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Letter from the Generalate

Dear Confreres,

Wake up! The Scriptures of Advent call us to be awake and alert, to be aware of the presence of the Lord in our midst and conscious of our need for this saving presence. At the same time, our awareness evokes in us a yearning for the Reign of Jesus through Mary, which is at the heart of the message we proclaim.

Jesus said to his disciples: "Be constantly on the watch! Stay awake! You do not know when the appointed hour will come." (Mk 13:33)

It is now the hour for you to wake from sleep, for our salvation is closer than when we first accepted the faith. (Rom 13, 11)

As Montfortians, we are especially called to listen to the messages of Advent and to prepare ourselves to celebrate Jesus who is Wisdom made flesh and born into our world. Our Founder, St. Louis de Montfort, was a man keenly aware of the pressing need to proclaim the Word of God, and he was impelled to undertake this mission tirelessly. The season of Advent can encourage today us to take up our mission with increased enthusiasm.

The recent EGC was an opportunity for the leaders in our Company of Mary to come together and to wake up to the realities of our Congregation and our mission today – to wake up to new ways to carry out our mission, in some places with very limited personnel; to wake up to the importance of formation and to discover new ways to provide novices and scholastics with an initiation to the spirituality and missionary zeal of Father de Montfort; to wake up to the need to be responsible stewards of the material goods that have been placed in our hands for the sake of the mission.

During this Advent we continue to celebrate the Year of Saint Paul. This can be a significant time for us who are called to be missionaries. Paul is one of the greatest missionaries of the Church. He “woke up” to the presence of Christ on the road to Damascus, and, in his response to Christ, he embodied many of the virtues Montfort hoped for in his own followers. He became someone who was free to move where there was a need to proclaim the Gospel, someone who proclaimed the wisdom of the cross and experienced that wisdom in his own life. As we remember this great missionary, perhaps it would be a good time for all of us to read once again his letters, and to allow his missionary spirit to inspire us. This could be a spiritual practice we can follow during the Year of St. Paul.

In the name of Fr. Santino and all the members of the General Council,
I wish you the grace of awareness and alertness
during this Advent season.
May we all wake up to the presence of Incarnate Wisdom
whose birth we celebrate at Christmas.



*Enter your heart, my soul, leaving all trifles behind;
External goods, in your eyes, belong to some others' design.
God calls to your heart.
All your good dwells in Him.
Let us live in the presence of God. (Cf. H 24, 38)*

In Jesus, Mary and Montfort,

Don LaSalle, S.M.M.
Vicar General



First Professions

15 August 2008, in Mbarara (Uganda) : Francis Muhangi BUKARENGA (Uganda), Felix Nefitale CHISAMBA (Malawi), Boniface Joseph MBEWE (Malawi), Jacob Ombidi OTIENO (Kenya).

8 September 2008, in Lavaud (Haiti) : Amos Jean.

8 September 2008, in Antamponakatso-Antananarivo (Madagascar) : Hervé RAFALISOLOHERINIRINA, Setra Victor RANDRIAMANANA., Jean Marc Fidèle RAZAFIMAHATRATRA.

15 September 2008, in Choachí (Colombia) : Luis Manuel MORA RODRÍGUEZ.

Perpetual Professions

19 July 2008, in Bangalore (India) : Roshan PINTO.

12 August 2008, in Malang (Indonesia) : Yakobus RUA BAI.

8 September 2008, in Lavaud (Haiti) : Osnel PIERRE.

14 September 2008, in Santo Tomas (Nicaragua) : Harry Antonio FLORES MORALES.

14 September 2008, in Contagem (Brazil) : José Claudio OLIVEIRA.

4 October 2008, in Rome (Italy) : Roberto CARLI.

Ordinations to the Deaconate

24 July 2008, in Bangalore (India) : Roshan PINTO.

13 August 2008, in Malang (Indonesia) : Yakobus RUA BAI.

14 September 2008, in Port-au-Prince (Haiti) : Osnel PIERRE.

20 September 2008, in Santo Tomas (Nicaragua) : Harry Antonio FLORES MORALES.

21 September 2008, in João Monlevade (Brazil) : José Claudio OLIVEIRA.

Ordinations to the Priesthood

1 August 2008, in Rekas (Indonesia) : Merselinus LOBI, Kristianus JUMI NGAMPU.

13 August 2008, in Malang (Indonesia) : Leonardus BAYU CHANDRA KARTIKA, Yusup GUNARTO.

16 August 2008, in Medellín (Colombia) : Leonardo de Jesús BERNAL VELÁSQUEZ.

Changes in Juridical Status

After consulting the October 2008 Extraordinary General Council, which gave a favourable opinion, Fr. Santino BREMBILLA, the Superior General, with the consent of his Council, in the Council meeting of 21 October 2008, according to no. 169 of our Constitutions, established:

- the Vice-Province of **Belgium** as a General Delegation, in accord with the wishes of the Belgian confreres. This change will be effective from 1 January 2009;
- from the General Delegation of Africa, two General Delegations:
 - the **General Delegation of Anglophone Africa** (Kenya, Malawi, Uganda),
 - the **General Delegation of Francophone Africa** (Democratic Republic of the Congo).

After consulting the October 2006 Extraordinary General Council, which gave a favourable opinion, Fr. Santino BREMBILLA, the Superior General, with the consent of his Council, in the Council meeting of 23 October 2008, according to no. 169 of our Constitutions, established the Delegation of **Peru-Brazil** as a General Delegation. This change will be effective from 1 January 2009.

New Provincial Administration in the Netherlands

On 11 November 2008, the Provincial Chapter of the Province of the Netherlands re-elected Fr. Willem LOGISTER as Provincial Superior, with a mandate of three years. The Counsellors are: Fr. Petrus DENNEMAN (Vicar), Fr. Simon KUYTEN, Fr. Hubert KLEIJKERS (Provincial Bursar), Fr. Peter Michel Maria DERCKX.

New Administration in the General Delegation of Peru-Brazil

On 1st December 2008, Fr. Santino BREMBILLA, Superior General, appointed Father Luciano ANDREOL as Superior Delegate. The Councillors are: Father Carlos SALAS, Father Julio Martín ABAD, Father Carlos LANGUASCO, Father Taddeo PASINI. The mandate of the new administration of the General Delegation of Peru-Brazil will be for four years, beginning on January 1, 2009, according to the arrangement explained during the EGC of October 2008 (all the new administrations of the general delegations will be in place until the beginning of 2013, and then the mandates will be for three years, as is the custom.)

Extraordinary General Council (6 – 16 October 2008)



For all of us, it was a great joy to be welcomed in a fraternal way by Fr. Santino, the members of his Council and the community of the General House. No one can forget the welcome accorded by Bro. Désiré who, ever faithful to his Malagasy culture, had the gift of offering his services in an effective and discreet manner. Then, this year, on the initiative of Father General, the spiritual animation of the group was assured by the presence of Bro. Gilles Paquette (Canada), who managed to obtain the collaboration of various confreres, while at the same time taking responsibility himself for the celebrations and particular moments of prayer during our meeting.

So, this Extraordinary General Council 2008 gave me the opportunity to land on my feet. Two weeks away from my normal place of residence allowed me, once more, to discover relationships formed in both closeness and distance. If the fact of knowing no other language than one's own rather limits an exchange of views, I am aware that this experience of the Extraordinary General Council reinforces the sense of communion among us. We learn to know ourselves better and, progressively, we recognise the richness of life as a Congregation which goes beyond the sometimes hesitant language of our sharing. Underpinned by the participation of all, I consider that this Extraordinary General Council:

- was a special opportunity for a “living together” which allowed us to pose the question clearly: Where have we got to in our Mission?
- was an opportunity to verify whether our structures are at the service of the Mission.
- allowed us to put forward new projects for Formation.
- supplied the opportunity to clarify our financial management.

A

The Extraordinary General Council was a special opportunity for a “living together” which allowed us to pose the question clearly: Where have we got to in our Mission?

Faithful to the history of each entity, efforts have been made to renew our missionary approach in situations of human distress and among people who are seeking a meaning for LIFE. Otherwise it is to be feared that, without a real effort at evangelisation, whole regions and populations will be dominated by religious trends which are often mixed up with fundamentalist attacks. This preoccupation with the mission which is, this year, centred on the person of St. Paul, led us to seek some answers to certain questions:

- What are the major challenges our entities are facing in the light of the Montfortian mission?
- What about our approach to youth?
- How are we to accompany existing groups while laying emphasis on the baptismal and Marian aspects of our spirituality?
- Are we consumers or thinking users of mass media?
- How can we move forward in the experience of internationality while we are living in a world more and more inclined to globalisation?
- How are we to tackle the lack of personnel in all our entities?

Some aspects of the Mission may seem clear enough. But “how to act” and “where to act” remain open questions. A conversion process seems to be necessary. The task for the Generalate would be to find a balance between the local needs and the needs (priorities) of the Congregation while keeping in mind the local realities.

B

The Extraordinary General Council was an opportunity to verify whether our structures are at the service of the Mission

Life invites us to simplify existing structures or, on the other hand, to develop them. This was the case for certain of our entities.

- **BELGIUM** presented a clear explanation of its choice to move from the status of Vice-Province to that of General Delegation.
 - After reading the letter written by the Superior, Jo Gelissen, asking for the status of General Delegation, Fr. Jos Van den Bergh gave us more information regarding their wishes. A process of discernment had taken place during the past year. All the confreres were involved in this reflection and came face to face with the reality of having no one able to take responsibility for the entity. This was how the present proposal to become a General Delegation took form in the Council.
- **THE AFRICAN DELEGATION**
 - English-speaking and French-speaking Africa both gave information regarding the necessity of establishing an autonomy which would respect both cultures. It is certain that this is a question of a situation of suffering which invites respect for each partner. For this reason, it is necessary to look first to oneself and to continue to discern in each group.

- **THE GENERAL DELEGATION OF INDIA** expressed a desire to become a Vice-Province.
 - Father Peter reviewed the history of the Delegation, throwing light on the choices and the activities of his entity. While emphasising a closer collaboration with the General Administration, it is planned to give priority to LIFE and a sharing of missionary experiences during the next three years.

C

The Extraordinary General Council allowed us to put forward new projects for Formation

In line with the General Chapter of 2005, Fr. Santino and his Council challenged us to pay greater attention to the quality of our promotion of Vocations confided to well-prepared personnel. With clarity and courage they noted that for several entities, including quite a few of those which are developing, the promotion of vocations can become a matter of improvisation. The formation programme cannot be used as some kind of process of filtering and eliminating unsuitable candidates. This approach does not respect a young candidate and causes problems in the pre-novitiate stage. It is important to remember that the promotion of vocations does not consist primarily in recruiting a large number of candidates. It is not a question of marketing our charism or selling our formation programme. On the contrary, it is a serious ministry of discernment and accompaniment which demands time to get to know the candidate and his background, and to examine his motives. The importance of accompaniment to formation was emphasised in Fr. General's circular letter of October 2007: "The Wisdom, the Depth and the Vitality of Letting Oneself be Accompanied". Having analysed the situation, it seems that, at this time, we need about sixty formation personnel. This fact leads us to wonder whether we can provide such a group of formation personnel as well as realising our mission of evangelisation in our entities.

With courage and clarity, Father Santino and his Council proposed new alternative strategies with a view to reducing the formation houses:

- Four novitiates are proposed:
 - An English-speaking one in the Philippines.
 - A French-speaking one in Montfort-sur-Meu.
 - A Spanish-speaking one in Latin America (Paipa, Colombia).
 - One in Flores in Indonesia.
- Six scholasticates could be established:
 - One for Latin America and the Caribbean in Lima.
 - One in Haiti.
 - One in Rome.
 - One in Nairobi.
 - One in Bangalore in India.
 - One in Malang in Indonesia.

Putting this new organisation into effect could only be done progressively, and Father Santino is aware of the need for a time of dialogue which could take several years to arrive at concrete realisations.

D

The Extraordinary General Council supplied the opportunity to clarify our financial management

The present economic context leads us to a change in our practices but also to a conversion regarding our mentality. With realism, the General Administration led by Father General and Father Luizinho, the General Bursar, are going to have recourse to lay collaborators from different professional backgrounds.

Right at the start of our reflection on this topic, we read the Acts of the Apostles, chapter 2, verses 42-47. Within this framework, Father General underlined the aim of a sharing of goods, namely:

- to meet the needs of the Mission,
- to meet the needs of our sick and ageing confreres,
- and to develop our solidarity with the poor.

Four proposals were presented to us:

1. the creation of forms for the ordinary and extraordinary accounts and budgets;
2. a new composition for the Finance Committee;
3. the establishment of a committee for technical support;
4. the creation of a management committee for the evaluation of investments and the choice of risk, decentralisation of our investments over a number of financial institutes and the conduct needed to deal with major crises, either in the future or the present.

Certainly, it would be right to clarify this whole way of managing our goods in the light of the letter of the Superior General. During the Extraordinary General Council we took the time to read it personally, followed by a meeting of the assembly. The participants wished to extend this time of reflection into their respective entities.

In conclusion, I am aware that, coming from every part of the world, we carry with us the preoccupation with witnessing to the universality of the Gospel message. Inserted into societies which are often criss-crossed by passions and conflicting interests, it is for us to be a sign of a dialogue that is always possible and of a communion capable of harmonising our differences: **“Muster your chosen men from every corner of your dominions. Call them and gather them together”** (PM).

Fr. Pierre Bonhommeau, s.m.m.

The Dutch Provincial Chapter

The Dutch Provincial Chapter assembled in Oirschot, on the 9th, 10th and 11th November 2008. The average age of the province was an imaginary person born on 28th April, 1933. The average age of the participants in the chapter was nearly 70 years.

The Chapter gave the following recommendations to the new provincial government:

Mission - Itinerant Mission

1. Encourage that Montfortians, who are active in parishes, continue to work for an inviting, friendly church. If clustering of parishes would endanger this aim, the provincial government and the confrere involved will take together a decision
2. Make a study of the possibilities to help searching people by creating their own spot or support existing places.

Marian Apostolate

3. Devotion is growing again, also with those who have left the church or non-catholics. Because of the Marian apostolate, the council is asked to see to it that Montfortians stay as long as possible involved in the shrine of Ommel, and that the activities there will be borne and supported by the Montfortian community.

Montfortian Heritage

4. The provincial government will be asked with emphasis to elaborate a plan, before the next chapter, for an activity in which a familiar aspect of the Montfortian heritage is present, for example:
 - a strong participation in the Foundation which will administer the chapel of Oirschot;
 - a series of documentaries in which the tradition of our Montfort Tours to the Holy Land is safeguarded in cooperation with Willibrord Tours (successor to Montfort Tours) and Schrift (a biblical Review started by the Montfortians of the Holy Land Foundation);
 - a catechetical project for adults around the meaning and importance of Baptism and Baptismal Promises;
 - about the progress of this task there will be a report in each extra-ordinary Provincial Council.

Montfortian way of life

5. For the coming term of office spirituality could be shaped as follows:

by keeping in mind and encouraging

- the idea that each individual himself is responsible for his own (spiritual) nourishment and formation;
 - in the community there are common moments of prayer;
 - three times a year there will be a discussion on an important topic in the local communities, in which the nearby regional communities will join in;
 - we keep ourselves informed about what is happening in the world in the field of mission and apostolic life. This could be done by reading the L'Écho Montfortain, among other things;
 - discuss the letter of Fr. General on poverty;
 - publish in each issue of Pro Nostris an article that inspires reflection.
6. For the mutual meetings and contacts we think of :
 - encouraging and organizing a meeting on the occasion of the closure of Bijsterveld (Oirschot), but also offer a perspective of what still can happen in Oirschot (cfr. Montfortian heritage);
 - each year on the 8th of September assemble around the jubliarians of that year;
 - every year in November have the Requiem service both in Oirschot as well as in Schimmert;
 - invite confreres for the funeral of a confrere;
 - have a common retreat yearly.

With Mary, in the School of Crucified Wisdom

The annual meeting of “Days of Marian Spirituality”, now in its fifth year, was held in Loreto on 12-14 September 2008.

In the shadow of the “Holy House”, 250 participants gathered together from various regions of Italy, and also from Croatia, united by faith in the one Lord and by the sharing of Montfortian spirituality, at the heart of which is enshrined, like a pearl, the consecration to Jesus Christ through the hands of Mary. Friends, both male and female, the expression of various groups of consecrated people... Montfort Missionaries and Daughters of Wisdom engaged in their spiritual accompaniment... babies and children, reminding us that the heavenly Father reveals his mysteries to the small and the simple. And then, young people and couples. In short, a meeting under the banner of the joy and riches of which each participant, whatever their age or condition, is a bearer. Then we had the very agreeable presence of the Superior General of the Company of Mary, Father Santino Brembilla, showing the link with a religious Family called to guard and spread the precious gift of the spiritual heritage of St. Louis Marie de Montfort. The rhythm of the “Days” was set around prayer in common, catechetical sessions and moments of celebration. We are pleased to recall the emotion expressed during the celebration of the renewal of consecration to Jesus Christ through the hands of Mary, and the joy that filled the whole evening dedicated to the apparitions at Lourdes, the drama performed by the “Cuori Naviganti” from Trinitapoli (Fg), with children being the actors.



If last year our reflection was centred around the Beatitudes proclaimed by Jesus of Nazareth in the Sermon on the Mount, this year the chosen theme was the mystery of the Cross. If God does all he can that we might be happy, if Jesus wants to see us happy, the Cross is the word through which our joy comes! “When we consciously take it up, it allows us to become true Christians, to meet all those messages that, despite the obscurity of the world, resound in history, and to bring them all together, thus creating a great river of peace and justice which rejoices the city of God.” (Carlo Maria Montini) The Cross is the path of wisdom. More than an object of contemplation, it is a mystery to be plumbed and lived. It is not enough to proclaim that Wisdom is the Cross and the Cross is Wisdom: we must put ourselves in the school of the Master. We have chosen to do this with Mary, making ourselves with her “pupils of a crucified God”. The experience and the teaching of Louis Marie de Montfort have accompanied us: through his eyes, and those of St. Paul, Jesus Christ crucified has been exposed (cf. Gal 3:1).

To see photographs of this event, follow this link:

http://www.cuorinaviganti.it/raduno_nazionale_2008_-_gruppi_mariani_monfortani-.html

Fr. Alfio Mandelli, s.m.m.

Montfort Nilayam

My eight companions and myself came from Guru Mandir, Mysore to Montfort Nilayam on 16-08-2008 at Thokkanammotta, Kasargod district, in Kerala. We had a great welcome from Fr's. Jerome Gonsalves and Vinod D'mello. We were very impressed by the scenery and the beautiful house.

I am reminded of the words of Fr. Jerome, "You are all seminarians and I will give you the freedom to work hard and turn this rock into mud." As per his request, we the eight young and energetic persons worked very hard. Sometimes we worked even the whole day because our target was to make one day a beautiful day. That is the inauguration day, 26-08-2008. Within nine days, we set the house fully ready for the inauguration.

We are lucky students because primarily many of the plants were planted by us. Secondly, we were the celebrants for the Mass of inauguration. Rt. Rev. Dr. Varghese Chakkalakkal, Bishop of Kannur Diocese officiated the Mass after blessing the new house. Thirdly, we are the lucky ones, to enter into a newly built house that is in "God's own country" (Kerala).

Our house, Montfort Nilayam is out of the city, hence it is pollution free. It is also peaceful. We can study well and have a prayerful atmosphere.

I would give thanks to the Lord our God that He has sent me to this peaceful place. Secondly, I like to thank Fr's. Jerome and Vinod for giving me this chance to write these few lines.

As we have begun this journey, I would like to request your prayers for my eight companions and for me; that we may become good Montfortians.

Thank you one and all.

Yours in Jesus, Mary & Montfort,
Blaze Lazarus Kedari
Nasik - Maharashtra
India.
06-10-2008.



Indonesia :

1. The Priestly and Deaconate Ordinations

It is a grace that in 2008 Montfort Missionaries of the Delegation of Indonesia have four new priests and a deacon. They are Fr. Marselinus Lobi, SMM, Fr. Kristianus Jumi Ngampu, SMM, Fr. Yusup Gunarto, SMM, Fr. Leonardus Bayu Chandra Kartika, SMM and Deacon Yakobus Rua Bai, SMM. They were ordained in different places. Fr. Marselinus and Fr. Kristianus were ordained on August 1, 2008 in the Parish of Rekas, Diocese of Ruteng-Flores. Mass was officiated by Most Rev. Eduardus Sangsun, SVD Bishop of Ruteng. Whereas, Deacon Yakobus Rua Bai, SMM (who has professed his Perpetual Vows on August 12, 2008 in Montfort Seminary Chapel of Malang), Fr. Leonardus Bayu Chandra Kartika, SMM and Fr. Yusup Gunarto, SMM (who was known as Bro. Gunarto) were ordained at the Cathedral of Malang on August 13, 2008. Mass was officiated by Most. Rev. Herman Joseph Sahadat Pandoyoputro, O. Carm.

In his homily, Bishop Herman Joseph invited the newly ordained priests and deacon to become good shepherds. Priests and deacons are called to serve people of God, to find the lost and bring them to the green grass. Bishop Herman Joseph also stressed that the priests and deacon are invited to proclaim Jesus to people so that they will know and experience who Christ is and not to proclaim themselves. They were assigned in the different places. Deacon Yakobus Rua Bai, SMM was assigned in Parish of Poco, Diocese of Ruteng, Fr. Marcelinus Lobi, SMM was assigned as a staff member of the Montfort Noviciate in Ruteng, Fr. Kristianus Jumi Ngapu, SMM was assigned as a staff member of the Montfort Seminary, in Malang, Fr. Yusup Gunarto was assigned as a pastoral team member of Putussibau Parish, Diocese of Sintang and Fr. Leonardus Bayu Chandra Katika, SMM was assigned as a missionary in Papua New Guinea (PNG). To all, congratulations and may God continue to guide you in your future mission.



The newly ordained Priests and Deacon: From the left: Deacon Yakobus Rua Bai, Fr. Leonardus Bayu Candra Kartika, Bishop Herman Joseph S. Pandoyoputro, O. Carm, and Fr. Yusup Gunarto.

Perpetual Vows of Bro. Yakobus Rua Bai, SMM



2. The Visitation of Fr. General

In his visitation on this special occasion, Fr. General Santino Brembilla, SMM, has visited all the communities of our confreres in Indonesia. He started his visitation by visiting our confreres in Flores, namely Montfort Noviciate of Ruteng and the Parish of Poco. Fr. Kasmir Jumat, SMM, accompanied him. Besides that, he also attended Fr. Kristian's first Mass in Noa and visited Fr. Marselinus' family in Sarong-Lembor West Manggarai Regency.

From Flores, Fr. General continued his journey to Malang, accompanied by Fr. Ingatius Widodo, SMM. In Malang, Fr. General had a series of meetings. He had special assemblies with the seminarians, attended of the Perpetual Vows of Bro. Yakobus, and attended the priestly and deaconate ordinations. He also gave a talk to the Montfort Lay Association, visited the Bishop's palace and the Pastoral Institute of Indonesia (where two of our brothers are studying). In addition, to renew his visa, Fr. General had to go to the Philippines so that he could stay longer in Indonesia. Therefore, on August 15, Fr. General went to the Philippines. Fr. Yosef Jehara SMM, accompanied him to Jakarta.



Fr. General: with dancers of the Desa Tribe, in Lanjing, Diocese of Sintang.

Fr. General came back to Indonesia again on August 18 and continued his visitation to Kalimantan accompanied by Fr. Wim Peeters, SMM. There he met again with Fr. Richard Magarau, SMM, (Superior of the Delegation of the Philippines, who was also invited to attend the ordination in Malang and joined Father General's visitation in Kalimantan) and Fr. Widodo, who went ahead to Putussibau. In Kalimantan, Fr. General visited our confreres in the Putussibau region that consists of the Community of Deo Soli, the community of Putussibau Parish and the community of Benua Martinus Parish. He spent enough time to be together with our confreres in the Kapuas Regency. Then he also went down to Sintang and visited the confreres in the community of Menyurai and the community of Lanjing Parish.

On 3rd of September, Fr. General, Fr. Widodo, Fr. Richard, and Fr. Wim Peeters went to Bandung. There, Fr. General had personal talks with the Delegation house community members and with the Superior of the Delegation of Indonesia and his Council. On 7th of September, Fr. General went back to Rome.

Fr. Yosef Jehara, SMM
Secretary of the Indonesian Delegation

Pius XII and St. Louis Marie de Montfort

On the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the death of Pope Pius XII, here is an article which appeared in “*Madre e Regina*” (VII, no. 9, September 1953, pg. 175) in 1953 after an “Extraordinary General Council”.

“Last April, the Superiors of the various Montfortian Provinces, gathered in Rome for an international meeting, were received in audience by the Holy Father, Pius XII, who spoke paternal words of good will and encouragement to them: ‘*We bless your Congregation,*’ said the Pope, ‘*your works, your apostolate, your persons and your countries.*’

A few days later, on the 27th of that same month, on the eve of the Feast of St Louis Marie de Montfort, while visiting the treasures of the Vatican, these same Superiors had the privilege of seeing the reliquary of the saint which the Montfortian congregations gave the Pope on 20 July 1947, on the occasion of the canonization of our Founder. It was Sister Pasqualina, the sacristan, who brought it to them from the Pope’s private chapel. While showing the reliquary to the Reverend Fathers, she told them that that same morning the Holy Father had recommended: ‘*Tomorrow is the feast of St. Louis Marie de Montfort; don’t forget to put flowers and candles before his relics.*’ Then she added: ‘*The Holy Father wanted to place this reliquary in his chapel, not because it is a work of art, but because it represents his own devotion to the Blessed Virgin and to your Founder.*’ ”

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In Brazil : www.sitioagar.com.br

In GB/I : www.montfort.org.uk

In Papua New Guinea: www.missionfrontier.org



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