



# Liberos .....

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My dear confreres, friends and family.

Happy Easter to you all.

Before a car can start, the main motor has to be put into motion. In the same way, in order for us to have faith in God, we need the help of the Holy Spirit to move our hearts and prepare us to receive God's revelation. Although we need God's Spirit to start the whole process of faith, it does not mean that faith is not a free human act. We cooperate with the grace of God when we choose to believe in Him.

God made us thinking , rational beings. It is natural for us to question and try to understand ourselves and the world around us. Having faith does not mean that we have to stop thinking and questioning what it is that we believe. On the contrary, faith may well spur us on to try and understand more and mote, and ask more and more searching questions, that is the way God made us.

On the Easter morning three persons went to the tomb. Mary Magdalene, who brought the news of the empty tomb to Peter and John. Both Peter and John went to the tomb on hearing this disturbing news, John saw what was left in the tomb, the cloths that rapped the dead body of Jesus, and he did not go in, because it was enough for him to believe that His beloved master is Risen from the dead. Peter saw the same empty tomb and what was left in the tomb but he had to go inside the tomb to make sure and confirm. While Mary Magdalene stood out side confused.



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Faith brings blessedness, it is never failing source of strength, an undying spring of power, a sure sign of victory. This blessedness, this power and strength are ours only if we believe in Jesus.

Fr. Rozario Menezes s.m.m

### Tercentenary of Montfort's death: Celebrating Montfort Means .....

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1. To discover and welcome God's immense love.
2. To proclaim the Joy of the Good News
3. To bring the Father's compassion to the poor in the world.

As part of the tercentenary celebration, a day of reflection and recollection has been organized for the Legionaries of the archdiocese of Port Moresby.

The delegation of PNG has decided to print the calendars for 2016 with the image of Montfort and the brochures to diffuse the Montfortian Spirituality, which could also be used as a tool for the vocation promotion.



As I leave my adopted country I will do like Mother Mary and take time to ponder, to think deeply, to treasure all the meaningful experiences that I have lived with the people of this nation.

Dear Sr. Lois: Thank you for sharing your life and talents with us. You were the best nurse that we had in the diocese, taking care not as a nurse but as a mother. Though we miss you, we wish you all the best, and pray that God may walk with you and show His love through you to His people.

Since my first profession, I had many experiences by living in many communities. I am really glad and proud to be a Daughter of Wisdom. Through my vocation, i feel and believe, that Jesus Wisdom, called me when I was in my mother's womb and he is the one who leads my daily life.

Congratulations Sr. Philo on your silver jubilee celebrations. May God who called you be with you, as you serve Him. May you be a life giving source for His people.

Farewell and thank you!



Blessings to each one of you for the New Year 2015 and beyond! As I am preparing to leave PNG on January 16, 2015, I come to say farewell and thank you. The 24 years that I have lived in Papua New Guinea has been a gift for me. As a nurse I met so many persons who have been models of courage and hope in their everyday life. The simple life style of the people has also been an inspiration for me. I realized once more that it is not the material possessions that bring happiness. Taking time to share stories with people was an important learning experience for me, not only for the cultural aspect of the

people's lives but to behold the sacred stories of their journey.

We are fortunate to have such a meaningful Diocesan Plan with practical values to live each year, each day. As I am preparing to leave I find meaningful Bible quotes to give meaning to this phase of my life: "May the Lord guard your coming and your going both now and forever". "I will take you from the nations and bring you back to your own land". Yes, the Word of God is for our everyday lives. We don't have to look far in the Bible to find Words that will give us courage, comfort, hope and meaning for our daily lives.



As I leave my adopted country I will do like Mother Mary and take time to ponder, to think deeply, to treasure all the meaningful experiences that I have lived with the people of this nation. I had the opportunity of saying goodbye to a good number of people in the Diocese, in the province and in the country as a whole. I keep you all in my thoughts and prayers. It is not easy to leave but it is easy to carry you all in my heart and prayers.

I leave you with a Word from St. Paul which has energized me in my ministry: **"Never become tired of doing good!"** (Heb 13:16) May our God of Wisdom bless you abundantly in your ministry and in your personal lives. Blessings and love to all your children, the windows of hope for the future.

Peace, Blessings and Love,

Sr. Lois Mathieu,dw

My soul glorifies the Lord!



I have nothing to return to him. It is a privilege for me, that during this year dedicated to the consecrated life, I also celebrate my silver jubilee. Since my first profession, I had many experiences by living in many communities. I am really glad and proud to be a Daughter of Wisdom. Through my vocation, i feel and believe, that Jesus Wisdom, called me when I was in my mother's womb and he is the one who leads my daily life.

I thank God, for I am certain that nothing can separate us from his love: neither death nor life, neither angels nor other heavenly rulers or powers, neither the present nor the future, neither the world above nor the world below – there is nothing in all creation that will be able to separate us from the love of God which

is ours through Christ Jesus our Lord (Romans 8, 38-39)

I am sure that my availability brought me many graces and blessings that what Jesus said in the gospel "Do not be afraid, I will go before you, come and follow me, and I will be always with you"

I am grateful to thank my congregation through the leadership team ,who gave us the opportunity as a Montfortan family to celebrate my silver jubilee and the Farewell of our sister Lois Mathieu with a festive and meaningful Eucharistic celebration .

My joy also is that together we are celebrating our live-giving and receiving as children of God.

Sr. Philomene Sanduku DW

Being with my people ...



I had a wonderful experience for 6 (six) years as Montfortian brother serving in Papua New Guinea, especially in Western Province, a Province always portrayed as last and poorest among the other Provinces.

I met many local people from different tribes, some from other places around the country ; missionaries as well, Meeting different people became a rich experience, at times people thought that I am from Milne Bay, or Kerema..., in any case i was happy to be counted one among them.

People always surprised me, especially because of their generosity. I arrived here, just before Christmas 2008, so I had a chance to get involved in the preparation for this special event, i joined the people to make crib, they are very artistic as well, they used different things to decorate the church, branches of trees, different flower, green ferns, ... they had different colours for different things

I had an opportunity to be part of the big celebrations, like opening new church buildings, golden jubilee of the arrival of the first Montfort Missionaries from Canada.... in all these celebrations i could see the involvement of the people, they take ownership of the church, taking part in decorations, traditional dances, contribution and preparation of food... it is a JOY to

see them actively involved.

In PNG they have different languages more than 800 stated in one of the books, some foreigners see it as one of the problems, but i see it as richness. When I was teaching the Sunday School children in Daru, if no another local teacher to translate my lesson one small girl or boy among the class was ready to translate my talk... because they knew either pidgin or Motu. For me it was the work of the Holy Spirit.

As a missionary, i thought i came to PNG to give but i realised that i received from the



people more than what i gave them.

As i go back to my country to prepare to celebrate 25 years of my religious life, i will take time to ruminate what i have received these 6 years of my ministry in our beautiful Montfortian mission in PNG.

I am grateful to all confreres from difference entities, other religious working in the diocese, and especially Pioneer Montfort Missionaries from Canada, who laid strong foundation. I am privileged to continue the mission started 54 years ago. Through the years our Mission has

seen many changes. In the beginning it was all missionaries from Canadian province, since 20 years confreres from other entities came to support them. The SMM became community under the generalate, and just last year 2014 became General Delegation, ... and the number is steadily growing. We have 4 candidates preparing to be Montfortians ... and our journey continues...

PNG Mission has changed me, my outlook of life in these 6 years, I have new look; and I feel positive with great hope for the life of these people, SMM congregation, local church...the country as well, more than that it has made my commitment to love these people stronger...

*Nirina Regnier, smm*

Wish you a meaningful sabbatical year

Brother Nirina has been working in the delegation since 2009. He has worked in St. Louis de Montfort Parish, Daru, helping the parish team as well as looking after the maintenance of the buildings. He was our formator for two years, looking after our aspirants at the same time lending a helping hand to the diocesan projects. He is celebrating his silver jubilee this year. He is spending his well deserved sabbatical year in his home country. We wish him all the best and pray that God may grant him all the graces necessary.



The PNG Delegation is happy to welcome Fr. Laurencius Ola to our Mission delegation. We want to thank the Indonesian Province for supporting us with the missionaries to keep the PNG mission delegation alive and active.

Fr. Ola is presently serving at St. Louis de Montfort parish, Daru.

We wish him all the best and pray that his ministry brings life in the community.

## In the land of the unexpected!

October 20, 2014, It was night. I left my country and departed to an unexpected land (PNG). I was afraid and had lots of doubts in my mind while traveling. I had already heard little story about PNG from Indonesian priests who came as missionaries when I was in the seminary. I arrived at Port Moresby at 06.00 a.m. I went out of the plane and prayed in my heart: 'God thanks for your blessings, my final destination is not here, i have to travel still further. I continued my journey to Kiunga. At 10.05 a.m, I left Port Moresby to Kiunga. When plane arrived in Kiunga, I got out from the plane and saw some confreres near the airport. I moved towards them and shook hands with them, i felt welcomed to the unexpected land. From there, we went to the Liberios house, and there I met the others confreres. They were happy to see me. Being in the company of confreres gave me comfort, fear started fading away.

After few days of my arrival all the Montfort fathers came from different places for Montfortian assembly for two weeks in the Liberios house. For me it was great blessing, i could meet everyone. I was impressed to see confreres coming from different countries and working together in the Montfortian mission, true internationality.

Even though I was in the midst of them, sometimes i felt lonely and lost my confidence, because of my poor English, which made me at times silent and draw to myself. After Montfortian assembly we continued with the priest's assembly. The priests working in Daru-Kiunga Diocese came together. It was an opportunity to meet all the priests of the diocese and introduce myself to them.

With the request of the Bishop i went to Daru to join the pastoral team On 3 December 2014, since then i am in Daru, trying my best to walk in the footsteps of Montfort.

From my little journey I want to say that this journey is a part of life that God gave to me. In my reflection I found out that this is not my own plan but God's plan. So with humble heart I give thanks to God for this experience. I did not dream to be here, but God made this possible.

Fr. Laurensius



We wish all our readers Happy Easter! May you experience of the presence of Jesus and be able to transmit this presence to others.

PNG Delegation wishes everyone Happy feast of Montfort. Father de Montfort inspire us to walk with Mary to reach Jesus.

### Tok save: (Information)

1. We are glad to welcome two more aspirants who joined us on February 8, 2015. We request you to pray for them as they go through the process of discernment and formation.
2. We are grateful to Fr. Roshan Pinto for accepting to journey with our new aspirants. Fr. Roshan is the formator of both Diocesan candidates and our candidates. The formation house has been shifted to Jean Marie Vianny formation centre, build as a minor seminary for the diocese of Daru - Kiunga.
3. Our two candidates are continuing their formation at the minor seminary at Madang. We request you to keep them in their prayers.
4. We are happy to have Fr. Vinod D'mello as our new delegation councillor, as we congratulate him and thank him for accepting to take up this responsibility, we also wish him all the best.
5. Fr. Masjon Kennedy will be leaving for his well deserved home holidays, we wish him safe trip home and restful holidays.
6. As we are in the process of strengthening the community life in the PNG Delegation, we knock at the door of SMM Provinces and Delegations to send Missionaries who are interested to Join PNG Mission. At the moment we have 5 Indonesian confreres, 2 Confreres from Madagascar, 3 confreres from India, one confrere from Philippines. All our confreres are doing a wonderful job in difficult situations and conditions, committed to the call of Christ in becoming the witness through their ministries and services wherever they are. We thank, the Provinces of Indonesia, India and Madagascar and the general delegation of Philippines for generously sending us these missionaries. We hope in the coming days other provinces would be generous towards us in offering the missionaries to keep the PNG mission alive and our communities strengthened.
7. We take this opportunity to send our greetings to Superior General and his council, Provincials and Delegation superiors and all our confreres. Your support and your prayers are much appreciated. Please pray that we may walk in the foot steps our founder, Father de Montfort, and be witness of Christ in our communities and places of ministry.