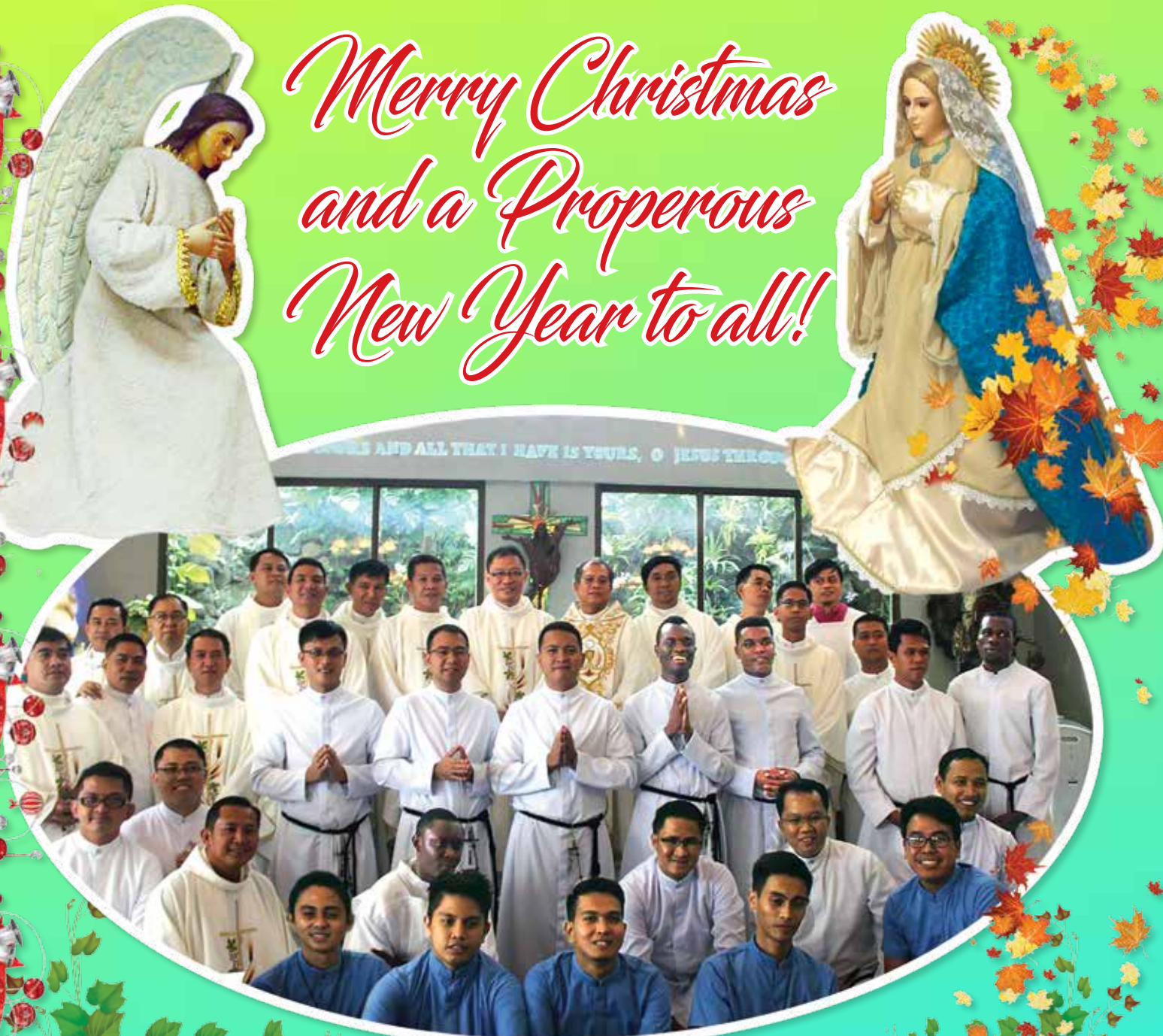


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*Merry Christmas
and a Properous
New Year to all!*



*"The Incarnation is the first mystery of Jesus Christ;
it is the most hidden; it is the most exalted and least known."*

—St. Louis-Marie de Montfort (TD#248)

From the Desk of the Delegation Superior

Christmas, A Great Gift To Us

December has come and it is the time of the year again when every place is filled with the joys of Christmas. But what is the real meaning of Christmas? This season has been so commercialized and it is now difficult to see the reason why there is Christmas. There is a great joy because what we celebrate is the birth of the Christ child. God sent His Son Jesus, into the world in order to save us.

A great gift has been given to us not because we are good but it is a gift purely given out of the overflowing kindness and generosity of God. It is impossible to imagine that the Son of God would humble himself, setting aside his glory and power and become a baby so weak and fragile. All this because of his incomprehensible and passionate love for everyone. Christmas is about the unexpected kindness of God, giving the gift of his very self to us.

This Christmas, draw near to Mary and Joseph to meet the Child-Jesus and to know that despite of everything you are loved with a generous love. Let us allow God's goodness to awaken our capacity for doing acts of love and kindness. This season can be a time of healing and renewing our strength. We can truly be happy at Christmas no matter what may be happening around us. We have a God who assures us of his presence among us, the Emmanuel.

Experience this Christmas in a new way this year. Invite Jesus again into your heart in the surest, shortest and most perfect way... Mary. You will then have a "Merry Christmas." The joy and peace you that you will receive will remain through the years.

Jesus is the reason for the season! Rejoice!



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NEWS BRIEF

FR. ARIE VAN DER HULST MEMORIAL CUP 2017

The Fr. Arie Van der Hulst Memorial Cup was officially opened on October 16, 2017 at the Delegation Ground 3:00 in the afternoon. The goal of the sports festival is to maintain the physical fitness of each member and to celebrate the unity of the Montfortian Family. There were four teams where each community belongs: Blue Warriors for Scholasticate; Yellow Stars for the Novitiate and Postulancy; Green Peas for the Collegians and Red Hat for the Santa Teresita Parish. The memorial cup was culminated during the Delegation Outing on November 29-30, 2017 at Laiya, San Juan Batangas.



MARIAN EXHIBIT 2017

The Montfort Center of Spirituality had officially opened the Marian Exhibit on October 21, 2017. It was opened for people to visit from October 21-November 4, 2017. Among the activities held were: A Living Rosary on October 28 with the youth of the University of Makati and Santa Teresita Parish, and the Himig Para Kay Maria on November 4, 2017 which joyfully culminated the Marian Exhibit and was participated by countless groups of Marian devotees.



FAMILY AND CULTURAL DAY

The Scholasticate Community had successfully celebrated its Family and Cultural Day on October 28, 2017 at the Old Montfort Center. The families and friends of the scholastics have come to celebrate with the SMM family. It started with the Holy Eucharist at 9:00 AM. It was then followed by cultural presentations of the scholastics and some games for everybody to enjoy. At 12:00 noon, lunch was shared by everyone. After the lunch, there was an open house for the families to visit also the rooms of the brothers. The day ended at 5:00 pm at the Montfort Center of Spirituality in Timog with a Living Rosary and a visit to the Marian Exhibit.



REGIONAL VOCATION FESTIVAL

The SMM Vocation Team actively participated in the Vocation Festival of the Ecclesiastical Province of Manila on November 4, 2017. The theme was: “Your Call Sounds Familiar”. It was held at Alonte Sports Arena, Binan, Laguna.



The 27th MONTFORTIAN PILGRIMAGE

The Montfort Center of Spirituality once again fruitfully organized this year's pilgrimage on November 11, 2017 at the Diocese of Balanga, Province of Bataan. There were two buses used as transportation for 130 pilgrims from Manila and Bulacan. The pilgrim churches and shrine visited were: Parish of St. Michael the Archangel, Orion; Mt. Samat National Shrine, Pilar; Cathedral Parish Shrine of St. Joseph, Balanga; Parish of St. Dominic de Guzman, Abucay and the Parish of Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary, Orani.



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