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Dear Brothers,

Prayerful Greetings to you all!

The mystical Poet, Khalil Gibran has a powerful anecdote to bring home a beautiful message for our times. *"One night I invented a new pleasure, and as I was giving it the first trial an angel and a devil came rushing toward my house. They met at my door and fought with each other over my newly created pleasure; the one crying, "It is a sin!"- the other, "It is a virtue!"*

After being busy with admissions, public exam results and the commencement of classes for the new academic year, most of us are engaged in so many extra curricular activities such as sports, games, music, dance etc. While these are all important elements of Montfortian Education, we should always keep in mind the real purpose and objectives of our educational mission. The 'Value System' should never become a casualty in addition to **time, energy and money**. The Heads of all our institutions must keep a strict check on these and other casualties. Slowly our 'Educational Institutions' are also becoming victims of Globalization and consumerism. Our priorities should always remain intact based on the Christian and Montfortian Principles of Education. The world is slowly erasing from its dictionaries the concept of 'sin' and 'evil'. The concept of 'sin' seems to be changing from time to time and from person to person! These terms are replaced by pseudo-modern virtues called 'profit' and 'pleasure' at any cost. The youth of today, why even some of us are influenced by this negative shift which is more dangerous than 'pollution and the scams of corruption!

As leaders, we need to work against these tendencies creeping into our communities and Institutions. Even the Ten commandments and our Rule of Life may be swept under the carpet for a period of time, but the men who dare to be real Montfortians, will always call a **spade a spade**. They will never compromise with evil or the Wisdom of the World. They will ever be guided by the 'Wisdom of God', which is the fundamental characteristic of Montfortian Education. Montfort considered children as Angels and we as Montfortian educators, must assume the role of 'Arch Angels' and challenge our students to become virtuous Angels who would fight the 'Black Angels' of ignorance, evil, sense of sinlessness

and Corruption. For this, as Abdul Kalam would say, the best men should be selected to teach 'Moral Science' in our Institutions. If we accept this in principle, Brothers should take the lead in teaching Moral Science and Catechism. 'Legion of Mary' and similar Spiritual activities along with 'Montfortian Associates' must take the central stage in all our Institutions. We don't need another Provincial Chapter to effect these.

1. SECTOR MEETINGS: The three sector meetings to discuss and to share our reflections on the theme of the 31st General Chapter were organized effectively. My appreciation to the Local Superiors and community members of the concerned communities for facilitating these meetings. The input talks by the councilors were received very well. The sharing by Fr. Joe Mannath sdb during the 3rd Sector Meeting at Montfort College was well appreciated by the Brothers. The reflections and the points shared during these meetings will be incorporated along with the synthesis already prepared for the Provincial Chapter to be held from 30th September to 3rd October 2011.

2. BURSARS MEETING: A special session was organized for all our Bursars, so that they may be aware of their responsibilities and duties regarding financial transactions. Mr. Charles Fernando (Auditor) and Bro. Bruno S.J were the special invitees who initiated this process. The Bursars found the Programme very useful.

3. LOCAL SUPERIORS, PRINCIPALS, BURSARS AND CORRESPONDENTS MEETING: All our Local Superiors, Principals, Bursars and Correspondents came together at Montfort College on 19th June, 2011, to discuss and share our vision and action plans for the academic year 2011-12. In addition to the input sessions by the Provincial Superior, the conveners of our commissions also shared their reflections. The input session on leadership by Mr. Sebi George was inspiring. All the Brothers present participated in this meeting very actively.

4. TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR BURSARS & ACCOUNTANTS: We had a 'two day' training programme for all our Bursars and Accountants at Montfort College, Bangalore from 29th to 30th June 2011. The resource persons, Mr. Charles Fernando and Bro. Bruno S.J explained clearly the roles and responsibilities of the Bursars and Accountants. They also gave detailed explanations on the various elements of accounting and book keeping. In the evening, the accountants were given computer based practical training regarding the use of "Tally" for accounting. At the end of the second day, all the Brothers and Accountants felt that they need more of such training programmes. My appreciation to the community of Montfort College for the arrangements made to make this programme a success.

5. COLLABORATION BY THE MONTFORTIAN FAMILY AT KALGHATGI AND KOMBUTHOOKI: For the first time in our Province, we are having all the three Montfortian family members working together in two of our Institutions. At Kalghatgi, Fr. Maria Saleth SMM and at Community School, Kombuthooki Fr. Francis Xavier SMM have joined us in our Mission in these two Communities. In Community School, we also have Srs. Beneta and Savariammal (Montfortian Sisters) joining our mission over there. Bro. John Baa from Ranchi Province has joined the Community School as a volunteer. We are enriched by their presence. We thank them for their generosity and availability to work for the poor. I also thank Fr. Anthony Pereira, the Provincial Superior of Montfort Fathers, Sr. Rani, the Provincial Superior of the Daughters of Wisdom and Bro. P.T George the Provincial Superior of the Province of Ranchi. This is a good model to be emulated further in our Province. Their generosity should also challenge our Brothers in the Province to come forward and work for the poor and the less privileged.

6. CANDIDATES: This year, we have seven candidates. They are placed at Community School Kombuthooki. Bro. Lawrence Gabriel along with Bro. John Baa, Fr. Francis Xavier and the Sisters take care of them. They have full time classes in English, Computer Science, Music, dance, singing games and other skills related to our apostolate and mission. They also go for village visits with the sisters. Kindly pray for them, especially for their perseverance.

7. BROS. GIBI JOHN, JONI RAJAN AND PETER: To fill the vacancy of Bro. Xavier who left us after the publication of the transfer list, Bro. Peter was shifted from Community School to Montfort, Yercaud. In Fiji, Bro. Joni Rajan was shifted to Savusavu and from Savusavu Bro. Gibi John was shifted to Suva.

8. BRO. THOMAS THOTTIYIL: Bro. Thomas Thottiyil who is placed in the Community of Ba, Fiji, is yet to leave for Fiji, due to the delay in the renewal of his passport and subsequently the work permit. Shortly, he will be leaving for Ba. We wish him a fruitful mission over there. I appreciate his generosity and his spirit of daringness to go over to Fiji as a missionary at this part of his life. I am sure more Brothers will come forward and emulate his example.

9. BRO. DOMINIQUE DIOUF: Bro. Dominique from Senegal has joined the community of Montfort School, Yercaud. He will teach French and other subjects for one year. We wish him well for his mission at Montfort School, Yercaud.

10. OUR JUNIORATES: In addition to the Juniorate at Nirmala, Kolathur, we also have started one more Juniorate at Montfort School, Anakkara in our property near the Parish church. The old house in this property has been renovated to accommodate the Juniors. Thanks to Bro. Jose Kannampuzha and the community of Anakkara. Bro. John T.J has come out of his sabbatical leave and has accepted to be the Juniorate Master over there. We thank him for the same.

Number of Juniors at Kolathur: 51

Number of Juniors at Annakkara: 09

11. GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATION: The Golden Jubilee celebration of the Religious Profession of our Brothers Gerard Patrick and Joseph Nirappil on 25.06.2011, at St. Thomas Mount Chennai was yet another occasion of grace and blessings from the Lord for these two Brothers as well as for the whole Province. Number of Brothers from our Province and also the Province of Trichy along with the relatives, friends and well-wishers of the Jubilarians participated in the Holy Eucharist, felicitations and the lunch thereafter. The reflections by the Arch Bishop of Bangalore, The Most Rev. Dr. Bernard Moras was very appropriate. Brothers Patrick and Joseph Nirappil also shared their Jubilee Memoirs with the participants. We appreciate them for their 50 years of 'beautiful life' as Committed Religious. As they cross this milestone, May the Lord who called and sustained them fill them with His peace and joy and continue to lead them on, with Mary, the Mother of Fidelity in the years to come.

12. THE DOCUMENTS ON THE THEOLOGY AND FRATERNITY OF BROTHERHOOD: Soon, all the communities will receive two separate documents on the Theology and fraternity of Brotherhood one prepared by the English Speaking Commission, and the other prepared by the French Speaking Commission. Kindly use it for your community dialogues and reflections.

13. COMMUNITY PROJECT: All the communities are requested to prepare the "Community Project" and send a copy of the same to the Provincial Superior at the earliest. Kindly follow the instruction given earlier regarding the preparation and the implementation of the "Community Project". The Local Superiors will personally follow up this mater.

14. VISIT OF THE PROVINCIAL SUPERIOR TO THE COMMUNITIES: During the visit of the Provincial Superior, all the Brothers of the Community must make sure that they are present without fail. Common assemblies and Staff Meetings must be organized unless I have given some other instructions. All the required records, log books and documents must be kept ready by the concerned persons.

15. OBITUARY: Mr. M Susai 50, uncle of Bro. Francis Xavier, passed away on 14.06.2011. Mrs. Mary 86, aunty of Bro. Ignatius M. left for her eternal rest on 18.06.2011. Mr. M.P James 62, brother of Bro. M.P John demised suddenly due to a heart attack on 21. 06.2011. May their souls rest in peace. Our heartfelt condolences to Brothers Ignatius, M.P John, Francis Xavier and to their bereaved families.

16. Govt/University Examination results in our Schools and Colleges.

NAME OF SCHOOL	APPEARED		APPEARED	
	X TH	PASSED PERCENTAGE	XII TH	PASSED PERCENTAGE
Montfort Sen. Sec. School, Anakkara	132	100%	74	100%
St. Mary's Hr. Sec. School, A N Mangalam	285	93%	110	93%
Lake Montfort School	STATE CBSE	33 63	40	63%
Montfort School for the Disabled, Belagola	10	90%	-	-
Montfort School, Chinnakanal	23	100%	-	-
Kalghatgi P.U.C – ARTS	-	-	103	75%
Kalghatgi P.U.C – COMMERCE	-	-	61	59%
Nirmala Hr. Sec. School, Kolathur	266	88%	251	98%
Montfort Matric. School, Kolathur	26	96%	06	66
Montfort Community School, Kombuthooki	46	96%	17	88%
Montfort Matric.School, St. Thomas Mount.	138	93%	60	97%
St. Joseph's High School, Susaigiri	114	100%	-	-
Montfort School, Yercaud	161	98%	47	100%

NAME OF COLLEGE	APPEARED	PERCENTAGE
MONTFORT COLLEGE:		
M.Sc. Psychological Counseling*	21	95%
*The first Five University Ranks were secured by Montfort College		
M.Sc Psychology**	30	93%
** The first, 3 rd & 5 th University Ranks were secured by Montfort College		
SAMPURNA INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED STUDIES:		
M.Sc Counseling Psychology	35	100%
P.G Diploma in Counseling Psychology	11	100%
GNWS DEGREE COLLEGE:		
B.A	52	98%
B.Com	16	88%

Congratulations to all the Brothers, particularly the Heads of the Institutions for the good results.

Provincial's Itinerary

- July 2 & 3 : Halcyon Home Madurai.
July 4 : Louis Villa
July 8 : Major Superiors Meeting at Vidya Deep College, Bangalore.
July 9 & 10 : St. Thomas Mount.
July 12 : Belagola
July 13 : Louis Villa
July 15 : Nirmala, Kolathur
July 16 : Louis Villa
July 17 : Provincial Council Meeting, Louis Villa
July 19 : St. Joseph's, Yercaud
July 20 : Louis Villa
July 21 : St. Mary's Agraharam
July 23 : Louis Villa
July 26 : Eachinkadu
July 27 : Louis Villa
July 31 : Montfort Matriculation, Kolathur
Aug. 1&2 : Kalghatgi
Aug. 3 : Louis Villa
Aug. 5&6 : Montfort Yercaud
Aug. 8&9 : Annakkara
Aug. 10 : Murickumthotty
Aug. 11 : Chinnakanal
Aug. 12 : Louis Villa
Aug. 14 : Nirmala, Kolathur
Aug. 15 : Louis Villa
Aug. 16 : CRI, Deepahalli & Dharmaram College, Bangalore
Aug. 17 : Lake Montfort, Bangalore
Aug. 18 : Louis Villa
Aug. 21 : Provincial Council Meeting, Louis Villa.

Affectionately in Christ,



(Bro. George Kalangod)
Provincial Superior