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Happy Christmas !

*Dear confreres and all those
who live the spirituality
of the Incarnation presented to us
by Father de Montfort,*



During these days we have begun the liturgical time of Advent as a path which leads us to live more intensely aware of the presence of the Son of God become flesh in the heart and in the womb of Mary. It is the same of Life of God which is made present in our midst in order to grow and spread to every human person in our world. But it is from Bethlehem, in a cave, in the midst of shepherds and people who are pure of heart, that this life is given as Light for the world.

Together with the entire General Council and the community of the General House, my wish for you all is an invitation to return to clarity and to a complete letting go of so many useless things in order to rediscover the fullness of life that God has given us and to bring that life into the entire world.

May Christmas help us to begin once again this beautiful adventure of Life, of Peace and of Love.

Best wishes

Fr. Santino Brembilla, s.m.m.

Official News Items



First Professions

On 31 July 2007, in Chontales (Nicaragua): Yasser Antonio ZAMORA LOPEZ.

On 8 September 2007, in Antananarivo (Madagascar): Alexandre FANOMEZANTSOA, Gerard Michel RABENANTENAINA, Jean-Joël RANDRIANARIVOMANANA.

On 8 September 2007, in Lavaud (Haiti): Emile TOUSSAINT, Milot FRÉDÉRIQUE, Norbert TIBEAU, Pierre-Richard FRANCE, Savebien CALISTE.

Perpetual Professions

On 15 July 2007, in Bangalore (India): Joseph Vinod D'MELLO, Raja Ratna JOSEPH, Ruban Moses ABRAHAM, Vijaya Anand Babu VALLE.

On 20 July 2007, in Manila (Philippines): Melvin ORDAÑEZ.

On 15 August 2007, in Malang (Indonesia): Kristianus JUMI NGAMPU, Leonardus BAYU CHANDRA KARTIKA, Marselinus LOBI.

On 8 September 2007, in Lavaud (Haiti): Bénédict LAZAR, Jean Guérino MARSEILLE, Louis Marie Montfort Vladimir SOUFFRANT.

On 8 September 2007, in Kisangani (Congo RD): Théophile MOLEPELIA NGINGOYELE.

On 29 September 2007, in Cumaral (Colombia): Armando NOVOA PIRAQUIVE.

Ordinations to the Diaconate:

On 7 January 2007, in Chontales (Nicaragua): Alonso Antonio LAZO OROZCO.

On 16 July 2007, in Bangalore (India): Joseph Vinod D'MELLO, Raja Ratna JOSEPH, Ruban Moses ABRAHAM, Vijaya Anand Babu VALLE.

On 29 July 2007, in Manila (Philippines): Melvin ORDAÑEZ.

On 15 September 2007, in Port-au-Prince (Haiti): Bénédict LAZAR, Jean Guérino MARSEILLE, Louis Marie Montfort Vladimir SOUFFRANT.

Ordinations to the Priesthood

On 28 July 2007, in Chontales (Nicaragua): Alonso Antonio LAZO OROZCO.

On 29 July 2007, in Manila (Philippines): Francisco TACIO.

On 7 October 2007, in Kinshasa (Congo RD): Frédéric BOLUMBU WANGELA MBOKOLO.

On 20 October 2007, in Ginosa (Italy): Francesco CASTRIA.

NEW PROVINCIAL ADMINISTRATION IN GERMANY

On 16 October 2007, the Assembly of Elections of the Vice-Province of Germany re-elected Father Edmund JÄCKEL as Vice-Provincial Superior for a mandate of three years. The Councillors are: Father Hermann Josef JÜNEMANN (vicar) and Father Paul HOFFMANN.

NEW SUPERIOR OF THE COMMUNITY OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA

The new superior of the community is Father Masjon Siprianus KENEDY, and he will be helped by counselors: Father Richard LAROUCHE and Father Aloisius BANGGUR. Their mandate of three years will start on 1st January 2008.

NEW SITUATION IN THE AFRICAN DELEGATION

During the month of July 2007, the confreres of the General Delegation of Africa, gathered in general assembly, requested the separation of the entity into two linguistic groups: an English-speaking group, made up of Malawi, Uganda and Kenya; and a French-speaking group, made up of the confreres from the Democratic Republic of Congo. In a letter of October 7 addressed to the confreres of the African Delegation, Father General has acted on this request with the agreement of his Council by **provisionally** establishing these two groups.

During the coming months our confreres and the General Administration will continue a discernment on the situation until the Extraordinary General Council, which will take place in Rome in October 2008. However, formation at the level of novitiate and scholasticate remains in common. Father General has named Father Owen O'DONNELL as superior of the English-speaking delegation of Africa and Father Eugenio CUCCHI as the superior of the community of the Democratic Republic of Congo.

4th Latin-American/Caribbean Meeting on Montfortian Spirituality

Lima, 7 - 14 July 2007



Gathered at Ñaña, Lima, for the 4th Latin-American/Caribbean Meeting on Montfortian Spirituality, 125 delegates from the Company of Mary, the Daughters of Wisdom, the Brothers of St Gabriel and lay Montfortian Associates, from Colombia, Ecuador, Brazil, Haiti, Spain and Peru, invite all our brothers and sisters in the Montfortian Family of Latin-America and the Caribbean to take up and explore in depth the spiritual way traced out, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, by Father de Montfort and Marie Louise.

The themes treated were:

- Consecration, beginning with a text from Exodus, led by Fr. José Maria and his team;
- The Incarnation, by Fr. Carlos Hudtwalcker;
- Mission, by Sr. Elizabeth.

Consecrated by God in our Baptism, we are called to incarnate ourselves in the reality in which we live, which is full of hope, and to live with daring and enthusiasm our missionary vocation.

The Blessed Virgin, Louis Marie de Montfort and Marie Louise of Jesus, all invite us to:

- cultivate the love of God which reveals itself to us in the Incarnation of Jesus;
- take the poor seriously, so as to take God seriously;
- experience a deep, personal encounter with Christ, as disciples, by loving ourselves and loving others with great joy and responsibility;
- deepen our spirituality in order to pass it on, for no-one can give what he does not possess;
- work for a Church which is united and alive, in small communities that are poor, just, fraternal, in solidarity with one another, and prophetic, announcing among the peoples of Latin-America and the Caribbean, Jesus who is the Way, the Truth and the Life;
- foster, beginning from our own spirituality, solidarity in our communities, inculturating ourselves in the places where we work, and relying on an ongoing formation that calls for commitment in the new challenges faced by society and the Church;

- establish ourselves as the Montfortian family, with a force at once renewing and renewed, evangelising and evangelised, that has adopted an option for the poor in view of building a more human society;
- value and promote life in its fullness, having the human being alone as its centre;
- defend ecology and the environment;
- live our Montfortian Christian life with joy and conviction, so that our witness might attract and engage those who surround us;
- proclaim, with the voices of everyone, what we have experienced and felt, and construct, with the hands of everyone, a mystical and prophetic presence in Latin-America and the Caribbean.

Fr. Orlando Castro González, s.m.m.

4th Itinerant Montfortian Month in Latin America

Ñaña (Lima) – Peru, 16 July – 13 August 2007

As foreseen and according to tradition, the 4th Latin-American itinerant Montfortian Month was held immediately after the 4th week of Montfortian Spirituality. The place chosen was the “Foyer de Charité” in Ñaña, Peru, built and directed until now by Fr. Roger Duval, smm. For a retreat with the characteristics of the Montfortian Month, it was the ideal place: spacious, perched on a rocky mountain that has no natural vegetation but is endowed with some green spaces thanks to the genius of those who built it and to the prodigious effects of the abundant water which arrives in canals coming from who knows where.

The numbers were sufficient for this experience, with 26 persons including the five directors: Fr. Gonzalo Tabares, Sr. Elvira Muñoz, Carlos Salas, Carlos Hudtwalcker, Taddeo Pasini and José Luis Sandoval. We profited by the great variety of charisms, cultures and languages, for the group comprised: 4 Daughters of Wisdom, 2 Brothers of St Gabriel, 13 Montfort Missionaries, 3 Montfortian students, and 4 lay people. 10 were from Colombia, 5 from Haiti, 7 from Peru, 3 from Brazil and 1 from Italy. There was a feeling of youth during this month, given that 4 of the participants were less than 30 years old.

PROGRAMME

The programme was organised as follows:

Two days of introduction: on the desert, a symbolic term indicating the personal encounter with the Lord in a climate of silence and interiority, and on the possible obstacles that one might encounter in a thirty-day retreat.

A week dedicated to the knowledge of oneself, another to the knowledge of Jesus Christ, a third to the knowledge of Mary, and the last to a deepening of the Marian consecration.

Following this programme, the first week unfolded using workshops.

For the next three weeks: there was a talk of about an hour, at 9 o'clock. The director then proposed some schemas for personal work during the day. In the evening, we came together for the Eucharist, in which we celebrated what we had been experiencing.

From 3 o'clock in the afternoon until 6 o'clock, there was exposition of the Blessed sacrament.

Each week, except for the first, ended with a desert day: that is, after the talk at 7 o'clock in the morning, each participant sought out the best spot to meet with the Lord. On those days the only food was "bread and water".

The day following the desert days was devoted to living together some unforgettable moments. For this we organised two walks, thanks to the creativity and the efforts of the external director for this month, Fr. Taddeo Pasini.

Two events provided us with an experience of the Cross, which of course is a part of our spirituality: the death of the mother of Fr. Gabriel Riveros, who had to return to Colombia at the beginning of the second week; and the second, which upset the tranquillity of the group but more especially of the one concerned: the theft in Lima during the second rest-day suffered by the Brother of St Gabriel from Haiti, Nazaire Elizé. His passport, airline ticket and money were all stolen. This was a veritable calvary for Elizé, as well as for Frs Joseph Philor, Taddeo Pasini and Giuseppe Mizzoti, who had to fill out papers so that Bro Elizé could regularise his situation and be able to return to his own country. His calvary was over only the day after the end of the Montfortian Month, when he finally got the official papers.

During this month we appreciated the support of the three General Administrations with the presence of Fr Joseph Philor and Sister Elvira Muñoz, who are assistants to the General in their institutes. The Superior General of the Brothers of St Gabriel had encouraged Brother Elizé to take part in the Montfortian Month.

A big "thank you" to the superiors in Latin America and the Caribbean, who facilitated this experience, and to the Delegation of Peru-Brazil who did all they could to make us feel at home, in all areas and down to the smallest details. May the Lord pour out his graces on them.

*Fr. José Luis Sandoval R., s.m.m.
Coordinator*



3rd International Meeting in Saint-Laurent

Saint-Laurent, 7 - 11 August 2007

“Do not be afraid to take Mary home with you”

The “Third International Meeting in Saint-Laurent” took place from 7 to 11 August 2007. We numbered more than 500 participants from the four corners of Europe and – as small groups or individuals – from Africa, North and South America and Asia. The three Superiors General, with members of their Councils, took part in the meeting, though Father Santino, our Superior General, had to leave rather suddenly for family reasons. The welcome we received from the local communities and their superiors added a further dimension to the Meeting.

There was a very beautiful atmosphere. In his homily during the Closing Mass, Mgr Michel Santier, the Bishop of Luçon – and therefore of Saint-Laurent – underlined one important aspect of the event: *“This week, we have lived together a time of fraternity, sharing prayer, the Eucharist, meals – in sharing groups or in a more spontaneous manner. The atmosphere has been such that we no longer distinguish between Sisters, Fathers or Brothers, but experience a communion in Jesus Christ which creates a deep union between us, going beyond the difficulties arising from different languages.”* These were truly days of ‘encounter’: people belonging to twenty of more different groups and experiencing in various ways a bond with Father de Montfort: Daughters of Wisdom, Brothers of St Gabriel, Montfort Missionaries, members of Fiat, the ‘Foyers de Charité’, the Montfortian Marian Confraternity, the Friends of La Sagesse, the Legion of Mary, Magnificat, diocesan groups... A good sound system provided communication in six languages: French, Italian, Dutch, Polish, Spanish and English.

THE DAILY RHYTHM

Thanks to the famous infrastructure of the St. Gabriel Institute, we were easily able to house, feed and welcome all these people. From Morning Prayer, in the St Gabriel chapel, a choir created a beautiful atmosphere and invited us to open ourselves up to each other and, of course, to the grace which the Lord had in store for us. In the immense Sports Hall, well equipped for sound, and before an extremely attentive audience, we had the main teachings, one each day. A skilled team then helped us to thread our way through the streets of Saint-Laurent to arrive at the Basilica for the Eucharistic celebration. The afternoons offered a choice of various workshops: whether it was entering into a dialogue with the one who had given the conference in the morning, or discussing with a leader on five or six suggested themes. After a break there were small group sharings, which were greatly appreciated, followed by time for personal reflection. An evening session, based on testimonies coming, in the strict sense, from ‘the four corners of the globe’, and the opportunity of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, closed each day. The atmosphere in the dining room, at the midday and evening meals, gave witness of the joy of this meeting.

THE CONFERENCES

The chosen theme referred to both the message of the angel to Joseph and the words addressed by Jesus to St John on Calvary: *“Do not be afraid to take Mary home with you.”* The high quality of the teachings in the morning contributed a great deal to the success of this Third Meeting. Each conference-giver explained in a clear way one characteristic of the spirituality of Father de Montfort, picked out by John Paul II in his letter of 21 June 1997 to our Superiors General: *“Before all else, Saint Louis-Marie impresses us by his theocentric spirituality. He has ‘a taste for God and his truth’... (he) does not hesitate to unveil, even to the humblest persons, the mystery of the Trinity... In our time, his witness can help us base our*

Christian existence on faith in the living God, on a warm relationship with God and on a solid ecclesial experience, thanks to the Spirit of the Father and the Son, whose reign continues in the present... Grignion de Montfort constantly invited people to put their trust in the Blessed Virgin Mary, who is so inseparable from Jesus "that it would be easier to separate light from the sun"... I encourage you: make this treasure bear fruit; it must not remain hidden... Be also a support and a point of reference for the movements which take their inspiration from the message of Grignion de Montfort in order to give to Marian devotion an ever surer authenticity..."

Our four speakers responded perfectly to the call made by the Holy Father. Fr. Georges Madore (a Canadian Montfort Missionary) has the gift of combining a deep theology with popular language. He led us to discover Mary's faith in God who revealed himself to her, and through her, to the whole of humanity, as 'Father'. In this way he helped us to discover God as our 'Father'. Fr. François-Marie Léthel (a Carmelite and Professor at the Teresianum in Rome), starting from the principal writings of Montfort, the documents of the Second Vatican Council and the letter written by Pope John Paul II



to "the religious of the Montfortian Family" in 2003, picked out the dynamic of the mystery of the Incarnation and underlined the contemporary relevance of Montfort's spirituality for the life of the Church of today. Fr. Olivier Maire (a French Montfort Missionary, and assistant to the Superior General) developed the theme of the creative work of the Holy Spirit in the Blessed Virgin and in every baptised person: he brought us into the very heart of the Trinity, God at work. Mgr. Michel Santier, starting from Mk 3.34-35 ("*Here are my mother and my brothers. Anyone who does the will of God, that person is my brother and sister and mother.*"), made concrete the mission of disciples like ourselves: "*Concrete action remains insufficient if love for mankind is not perceptible in it, a love which nourishes itself on an encounter with Christ...*" As a leitmotif running through each presentation, sometimes in a muted tone, at other times quite explicitly, there was the word addressed to each one of us, baptised persons: "*Do not be afraid to take Mary home with you.*"

MONTFORT'S PEDAGOGY

During his missions, Montfort himself never limited himself to teaching by words. In order to ceaselessly recall the essentials of the Gospel, he erected calvaries. For him, **the Cross** meant more than a Christ who died. The Cross proclaims the foolish love of God, a language understood by all who have listened to the word of God and pondered it in their hearts. Then Montfort had a remarkable veneration for **the Bible** which he always carried with him. He made people understand that our God is a God who speaks and waits for a response. Most of all he laid great emphasis on **the event of Baptism**, the sacrament by which God has set us apart and anointed us to be his 'christ' for our brothers and sisters. And he was a realist: who remains faithful to the 'yes' he has given? To become more faithful, he said, **Jesus has given us Mary** as our mother, who will help us to grow in faith and will lead us to the adult age of Christ himself. Finally, to give material form to the commitment of those who had followed the mission, he offered a document with the provocative title: "**Covenant Contract with God**", which they were free to date and sign.

On the closing day of the Meeting, we built into the programme each one of these elements. After a time of reflection and solitude, Mgr Santier gathered everyone on the steps of the Basilica where the youngsters were holding up the 'Cross of Poitiers' and one of the statues of Mary attributed to Montfort. After an introduction, the congregation followed the cross and the statue and, entering the Basilica, each one dipped his hand into the holy water font and, remembering his or her baptismal promise, made the sign of the Cross. Before beginning the Liturgy of the Word, the Bishop sent around ten or more Bibles which were passed from hand to hand with the words: "receive the Word of God." In place of the Creed, we all said the Prayer of Consecration, and then, at the Offertory, large copies of the "Covenant Contract with God" were placed before the altar – each person's personal Contract being retained as a precious possession by themselves – and in this way we gave concrete form to Father de Montfort's pedagogy.

SPREADING THE WORD

Thanks to a professional technician who is responsible for Christian communications in the diocese of Luçon, the conferences, extracts from the Eucharistic celebrations, some echoes of the various workshops, and testimonies given, were recorded. The texts of the conferences were published in the six languages on our web site (www.risl.net). You can find there also some photographs. A DVD is available for order. And I would like to add this remark: there is a difference between the written texts of the speakers and the DVDs, where you will find what they actually said, and especially their own way of saying it! John Paul II called Montfort a "class theologian". We had "class speakers". Judge for yourselves by looking at the web site.

It would be a shame if the texts or the DVDs simply disappeared into desk-drawers. The Chapters of our Congregations ceaselessly insist on the necessity of creating programmes of formation. The conferences from this Meeting offer solid documents for all those who are looking for resources or who wish to review the foundations of our spirituality or discover a way of updating it. Those in charge of houses of formation might well find material for their courses here.

A "MEETING"

Certainly there were the conferences, but the Third Meeting at Saint-Laurent was undoubtedly a moment of lived encounters: men and women, religious and lay, children, youth and the less young, coming from everywhere, gathering together people who are searching for a way of deepening their faith with the help of Montfortian spirituality. What struck them is very personal and immensely varied. Going by the comments we have heard, it was sometimes the morning prayer, or again one of the teachings, or yet again a workshop,... one of the Eucharists, ... a time of solitude in the Basilica beside the Founders' tombs, or a time of Adoration,... a chance meeting at table or in the gardens,... even the joy of being of service...

We are planning a simple report, including the conferences and some testimonies, destined for those who took part. In fact the grace of the Meeting should not finish with 11 August 2007. The Meeting can be prolonged by looking back now at one page, now another. In fact these documents might be a spring which can give life to the encounter with the Father who, day by day, offers us, thanks to the Spirit, his Son who points us towards our brothers and sisters.

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

Many people have expressed their astonishment at the smooth unfolding of this Meeting, and have spoken of an almost faultless machinery. In reality the concrete problems were to be found in the area of the team in charge, comprising more than forty people. They met together twice a year to pray together, to open themselves to the grace of God and to allow the event to come to birth. This is not the place to give details of each of the services, but I do want to mention one aspect: there was the main programme for the adults, another for the little children,

another for the under-12s and a fourth for the under-25s.

Before it happened, we experienced some fear about staging such an adventure; but in the event we are convinced that it was the Lord who inspired us to such foolishness, it was he who gathered us and was leading us. In October this year, the team is due to meet in Paris to make an evaluation... and to plan the next Meeting for 2010!

These Meetings are a means of evangelisation at the present time and of “working together” for the lay people with the three Montfortian congregations. They offer a time to evangelise and to be evangelised. For further information, see our web site: www.risl.net . You will have guessed, perhaps, the meaning of the abbreviation ‘RISL’: **R**encontre **I**nternationale **S**aint-**L**aurent (International Meeting at Saint-Laurent). Have a good read!

Fr. Frans Fabry, s.m.m.

4th Meeting of Groups and Laity practising Montfortian Consecration

Loreto, 28 - 30 September 2007

The Beatitudes, “Way of conformity to Jesus Christ through Mary”

We gathered together at Loreto from 28 to 30 September for the fourth meeting of the ‘Days’ of Montfortian spirituality. Last year, in harmony with the plan proposed by the Church in Italy, we concentrated on the virtue of hope, guided by the Word of God, looking to Mary who sang of hope in her Magnificat and to Father de Montfort, man of hope. This year, the theme was the Beatitudes, “a way of conformity with Jesus Christ through Mary”.

Fr. Marco Pasinato, in his two talks on the gospel text, gave a number of keys for interpreting the Beatitudes, and helped us to rediscover and deepen their meaning in the Christian life. The Beatitudes present a veritable interior biography of Jesus: it is he who is poor in spirit, afflicted, gentle, the one who hungers and thirsts for justice... That is why the Beatitudes reveal Jesus and at the same time are a way for each human being to follow in order to be conformed to him. They provide a way for men and women to stand before God and history. A style of life that we are called today to recognise in all people of good will and to give witness to in every life situation.

How were the Beatitudes lived by St. Louis Marie de Montfort? Fr. Olivier Maire, in his talks, gave a reading of the interior experience of Fr. de Montfort with the emphasis on some aspects which are often under-valued. We are accustomed to see Fr de Montfort as the apostle of the Cross, but Fr Olivier presented him to us as the apostle of happiness. St Louis Marie looked for happiness and found it in Incarnate Wisdom: Jesus Christ. His preaching is an invitation to happiness but is also a strong and firm denunciation of the false forms of happiness which ruin man. In his life and his writings we find a continual echo of the Beatitudes, with an urgent reminder to know and welcome this divine Wisdom who alone can give us joy and happiness, even in the midst of the sufferings which are inevitable in human life.

These Days of Spirituality were certainly rich in encouragement for us lay-people, but, we believe, also for the Montfort Fathers who had planned them. The Beatitudes are not just a list of good works, but rather a “gift” and a “revelation” to be welcomed and lived out in docility to the action of the Holy Spirit. On our pathway of conformity to Christ, Montfortian spirituality, and in particular the Consecration to Jesus through Mary, represents a great source of wealth. This was seen, more than just through words, by so many people (150) who took part this year in these days at Loreto.

In fact we note with astonishment the increasing number of lay people who are discovering, in various ways, Montfortian spirituality, and who, in various places, are embracing this charism. You should be happy, St Louis Marie, with this feast, these people and this enthusiasm! Your impassioned words have encouraged us: “Happy is that soul which has a true devotion to Mary, because that soul has found a happy way to come to union with Jesus, a path in which the gentle presence of the Blessed Virgin is experienced” (cf. SM 20, 21; TD 152).

During these Days of Spirituality, in the times of sharing, the need of a more unified way and one that would be more continuous and adapted to different groups, was evident. We believe that these are signs to be welcomed, for a closer communion and pastoral action between the Montfort Missionaries and the experience of lay people. We are witnesses, not solitary ones, but integrated in the Christian community: and for this we need one another. We thank all those who allowed and brought to reality these Days of Spirituality, and we look forward to meeting again next year.

Francesca and Rita



CUPAFAL – Course for Formators of Latin America and the Caribbean

Paipa (Colombia), 5 – 17 November 2007

Theme: *“Montfortian accompaniment – the typical form of accompaniment according to Montfortian spirituality and mission.”*

The last CUPAFAL (Course for Formators of Latin America and the Caribbean) took place in Paipa Colombia with the participation of the following entities: Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Haiti and Peru, and with the presence of the general counselors for formation and for Latin America and the Caribbean. There were 25 participants in all, including two lay members of the Foyer de Charité of Paipa.

In general, the meeting was positive and, as it was expressed in the evaluation, it fulfilled the objective of providing tools for drawing up common outlines and criteria for the process of formation in its different stages, that is, vocation animation, postulancy, novitiate and scholasticate in Latin America and in the Caribbean. The approach taken used the method of see, judge and act in the different stages and it followed the Gospel story of Matthew 5, 1-11, which cast light on the work of the meeting. The itineraries of Montfortian spirituality were also used for moments of reflection. And finally the following suggestions were made for the consideration of the superiors of the region:

1. that the coordinator of Latin America and the Caribbean seek ways of greater connections and communication among all the postulant programs of Latin America and the Caribbean.
2. that the formation mission team does not need to be reestablished.
3. that the next CUPAFAL would be in 2010 in Peru for a period of 15 days.
4. that we continue to insist on the possibility of a new Montfortian mission project in Latin America.

Fr. Pepe de Orbe – Ecuador

MEETINGS:

Cyberspace Forum on the North

What is the future of our Montfortian presence in the northern hemisphere? This is an important question, not only for confreres in Europe and North America, but for the entire Congregation. It calls for some creative solutions from a global perspective.

The General Council would like to encourage a brainstorming session on this question. But for this meeting, you do not have to pack your bag and get on a plane. This will be a gathering of Montfortians in cyberspace. We are beginning an internet discussion on the future of Montfortian presence and mission in the North. All you have to do is go to the Montfortian discussion group at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Montfortians/> and request to become a member.

We especially encourage members from the entities of Europe and North America to participate, but all confreres are welcome to share ideas. The group is open to all members of the Montfort Missionaries. So come join the Montfortian discussion group and share your questions and your ideas.

Fr. Donald LaSalle, s.m.m.

120th Anniversary of Saint Luis Marie de Montfort's Beatification

22 January 2008

150th Anniversary of the apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Lourdes 60th Montfortian Pilgrimage

13 – 19 April at Lourdes (France).

For further information:

<http://www.pelerinage-montfortain-hospitalite.org/>

Extraordinary General Council (E.G.C.) 2008

6 – 16 October in Rome (Italy).



Various Notices

- On July 20, 2007, the anniversary of the canonization of St. Louis Marie de Montfort, the General Delegation of India inaugurated its MARIAN CENTER situated in the scholasticate of Bangalore.
- Father Claudio CANTU, a Montfortian from Italy received the title of honorary citizen of the commune of Samo – Reggio Calabria – Italy.
- The Colombian Provinces of the Montfort Missionaries and the Daughters of Wisdom regularly publish a bulletin ENVÍAME. For more information, consult the web site: <http://montfortianos.org/>

VISIT SOME OF OUR MONTFORTIAN WEB SITES AROUND THE WORD:

Montfortians in the Philippines:

<http://www.geocities.com/montfort.phil/>

Missionswerk Deutschland:

<http://www.montfort-missionswerk.com/>

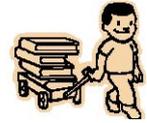
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