Jesus from Mary."

350<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary is also a unique one for us because the dark time of Covid-19 is almost disappearing and we are freed from this pandemic to rejuvenate our spirit. In fact, this year Jan 31<sup>st</sup> I had the opportunity to attend the birthday celebration of St. Montfort in Montfort Nivas community, the feast was solemnized by Rev Fr. Peter Mascarenhas our Provincial Superior. As we mark our founder's birth anniversary, I wish that this celebration will increase our hope, and help us to rise above the challenges, failures, indifferences and aggressiveness. In our spiritual journey like our founder let us glorify God and live for God Alone. God Alone was the motto of St. Montfort and repeated this motto over 150 times in his writings. He sang "God alone is my tenderness, God alone is my support, and God alone is my every good, my life and my wealth" (Canticle 55: 11). His love for God was total. It was with God and for God that

he went towards other people and walked the roads of the mission.”

Today what our Holy Father Pope Francis asks the world catholic leaders through the Synod 2021- 2023 is to go to the people, to encounter, to listen, and to get them involved. St. Montfort himself walked, talked to the people and gave religious instructions to them without colour, cast and discrimination. Communion, participation and mission were the characteristics of his heart. Let us draw the inspiration from him and in our mission let us keep the legacy and charism of our founder alive. Let us **Rise and Shine**.

Selva Kumar smm

### **MY FINAL COMMITMENT**

**The mighty one has done great things for me (Lk 1:49)** Tuesday Jan 03<sup>rd</sup> 2023 became one of the most memorable days of my life. This day marked the beginning of a new chapter in the journey of my life. The light was shone on this journey and a dream of eleven years for me and for my companions Martin and Prakash. This day we came forward to



become true Liberos as our founder Fr. De Montfort wished, by pronouncing the words of final profession in front of the august gathering that witnessed our total self-giving to God for the rest of our lives.

The eleven years of rigorous formation in the Company of Mary enabled us to realize God’s call and respond to it by allowing us to be moulded under the efficient and spirit filled formators who constantly motivated us to strive forward to realize God’s plan in our lives.

To arrive at this day of joy and contentment, we had three months of intense preparation with two months of classes and pilgrimages. There was thirty-three days of Montfortian retreat which helped us spiritually to prepare for the day. The day of our final profession was made beautiful by the esteemed presence of His Eminence Cardinal John Ribart MSC Archbishop of Port Moresby, who presided over the Eucharist and delivered a beautiful homily with inspiring and motivating words inviting us to remain faithful to the God who called us.

Most. Rev. Rosario Menezes, bishop of Lae, religious priests, nuns and the parish priests who were present praying for us added more grace to the pleasant and joyful day. The presence of the Montfortians of



Indian vice-province for the event was very encouraging as they were there to welcome us to the company of Mary with open and joyful hearts expressing their love and concern for us.



We were delighted to have our parents among us who came all the way from far and wide to offer us to God for the rest of our lives as they first offered us to the church at baptism. The day was very colourful with the decorations and other festal arrangements done by our scholastics of Maria Bhavan community, they added flavour to the event with their mellifluous choir for the celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

We know how demanding this call is, trusting in the providential love of God and in his mercy, at the same time realizing that it was he who helped us all these years and will also continue to support us we gave our consent before his people.

Dn Anthony Peter SMM

## **Formation Meeting in Sneha Bhavan**

The first Formators Meeting this year took place in Sneha Bhavan on 21st January 2023. There were 7 participants in the gathering. In the introductory address, Fr Micheal Sagayaraj SMM spoke on the objectives, reality, stabilization and challenges of formation. Later we had an inspiring presentation on "Accompaniment" by Fr Judis Valan SMM. He spoke on Psycho-spiritual aspects of formation, Types and Qualities of Formation etc. He also presented how Montfortian Accompaniment and Identity should be. He also proposed ways and means of how a formator should be in the formation communities.

After the presentation, the formation communities were asked to present their respective community programs including Vijnana Nilayam in Eluru. Each community presented their programs, activities, achievements, plans and challenges.

After the respective sharing of individual communities, some common viewpoints were taken into consideration.

1. Every formator has to be exemplary and cooperative to the needs of the community.
2. Vocation Promotion has to be taken seriously.

3. Importance of Spiritual Direction, Openness, Discipline, Punctuality and Humility in every formee.

4. Eluru Formation house has to be better established insisting on the Montfortian formation program. The meeting ended on a grateful note.

Judis SMM

### **Mission Meeting of the Vice – Province India**

It was indeed a great opportunity for all the priests of our vice- province working in different missions to gather for Mission meeting at Maria Bhavan on 04-01-2023. The resource person of the Rev. Fr. Sebastian Payyapilly CMI, who gave us a wonderful input session stressing on the theme “Challenges in the Missionary vocation”. He gave prime importance for prayer in the life of a missionary priest and in particular talked about the need of a missionary formation to fulfill the missionary vocation which re-echoes the words of Pope Francis that “we are deceived into thinking that we can accomplish our priestly mission by relying on our gifts, our creativity and our activity. Especially among us who belong to the next generation of priests, we are easily fooled into thinking that we need to jump into activity without realizing that only prayer

and penance usher in the grace that make it fruitful”.

Fr Payyapilly clearly stated that our missionary vocation is to respond to the missionary command of Jesus Christ. (Mt: 28”19) “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations”. Which was an ecclesio-centric mission and from there to Christo centric and from there to Theo centric which is to give faithful God (the concept of evangelization) and he said that there three types of vocation in evangelization;



1. New evangelization
2. Re-evangelization
3. Continued pastoral care.

And he concluded the session making us aware of the challenges of missionary life suggesting that only humility would keep us rooted in Christ.

Soon after the input session all of us gathered together for a common sharing about our respective missions which indeed brought forth the richness of each mission and commitment of each priest towards the mission and all the sacrifices they are making and challenges they are facing. It

also helped us to exchange innovative ideas of each mission which would be helpful in the mission. I thank God for his continues providence on us and the missions that Montfort had dreamt far and that we are working in. God bless our mission.

Aswani Kumar smm

### **MARIAN CONGRESS @ MARIA BHAVAN**

*The International Montfortian Marian Congress (IMMC)* was held on October 16, 2022 at Maria Bhavan was a grant success.

Around

300 people  
attended  
the same.

This was a  
whole day  
program in

association with the Marian Centre in Belgium. Many thanks to Fr. Nepolean who has helped to organize this seminar by connecting the Professors and the Director of Montfortian Marian Centre at Belgium. IMMC began with the opening message from the Superior General and the very inspiring words of the Director of Marian Centre in Belgium, which was translated by Fr. Nepolean. Professors from different Universities presented the papers on



different  
topics based  
on the main  
theme: “**The  
Listening  
attitude of**



**Mary.”** The culmination of the IMMC was with a Rosary procession around Maria Bhavan and a concluding blessing by Fr. Anthony smm. I thank the Indian Vice-Province for its whole hearted support and participation in it.

### **MARIAN SEMINAR (19.02. 2023)**

The Marian Seminar was meticulously planed by the Director of the Marian Centre along with the team of Marian Centre and the Maria Bhavan Community



especially the Theology students. The 2 themes chosen for the Seminar is that; **1. MARY: A MODEL OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD IN THE PANDEMIC WORLD** and **2. MARY’S WOMB TO BE A**



## DIVINE WORKSHOPS

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Prof. Dr. Jose



Kizhakekuttu CMI was the resource person for the day. Both talks went on well with two moderators (Bro. Racy, Holy Cross and Fr. Reni Joseph smm). Our Theology brothers animated the entire program by welcoming the guests, prayer song, MC part and the vote of thanks. The number of attendance were limited to 100 people because of the exams and due to many other activities that are organized around Dharmaram Campus on the same day. Few of the Montfort Associates also were present.

The seminar began at 9.15am with the lighting of the Lamp accompanied by the prayer song. Then the welcome address by Bro. Daniel smm and followed by the Talks with a short break in between for the refreshments. At the end there was time for the 'Question and Answer' and many who attended were actively participated. Many thanks to Maria Bhavan Community.

Reni Joseph smm

## TOTUS TUUS JOURNEY IN BRAZIL

*"The more a soul is consecrated to Mary, the more it will be consecrated to Jesus Christ",* says our founder St. Louie Marie Grignion de Montfort. It has been a wonderful experience, from the time I understood the worth of *Consecration to Jesus Through Mary* and how this has been source for my Consecrated Montfortian Religious life and for my pastoral ministry, specially, helping me to share with others in my daily pastoral ministry.

I would like to share with you all my personal experience and how the Montfortian Spirituality inspires and calls me each day to live and to share with others this *"hidden treasure"* It was the letter of Pope St. John Paul II, to the Montfortian Family which I happened to read during my second year theological studies in Peru made me to understand the worth and importance of our Spirituality. After reading this letter, slowly, I started to love and to read more on Montfortian writings. This quest seems to be never ends. As a theology student, I started to collaborate with the Marian Centre in Peru and learned more about on Consecration. In short time, I came across many Marian groups who do prepare for the *Consecration To Jesus through Mary,*

*reading only True Devotion to Mary*, without knowing the Life and other writings of St. Montfort. From there, continued my love to learn more about our Montfortian Spirituality.

Providentially, I was sent to Brazil and asked to take up the Marian Centre. For my surprise, I could find that in Brazil many religious congregations men and women and also many lay people were already making known the Consecration according to the method of St. Montfort. Unfortunately, lack of knowledge in Montfortian Spirituality, these groups lack or sometime deviate the people in understanding the Montfortian Spirituality. We, the Marian Centre in Brazil, is constantly organizing many activities in order to reach out to propagate the Montfortian Spirituality and very specially, to clarify the true meaning of Consecration.

The activities of the Marian Centre are:

✓ **Retreat is offered on every 1st Saturday of the Month** to accompany the Consecrated and all those who follow the Montfortian Spirituality

✓ **Visiting Marian Groups** and make known the Montfortian Spirituality in many places.

✓ **Formation on True Devotion to Mary.** We were invited by many Marian groups and parishes to offer formation on True Devotion to Mary.

✓ **Preparation for Consecration to Jesus Through Mary.** Last year, The Marian Centre launched a preparation for the Consecration for all. It was a wonderful experience. The preparation was organized through “Google-Meet”. There were five sessions of formation on the *Life of St. Montfort* and *True Devotion to Mary*. After which we had 33 days of *Totus Tuus Journey*. After 33 days, we had on three occasions the celebration of Consecration: on 27th of November, on 8th of December and on 12th of December. There were in total 623, who made Consecration and renovation of the Consecration. It was the first time that we could manage to do for whole Brazil. Indeed, it was a wonderful experience.

✓ **Accompanying Montfortian Lay Associates (GAMO- GRUPO AMIGOS de Montfort)** and working through them in propagation of the spirituality

✓ **Collaboration with Montfort Brothers** in animation and propagation of the Spirituality, Vocation

In spite of all the challenges that we faced due to covid-19, we tried to do our best. We hope with grace of God continue our mission of propagation of the Montfortian Spirituality and prepare many people for the Consecration to Jesus Through Mary. The big advantage is, Brazil being a Catholic Country and deeply rooted in Marian devotion, it's easy. May St. Louie Marie de Montfort, intercede for this mission.

*Jesu Doss Smm, Brazil*

### **ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPICE, DINDIGUL**

The word "HOSPICES" is derived from the Latin word "HOSPES". St. Joseph's Hospice was started in 2005. It is a home providing life to the dying destitute through dedicated and dignified treatment during their last stages of life. It was begun with the concept to give a dignified last rites rather than dying in the streets. St. Joseph's Hospice is run by LIGHT FOR THE BLIND INDIA TRUST, having its office situated in Sirunayakkanpatti Village, A Vellodu Via, Dindigul Dist. The Chief Executive Officer of the Trust is Rev. Fr. R.V. Thomas. The hospice was founded by Fr. R.V. Thomas along with two Jesuit Priests Fr. Mathai SJ, Fr. R. Geroge SJ and Mrs. Myrtle Watkins from UK. Fr. Thomas

and Mrs. Myrtle Watkins, his benefactress went to Madurai Aravinda Hospital. While returning back they found a man in a broken cemented dust bin in front of a hotel, along with few stray dogs, pigs and a cow competing for some left overs. He was deaf and dumb with only one foot and a gangrene eaten hand. He became the logo – a symbol and representative for thousands of such "least of my brothers and sisters" who are looked after with care, love and human dignity, until their very end.

Now the mission has spread into five hospices situated in different parts of Tamil Nadu. The biggest one is in Paleswaram village in Kanchipuram District having capacity for 500 beds. The other one is situated in Pulichapallam village, near Pondicherry, with 250 beds. There is a collection center in Tambaram in the outskirts of Chennai. Now another new one is being planned in Avadi, Chennai.

At present about eight hundred patients are being cared for in all the hospices. It reminds me of our Founder Father de Montfort's mission in public hospital and his carrying the poor man at Dinan and proclaiming the famous statement "Open the Door to Jesus Christ". This is truly a Montfortian mission to carry forward. May St. Louis Marie de Montfort and Blessed

Marie Louis inspire us to launch into this mission.

P. Sebastian Raj SMM

## **Dairy**

### **October**

1.10.22 The PPP (preparation for perpetual profession) program began in Mysore under the direction of Fr. Prem Kumar, Rector of Guru Mandir. Many confreres gave sessions on various topics and helped the candidates to deepen the Montfortian spirituality. We had three brothers for preparation.

8-10-22 Fr Alex visited Adarsh Bhavan community and greeted the confreres.

9-10-22 Fr Peter Mascarenhas went to Maria Bhavan to meet the Brothers and also met the formators.

11-10-22 We had the Golden Jubilee Committee meeting at Adarsh Bhavan. The members discussed the plan of action for the celebration. The Maria Bhavan property committee meeting took place.

15-10-22 Fr. Napoleon and the guests came to Adarsh Bhavan in view of participating in the Marian seminar organised at Maria Bhavan.

21-10-22 Fr Wismick, Vicar General arrived at Adarsh Bhavan for the canonical visitation. We had the Yuva Milana gathering at Maria Bhavan on the following day. All the seminarians from the Vice Province gathered for the meeting. Brothers from Adarsh Bhavan participated in the celebration. It was well organised and all were happy.

24-10-22 Fr Wismick went to Kanathi together with Frs. Michael Sahayaraj and Judis and met the community there so also visited the coffee estate.

25-10-22 Fr. Wismick visited Montfort Nilayam, at Thokanamoota and spent a day there.

31.10.22 Bishop Rozario Menezes visited Gurumandir and Montfort farm and had lunch over there. The confreres were happy with his presence.

### **November**

1.11.22 Fr. Wismick came back to Bangaluru and spend two days at Maria Bhavan with the scholastics. He met them spoke to them.

4.11.22 Fr Arnold joined Fr. Wismick on visitation and the following day we went to Vijayawada and received by Bishop Raja Rao.

5.11.22 We visited St. Francis College, Jnanampeta, Eluru, where our students have begun their theology. We met the Bishop and the brothers and Fathers at the seminary.

8.11.22 Bishop Rozario came to Adarsh Bhavan. Fr Wismick and Fr Arnold visited Anugraha, children's home, Fr Deepak, St. Joseph's School, Fr Anthony Pereira went to the hospital

9.11.22 Fr General and Fr. Felix arrived to Adarsh Bhavan in view of the Ordinations and Vice Province Assembly..

10.11.22 Adarsh community went to attend the ordination of Fr.Santhosh and Fr. Allan at St Thomas Church, along with General and team.

11.11.22 We had the Vice province Assembly at Maitryi, Holy Cross Sisters retreat house Bhanterghatta. Bishop Rozario stayed at the



community. Fr. Wismick went to the Philippines on the same evening as he had some program scheduled over there.

12.11.22 We went to Dindigal to visit St. Joseph's hospice and returned on the following day.

14.11.22 We went to Mysore for the first thanksgiving mass of Fr. Allan at St. Joseph's Cathedral and the following day the Fr. Santhosh offered the First mass was at Jampanahalli. The celebrations were very grand. and solemn too.

16.11.22 The General team returned to Philippines and Indonesia in view of the canonical visitation.

19.11.23 The Golden Jubilee Committee meeting was held at Adarsh Bhavan and they discussed the possible programs and activities.

20.11.22 Fr. Peter went to Mysore to give classes to the PPP brothers for a week. Children day programme was held at Maria Bhavan. many children were present for the program and Fathers and Brothers organized many activities.

24.11.22 Fr Vara Prasad visited the hospital and had a PET scan.

26.11.22 Bishop Raja Rao joined us for supper as he was attending a meeting around.

28.11.22 We had meeting with the Maria Bhavan Property Committee members at 10 am. in Adarsh Bhavan.

29.11.22 We had Marian Centre Committee meeting at Maria Bhavan.

## December

1.12.22 Fr Shibi went to Papua New Guinea to participate in the closing ceremony of the Continental year.

6.12.22 We had meeting with Lay Associates regarding the Golden Jubilee celebrations. Birthday of Fr Peter Mascarenhas had celebrated. Mass was held at Maria Bhavan. We had get together in view of the Birthday. Some of the Fathers joined for supper and wished Fr. Peter Mascarenhas. Thanks to you for the wishes and prayers.

9.12.22 A visit by the Carmelite Missionaries Provincial and Vicar. They joined us for lunch.

12.12.22 Fr. Peter Mascarenhas went for classes at Reshivana Carmelite Spirituality centre, Mangalore.

25.12.22 Happy Christmas

## January

2.1.23 Bishop Rozario and cardinal Ribart came to the community in view of the opening ceremony of the Golden Jubilee year.

3.1.23 Golden Jubilee and Final vows of Brothers at Maria Bhavan. It was very meaningful and grand celebration as many of our confreres participated and shared the joy with our Brothers.

4.1.23 Cardinal Ribart ordained deacons Anthony Peter, Martin and Prakash Horo. we had the mission meeting at Maria Bhavan organized by Fr. Ashwin who is in charge of the Mission. Most of the confreres were present.

6.1.23 Fr. Peter Mascarenhas went home for the marriage of his nephew and niece.

22.1.23 Fr. Manikyam visited us at Adarsh Bhavan as he was on holidays.

24&25.1.23 Finance Committee Meeting took place at Adarsh Bhavan. Fr. Peter Mascarenhas gave classes on Mariology to CMC Sisters, Dharmaram, Bangaluru.

28- 29.1.23 Council meeting was held at Adarsh Bhavan.

31.1.23 Convocation at DVK and Regents meet was held at Maria Bhavan.

## **February**

1.2.23 Regents visited our community.

4.2.23 Fr Anthony came to the community with his brother and the following day went for home visit with his brother.

5.2.23 Fr. Prashanth from PNG arrived to Adarsh Bhavan for his holidays. We are happy to have him with us.

9.2.23 Fr. Jesudos from Brazil has arrived for his holidays and he will return in the month April to his mission. We wish a pleasant time with his loved ones.

12.2.23 Council of the Institute of Montfort Brothers of St. Gabriel was held in their Provincial house at Wisdom School Campus, Bangaluru. Fr. Peter Mascarenhas joined the inaugural celebration.

13.2.23 Br Mac and Joel began their Spanish classes at the FS

16.2.23 Bursars meeting was held at Maria Bhavan. Fr. Trevor was the resource person. many confreres participated in it.

18.2.23 Fr Peter went visit the Community at Mysore and looked into the farm land documents

23.2.23 Montfort Brothers, members of the Council of Institute visited us. they were around

30 of them from different provinces came to our community and also visited Maria Bhavan. They were happy with the visit and glad to meet the confreres and students at Maria Bhavan

26.2.23 Frs J. B. Saldhana from the diocese of Mangalore and Paul Fernandes, Jamshedpur visited us and stayed with for three days.

## **March**

3.3.23 Our Lady of Fatima, the pilgrim statue was brought to Maria Bhavan for veneration and on the following we had holy mass.

4.3.23 Fr Peter Mascarenhas visited Bishop Theodore Mascarenhas, Auxiliary Bishop of Ranchi, where Dn Prakash Horo is doing his ministry. He stayed with Montfort Brothers of St. Gabriel and visited a few places around Ranchi with Bishop so also the home town and parish of Dn. Prakash Horo. Bishop is happy with Dn Prakash Horo and his ministry.

## **6.3.23 Fr Prashanth date of arrival & Jesudas date of arrival.**

8.3.23 Fr Sebastian and Fr Prem came to the community for their biometrics work as for Visa requirement

10.3.23 Fr Shibi went to Montfort Nivas to visit the community to seek clarifications regarding the bills.. Frs Jesudas and Prashanth went to Chikmagalore to visit thee communities.

11.3.23 Fr Peter Mascarenhas visited Fr. Michael Menezes on the way and lunch with Dn. Martin at Chikmagalore and the Novitiate community and met the students and staff and visited Montfort Sadan at Hirekerur with Fr. Michael Sagayaraj and returned to Bangalore

15.3.23 Fr Peter Mascarenhas And Fr Michael S. went to St. Francis College, Jnanmpeta Eluru

and met the Fathers and Brothers and had meeting with them. The following day moved to Shantinagar and visited the community and to Kurupam and had meeting with the community and participated in the inaugural ceremony of the K.G. Block, followed by the Montfort School day celebrations. it was grand success amidst the fear of rain. It was well organised and participated too.

17.3.23 Frs Shibi and Reni together with Madivanan, Jayakumar and Philip participated in the funeral ceremony of Fr. Roy Elavankal's Daddy. Heartfelt condolences to Fr. Roy and to his family. May the departed soul rest in peace.

27.3.23 Audit of the accounts at Adarsh Bhavan took place for six days.

30.3.23 We had the Council meeting on at Maria Bhavan as there was the audit work at Adarsh Bhavan

## **Birthdays**

### **April**

Fr Ravi Thappeta	03
Fr Anthony Allan	06
Fr Anad Babu	10
Fr Roshan Pinto	15
Dn Martin	16
Fr Dominic	20
Fr Jesuraj	25
Fr Aswani Kumar	28

### **May**

Fr J Joseph	03
Fr Jose Jacob	15

Fr Amalraj	16
Fr Vinod Dmello	25

### **June**

Dn Prakash Horo	04
Fr Norbert	06
Fr Moses	07
Fr Nepolean	08
Fr Santhosh	09
Fr Reny	10
Dn Anthony Peter	12
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