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## "Working night and day, we preach the good news." (1 Thess 2:9)

Greetings to you, dear confreres present in the world.

My special greetings to the confreres of Peru who celebrate today the feast of Saint Rose of Lima, the first American saint.

Happy Feast

I am in Rome since 27 August 2017. I thank the General House community for the warm welcome I received: thanks to the Fathers Pierre Bonhommeau, Rey, Santino, Luigi, Bala, and the brothers Desire and Albino. All of you are wonderful persons.

It is a reality that I do not have much time to realize the first official meeting of the new General Council. It will take place at St. Laurent Sur-Sèvre, from 24 September to 7 October 2017. First of all, we thank the French Montfortian Province for the welcome and the attention given to this meeting.

The fact of realizing this first meeting of the new General Council at St. Laurent, near the tomb of *Saint Louis Marie de Montfort and of the Blessed Marie Louise of Jesus*, has for its goal to bring us symbolically to the origin of our Montfortian history and also to remind us that we are the branches of a tree rooted close to our poor and simple holy founders.

In the name of the new administration I request for your prayers. Stay with us always, especially during those days of the meeting at St. Laurent.

You could imagine the length of the agenda that we must discuss. There are lots of things. In spite of that, if you would like to send us your suggestions or advice, you could do so by emailing to the following address of the General Secretariat: <a href="mailto:smmcuria@montfort.org">smmcuria@montfort.org</a>.

Dear confreres, let us stay united in prayer. Courage!...

The mission continues!

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