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WORD FROM FATHER GENERAL

(Since a good part of this edition of the Echo treats the Extraordinary General Council held in Bangalore, India this October, I present here the Introduction that I gave at the E.G.C.)

Once again, a warm welcome to each of you, and my sincere thanks for the extra effort and “stress” that you have endured in order to travel such great distances. The hope of the General Council was that convoking an Extraordinary General Council in Bangalore would provide a unique opportunity for many provincials and delegates to experience something of the SMM in India and Asia, and to allow the members of this young entity to learn about Montfortian life and mission in your provinces and delegations. The Montfortian presence in this sub-continent is not new: in 2003 the Brothers of Saint Gabriel celebrate 100 years in India! With six provinces, hundreds of brothers, and scores of educational and social projects from north to south across the length and breadth of India, they have made Montfort’s name well known and well respected.

In congratulating the Brothers of Saint Gabriel on their 100th anniversary in India, let me also recognize the “Tree” of the SMM and the “Tree” of the Daughters of Wisdom in India, trees grown from seeds planted barely 30 years ago. There are now 30 priests in our Indian Delegation. Much of what you will visit during these two weeks are the fruit of the labour of the founding missionaries and the first generations of Indian Montfort Missionaries and Daughters of Wisdom. May the Lord continue to bless the mission of the Montfortian Family in India, in Asia, and throughout the world!

This E.G.C. finds us in the cradle of one of the world’s great civilizations. It finds us in the middle of Asia. On a more modest scale, this E.G.C. also finds us mid-way between the General Chapter of 1999 and that of 2005. It is my hope and my prayer that our days together, our discussions and sharing –both formal and informal - will prove a mutual enlightenment and encouragement for all of us. A provincial or delegation superior often carries a lonely and heavy burden, even if undertaken with great love. May these days together give you new energy, new ideas and new hope!

The priorities of the 1999 General Chapter will run through the heart of all of our topics here in Bangalore. Renewal of our religious life, truly creative fidelity, a

refoundation of our consecrated life – deeply rooted in the charism of St. Louis Marie yet truly reborn for today’s world– this is what we have been trying to reflect on and act on together since the last General Chapter. I believe these priorities are the fruit of 20 or 30 years of gradual re-awakening to the dynamic richness of the spirituality of St. Louis Marie de Montfort. And I believe that our creative fidelity to the charism, or our refoundation of our Montfortian consecrated life, will prove itself *true* if it leads us to creative, daring missionary action and evangelisation to the peoples and cultures of the Third Millennium.

At the end of *Vita Consecrata*, Pope John Paul II writes this passage which I find very beautiful, and which perhaps touches some of the questions which haunt and disquiet us as superiors.

“Many people today are puzzled and ask: What is the point of the consecrated life? Why embrace this kind of life, when there are so many urgent needs in the areas of charity and of evangelisation itself, to which one can respond even without assuming the particular commitments of the consecrated life? Is the consecrated life not a kind of “waste” of human energies which might be used more efficiently for a greater good, for the benefit of humanity and the Church?”

“These questions are asked more frequently in our day, as a consequence of a utilitarian and technocratic culture which is inclined to assess the importance of things and even of people in relation to their immediate “usefulness”. But such questions have always existed, as is eloquently demonstrated by the Gospel episode of the anointing at Bethany: “Mary took a pound of costly ointment of pure nard and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the ointment” (Jn 12:3). When Judas, using the needs of the poor as an excuse, complained about such waste, Jesus replied: “Let her alone!” (Jn 12:7).

“This is the perennially valid response to the question which many people, even in good faith, are asking about the relevance of the consecrated life: Could one not invest one’s life in a more efficient and reasonable way for the betterment of society? This is how Jesus replies; “Let her alone!” Those who have been given the priceless gift of following the Lord Jesus more closely consider it obvious that he can and must be loved with an undivided heart, that one can devote to him one’s whole life, and not merely certain actions or occasional moments or activities. The precious ointment poured out as a pure act of love, and thus transcending all “utilitarian” considerations, is a sign of *unbounded generosity...*” (n. 104) “Beyond all superficial assessments of its usefulness, the consecrated life is important precisely in its being *unbounded generosity and love*, and this all the more so in a world which risks being suffocated in the whirlpool of the ephemeral.” (n. 105).

In the course of this E.G.C. we will exchange on the efforts and progress made throughout the Congregation since the General Chapter; we will examine the *status questionis* of the Ratio Montfortana; we will look at the interplay between new apostolic initiatives and their connection with vibrant and possibly international communities. We will listen again to the call of many and diverse people to live the

spirituality of St. Louis Marie. We will reflect on the future, a future that invites all entities, regardless of their median age, to a humble realism and a daring creativity. In the spirit of *Vita Consecrata*, let us do this “*with unbounded generosity and love*”. In the same spirit of generosity and love, and “*in a world which risks being suffocated in the whirlpool of the ephemeral*”, we will look at the present and future financial needs around the Congregation.

May Wisdom guide and transform each of us and all our confreres. In the words of the ancient Indian prayer:

*Asato-ma Sat gamaya
Tamaso-ma Jyotir gamaya
Mrtyo-ma Amrtam gamaya*

*Lead me from unreal to Real
From darkness to Light
From mortality to Immortality.*

(Brihad-âraanyaka-upanishad 1.3.28)

*William Considine, s.m.m.
Bangalore, October 3, 2002*

OFFICIAL NEWS ITEMS

FIRST PROFESSIONS

At Lavaud, Haiti, on 8 September 2002 : Michel PIERRE-LOUIS, Osnel PIERRE.
At St. Laurent-sur-Sèvre, France, on 15 September 2002 : Maurice MASSONE.

PERPETUAL PROFESSIONS

At Lavaud, Haiti, on 8 September 2002: Ronald JEANNITE.
At Rome, Italy, on 28 September 2002: Domenico PEDULLÀ, Bruno CUZZILLA,
Andrea PESENTI.

ORDINATION TO DEACONATE

At Port-au-Prince, Haiti, on 15 September 2002 : Ronald JEANNITE.

ORDINATIONS TO PRIESTHOOD

At Manila, Philippines, on 3 November 2002 : Reynaldo BULLAS.
At Pannyal, India, on 4 November 2002 : Reny Joseph PUNNAPPANAL.

VARIOUS NEWS ITEMS

As the current *Echo* shows, the **Extraordinary General Council** has been the major event during the month of October. We should also mention the first preparatory meeting for the **Inter-montfortian Session for Formators**, which will take place from 15 April till 15 September 2004. This meeting took place at the General House from 23 to 30 October; the participants were: Fr. Gérard Lemire, s.m.m, Br. T. A. Joseph, s.g., and Sr. Elvira Muñoz Gutiérrez, d.w. These last two, along with Fr. Donald LaSalle will form the trio responsible for this session. At the beginning of October, those responsible for the **Stage International Montfortain** gathered in Montreal; preparations are well underway, and the next SIM (in English) will take place in July and August 2003 at the Montfortian sites in France.

At present the General House is hosting two meetings : the **Finance Committee of the Congregation**, from 13 to 15 November, and the **Committee for renewing Montfortian Formation**, from 11 to 20 November; you can read Fr. Ivo Libralato's article on this topic.

AN OVERVIEW OF THE EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL COUNCIL

The E.G.C. is not a level of government where everyday decisions are taken; it might, e.g. erect a new entity. This meeting is important because it allows each participant to enter into the rhythm of the whole of the Congregation, thanks to the formal and informal sharing that it occasions. It also permits each participant to have a personal dialogue with the Superior General, as well as to meet with others who share common interests (a common zone or common project...). What happens informally holds an important place, as we experienced this time in the chance to come to know India, one of our growing entities. All these reasons, and no doubt many others, insured that each one came away with something new. It is not easy to give a résumé of this meeting, which was above all an experience of fraternal sharing, lacking neither in frankness nor in realism. Each superior, and also the General Council, needs to re-read the event, drawing out consequences for the present and the future.

First of all we assisted at some well appreciated conferences, given by two invited speakers who put us into the context of our host country. Fr. Paul Puthanangady, s.d.b, spoke to us on "The Vision of the Church for the Third Millennium in India". Then, Prof. Srinivasa Rao gave us "An Introduction to aspects of the social and cultural history of South India".

We shared quite a bit on **the follow-up of the 1999 General Chapter**. The welcome given to the Letter from the Capitulants and to the Booklets that have followed, as well as to the Project for Montfortian Formation, is as wide as the Congregation. It includes everything: young entities who do not yet think about growing old; aging entities among whom some feel at their last breath, and wonder if it would not be better to close the door after all the efforts already tried; others who, in spite of their median age, do everything possible to give the old Sara a chance to bear children. Nevertheless it is remarkable to note that even though the situation is far from rosy, an atmosphere of optimism is maintained in all our works. We are the Company of Mary, and beyond certain blocks or refusals, we must dare the future, dare to continue to build the work of

Montfort where we are, with the resources at our disposition, both personnel and otherwise.

Indeed, we heard entities with many aging confreres tell us that, by all means, they are willing to risk everything, and that this supposes re-arrangements of personnel that are not easy... They are ready to regroup vital forces, capable of creating something new or carrying out Montfortian ministries. Some have already been taking these risks for several years, and are still awaiting results. Faith and hope remain the operative virtues! Often we heard, both from young entities as well as others, that the reflection undertaken at the General Chapter has provoked a search for identity and for new forms of better defined Montfortian mission. We bring more attention to our life together as consecrated Montfortians, to initial and ongoing formation, to evangelisation *à la Montfort*. In one province where several believed one could no longer move or disturb too many people, the follow-up of the chapter has provoked “some excellent meetings and quite a few questioning their ways of acting”. Elsewhere it was noted that a unity of hearts was needed before believing that they could build the future. People think that they understand each other, but they must go beyond mere surface relations. A facilitator has been accompanying the younger confreres and may help the rest. Elsewhere, a missionary community says it feels more united because of the proposed reflections. Many places noted that the future will come through common projects, based more on the local community and on the spirituality of Montfort. The reflection noted the lack of Montfortian tradition in certain entities and also the lack of formators, and gave the desire to remedy those situations.

As for the **Project for Montfortian Formation**, there is an article on this subject in the present *Echo*. On the whole the reception has been positive. Some said that they welcomed it with joy, because it pushed them to discover more of their identity. They saw it as a stimulus, a way to reorganize community life, a means of renewal for everyone. Perhaps there were many discussions, but few conversions: this means we must carry on. A good number of the participants underlined the need for the renewal, the re-foundation, of our consecrated life: to start again from Christ, the foundation of all. Ongoing formation is the path for this.

Sharing about **the future and new initiatives** we noted the efforts made to draw near to the poor. Certain confreres even live with the families where they work in itinerant parish missions, sharing the humble fare of the people. Others only keep parishes that are distant and abandoned by others. They try to incarnate Montfortian spirituality among the poor... We must note that several new initiatives or projects move in the line of sharing our spirituality with lay people, or working with them. Accent is on the baptismal, missionary and Marian aspects of our Montfortian spirituality. Some also seek forms of ministry where the elder confreres might offer their experience and competence. Shrines or Sanctuaries appear to be fine places for this, and at the same time respond to a need of the people of God, because they can offer so many avenues for evangelisation. We want to bring more attention to the international aspect: communities, or at least collaboration for precise projects, e.g. vocations, formation. Some think about abandoning some works in order to create new ones, more adapted to today’s needs. A new “itinerancy”... Father General remarked that these elements, which speak of life, hope and daring, reflect well

the four notes of the Montfortian mission: Evangelisation, Mary, Availability, Acting together.

When we asked ourselves **what type of community** would help to fulfil these goals, we obviously dreamed a bit. But, based on his knowledge of the Congregation, Father General said that, even if the portrait might be that of the ideal community, there are communities around the Congregation that do come near to the qualities we described... If we wish to risk life and newness, we must create – where it is possible – such communities, even at the price of great sacrifices. Dare it for the future!

As in every family, **the aging of the confreres** and the new arrival of young ones is a source of joy and daring, but perhaps also a source of frustration – since among the SMM, most of the young do not come from the provinces where the older confreres are found. The E.G.C. treated this subject. It is not easy to dedicate energies to building up the future, while at the same time giving the older members all the attention they deserve. It is simple to say that aging is a normal process for every human, that one must prepare for it, that we are no different from lay people in this matter, that aging is an art and that one must prepare oneself for it. But we must look at what we are doing and at what we can do. The participants proposed several ways to give our older confreres the opportunity to communicate their experience and their wisdom. Many gave examples of what they are doing in their own entities. Someone even suggested an international meeting or inter-provincial meeting of older confreres... Answers do not come easily. But everyone was very aware of the situation. Each of the participants, evaluating the situation in his own entity, must be sure to bring special attention to these confreres who have done so much for the Church and for the Congregation.

We often spoke about **lay people** during the E.G.C. One sharing was specifically on the theme of the “**Associates**” (Members of the Association Mary Queen of All Hearts). It confirmed that there are a good number of members, even in countries where the SMM is not present. In varying degrees and expressions, this number is increasing, and the request for accompaniment by the SMM is strong. Among these lay people are many who are really committed, and who see to the recruitment and formation of the group. Many of them actively collaborate in our ministries, and some of these works would not even exist without the support of them and other lay people. At each E.G.C. this point becomes more and more sure and clear. The approbation of the new Statutes of the Association of Mary Queen of All Hearts last year, can encourage us even more in this aspect of our spirituality, which forms part of the heritage of the Church. To conclude this theme, it is very much worthwhile to call to mind the International Meeting for lay groups inspired by Montfort held at St. Laurent in 2001, and the next one to be held in 2004.

Obviously, we shared on many other important themes, such as finances. During hard years, as is the case right now in the world financial markets, the SMM must also accept the invitation to recommit ourselves to a poverty and to a solidarity that looks for an even greater sharing... This unity and this solidarity was felt at every point of view during this Extraordinary General Council.

Jean-Louis Courchesne, s.m.m.

FIRST VISIT TO INDIA : WHAT A NEW WORLD!

INDIA – 1/3 the size of Europe, 1 billion inhabitants. Of this billion, 17 million Catholics. It is an extremely religious country, where all the great religions live side by side: Hindu, Muslim, Jews, Catholic. In Bangalore, a city of 8 million people, there are 300 religious communities. A real shock for a European!

The majority of the participants arrived in two groups. The first came from Northern Europe: Germany, Great Britain, Belgium, France, Netherlands, and also Madagascar. This group arrived on 28 September in Bangalore. The Superior General joined us the next evening. The second group, which included the General Council, accompanied by the superiors of Colombia, the United States, Italy, Peru-Brazil, and Portugal, arrived in the night of the 2nd October. The representatives of Africa, the Philippines, Indonesia and Haiti arrived separately. With some free days before the meetings, the first group had the pleasure of visiting the SMM houses of formation: scholasticate, novitiate and postulate. The others made this same visit after the E.G.C. Since I was part of the first group, I shall simply share my own impressions.

Bangalore : scholasticate of Maria Bhavan. 37 scholastics (10 of whom are on pastoral stages in various communities) with the Fathers responsible for formation welcomed us. We were warmly received by our Indian confreres here. Joy for them and for us to get to know one another. We shall never be able to thank the confreres enough for their welcome, their thoughtfulness, their kindness. The afternoon of the 28th we visited three Hindu temples in Bangalore: the *Bull Temple* with its imposing statue, *Chamondy Hill*, and another whose name escapes me. Visiting these temples we were amazed to see numerous pilgrims, most of them young, advancing with deep piety and religious spirit.

September 29th at 6 o'clock in the morning we left for the Montfort novitiate. A stop at Hassan, then a visit to a magnificent temple with myriad statues (Belur), and around 14:00, we arrived at the novitiate in Kanathi-Chikmangalur, where we meet the Novice Master and his 5 novices. We also met some Indian and African confreres on their preparation stage for Perpetual Vows. Right now they are living the Montfortian Month with Fr. Olivier Maire. After a fraternal and convivial meal, and a siesta, there was a visit of the property. We were in admiration of all the coconut trees and the coffee plantation. After the siesta, the novices offered us fresh coconut milk. How wonderful to drink this straight and fresh from the coconut shell! In the evening we celebrated Eucharist with the novices.

September 30th we departed for Mysore, residence of the Superior of the Delegation, and also the postulant house with 36 students. In the afternoon, a visit to the palace of the Maharajah, and then to the palace of his daughter, the *Lalithamahal*. At 19:00, Eucharist at the Delegation House, and in the evening the Indian confreres treated us to a restaurant.

October 1st departure for Bangalore, passing again through Hassan. During the night of 1st-2nd October, the second group arrived. Thus, in the afternoon of 2nd October we all took off for the provincial house of the Carmelite Fathers, *Sadbhavana* – in Bangalore itself, where the E.G.C. would open Thursday 3rd October. I shall leave to the Generalate the report on our work; I shall content myself with the “extras”!

Saturday, 5th October: no session in the morning, in order to allow the participants to gather by geographic zones or by common interests. Those who remained free could take a walk. The afternoon – a volleyball match between the Montfortian and Claretian seminarians. For the less sports-minded, a visit to *Hare Krisna* temple, an immense structure with 180 steps to the sanctuary of *Hare Rama*.

Sunday, 6th October, Eucharist at 7 o'clock. Visit to the Bangalore zoo. Safari among the tigers and lions... Then a visit to the International Centre for Religions. A well organized trip, that ended in the shops. Mealtime. Then, a visit to the Daughters of Wisdom. We began with the centre where they welcome street children, girls really hurt and needy. We were delighted by a presentation of magnificent dances. Then, a visit of the house and collation. We were amazed by the work realized by our Sisters, appreciating the atmosphere of peace, security and joy they create. Thank you, Lord, for this beautiful apostolate.

Then we visited the house of the Regional Superior and the novitiate of the Daughters of Wisdom. Welcome in the Indian manner, filled with charm and delicacy. One feels the Indian soul. Then we prayed the Little Crown together. Ample time to present one another, Sisters, Fathers. Next came supper, choices both Indian and European, ending with a photo session. It was an unforgettable Sunday truly lived as a Montfortian Family. Sister Marie-Louise and Father de Montfort would have rejoiced to see their children so happy!

Monday the 7th, work resumes. Fruitful sessions, serious and focused. After the weekend, it is only normal. Unfortunately, Sr. Odile Archambault, DW, who was assuring the simultaneous translations along with Br. Marcel Barreteau, SG, had to leave us at the start of the week because she was not feeling well. She had to be hospitalised for several days, but when we departed, she was well on her way to recuperation at the Regional House.

Wednesday evening at 18:00, Mass at the National Biblical, Catechetical and Liturgical Centre in Bangalore. What a magnificent celebration! There was something for the sense of sight, smell, the heart... The Indian liturgy speaks to all the senses; time unfolds serenely. A far cry from our sometimes too cerebral celebrations.

Friday 11th October at 16:00, we leave the provincial house of the Carmelites to return to the Montfort scholasticate of Maria Bhavan.

Saturday 12th October: in the morning the Closing Mass of the E.G.C, followed by time for shopping for those who wished. Afternoon free, and in the evening at 18:00, an artistic programme. Songs by the scholastics and dances by young girls from a nearby dancing school. The hall was filled with life; the songs and dances were really fine. What finesse, what beauty. All was filled with charm. We discovered the Indian soul. What a change from our soirées at the disco.

Finally came the last day for those in the first group. Our confreres in the second group left at 6 in the morning for the novitiate, and made the two day circuit that the other group had made at the beginning. At 19:00 the first group left the scholasticate for the Bangalore airport. Then it was Madras, Frankfurt, Brussels, Leuven, and then the dispersion.

What impressions do we keep? The discovery of the Indian soul, one of calm, serenity and *joie de vivre*. The extremely warm welcome of our confreres in India. Amiability, kindness, smiles more eloquent than words. Wonder in the face of a people so young, so religious. Truly another world. We have much to learn. We received a rest cure of peace, joy and serenity. Stress did not exist. Perhaps my report might seem too idyllic? But it is indeed what I felt and what the confreres felt. It is difficult to speak about India after a few days passage. But what I give you is simply that, my first impressions. If ever you can, do not hesitate to make the trip. You will not be disappointed.

Jacques Arrouet, s.m.m.

UPDATE ON THE PROJECT FOR MONTFORTIAN FORMATION

Dear Confreres,

I would just like to take advantage of these pages to thank all those who have contributed to the *Project for Montfortian Formation* by sending us their personal or communal responses to the questions found in the text of the *Project*. Together the confreres' reflections, observations and experiences from all the entities form more than one hundred pages. Often one confrere's response permits a guess that there had been a dialogue or discussion with other members of his community, perhaps someone who preferred not to answer personally. We also thank these confreres for their interest.

From 10 to 20 November the Committee responsible for this work will be meeting to take into account the rich material you have sent, and to prepare an initial edition of a text.

It seems that some difficulties were encountered, especially concerning the very understanding itself of this project for Montfortian formation. For some, it contained nothing new; for others, all was new. Some thought that it was only addressed to the young or to formators; others thought it ought to be more "juridical" since it concerned a "Ratio". The Committee will take all these interventions into account when defining criteria for editing the work.

I would like to reaffirm what Father General has written: that this project concerns every Montfortian.

What we seek is a Montfortian response to the challenges of the continually changing world of today, in accord with the orientations of the Church and the research of religious around the globe for a more coherent life. We seek to reawaken the search for our first love, the initial spark that inspired our desire to follow Christ.

What we seek is a Montfortian response to the invitation of the Church to form ourselves in the freedom to keep learning throughout the whole of our lives, at every age and season, whatever our environment or context. We want to learn from every person and every culture, that we might receive instruction from every fragment of truth and beauty that surrounds us. Most of all, we want to learn to allow ourselves to be formed by everyday life, by our own community, by the confreres who live with us, by the events of everyday, both ordinary and extraordinary, in joys and sufferings, until the moment of death. We want to learn to live as *disciples* during our entire lives, following Jesus, *the disciple of the Father* until "All is accomplished".

We still need your help to present to the 2005 General Chapter a text that expresses the desires and experience of a common journey, a *Formation Project* conceived together, that we must realize together with the entire Congregation.

Ivo Libralato, s.m.m.

OUR DEPARTED BRETHREN

Father Joseph (Jef) van den BOORN (1912-2002)

Died on 28 September 2002 at Heerlen (Netherlands), aged 90 with 68 years of Religious Profession. He made his first vows on 8 September 1934 and was ordained priest on 3 March 1940. At first he preached parish missions. In whatever ministries he undertook, he always brought a special attention to the youth. He was prefect at the Minor Seminary in Schimmert

(1947-1954). Animated by a great missionary spirit, he taught many young men to become interested in the missions. He was then a promoter for the Montfort missions; first on bicycle, then by Volkswagen, he crisscrossed the country. Then he was vicar at Hoensbroeck and rector at an old age home (1973-1982), where his attentions were appreciated. In 1965, with his brother and sister, he founded the only factory in the country to make rosary beads. These rosaries were sent in huge numbers to the mission countries. His health forced him to retire in 1985.

Father Cornelius KAUFFMAN (1936-2002)

Died on 7 November 2002 at Ottawa (Canada), aged 66 years with 39 of Religious Profession. Originally he made profession in the Netherlands, but then left the congregation. Some years later he emigrated to Canada, where he once again made his novitiate. He professed first vows on 15 August 1963, and was ordained priest on 25 September 1966. At first he was professor of English in Haiti (Collège Notre-Dame de Lourdes, Port-de-Paix, 1967), then at Montfort Seminary (Papineauville, Canada, 1967-1970). He then worked in the apostolate of education and in parish work in Ottawa. After some years in the Montfortian parish of Jonquière, and as an English language preacher in Montreal, he returned to Ontario, where he worked in parishes (Timmins and Ottawa) until his sudden death. Cor had a sensitive temperament; he was an erudite man, who mastered well the two languages of his adopted country. He applied himself very hard in his work, and was well appreciated by the people confided to his care.

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NOTE : The second part of the **history of the Montfortians in Indonesia** will be published in the next *Echo*.