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**On the occasion of the Celebration of the 75th Anniversary of the Canonization
of Saint Louis Marie de Montfort**

Dear brothers and sisters, receive my greetings from Vietnam.

On 20th July 2022 we will celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Canonization of Saint Louis Marie de Montfort. It is an important jubilee in the times of change, times of exit from the confinements imposed by Covid-19, which allows us to bring communities and people together to celebrate in the best way possible.

This short message is just to remind you that, like our Holy Founder, we are all called to holiness. Let us remain faithful and persevere on this path. Fidelity to the Gospel, fidelity to baptismal commitment, fidelity to each one's vocation, fidelity to the mission, renewing the preferential option for the poor and not compromising with injustice.

I invite you to meditate on these words of Pope Pius XII's speech of 21 July 1947 on the occasion of the audience with the pilgrims:

"Greetings to you, members of the religious families, of which Louis-Marie Grignion de Montfort was the Founder and Father. You were, during his lifetime and during his premature death, only an imperceptible grain of wheat, but hidden in his heart as in the bosom of the fertile ground, but swollen with the nourishing juice of his superhuman abnegation, of his superabundant merits, of his exuberant holiness. And behold, the seed has germinated, grown, developed and spread far and wide, without the wind of revolution having dried it, without violent persecutions or legal hassles being able to smother it.

Dear sons and daughters, remain faithful to the precious heritage bequeathed to you by this great saint! A magnificent heritage, worthy that you continue, as you have done until now, to devote to it, to sacrifice for it without counting your strength and your life! Show yourselves the heirs of his tender love for the humblest of the smallest people, of his charity for the poor, remembering that he tore bread from his mouth to feed them, that he stripped himself of his clothes to cover their nakedness, the heirs of his solicitude for the children, privileged in his heart, as they were in the heart of Jesus."

The Virgin Mary, our Mother, come to our aid. Saint Louis Marie Grignion de Montfort and Blessed Marie Louise of Jesus intercede for us.

Happy Celebrations to you all.



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