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Dear Brothers in Christ,

Fraternal Greetings to you all.

Once I read an interesting story about a Himalayan Master, a sage who predicted his death and cast off his body. After his death, his followers comprising Hindus, Muslims & Christians started to fight each other clamouring for proximity to the Master in order to occupy his chair! However, after a few hours the sage got up from his apparent sleep and told his disciples, “You Hindus, Christians & Muslims, get out of my sight, you are all foolish people”. “I belong to God alone and no one else”.

Our Pascal journey with Christ culminating in the Ascension of the Lord has unfolded many beautiful lessons and mysteries of our life in Christ. His death, resurrection and Ascension was not a ‘magic show’ but part of the revelation of God’s mysteries of our limited understanding of His wisdom. The Ascension of our Lord should teach us to detach ourselves not only from the things of this earth but also from our ‘self’ including our own ‘bodies’. Lesser the burdens we carry, easier will our ascension to the Lord. ‘Ascension’ is not a one time event that should happen at the end of our lives, but a daily process that should take us closer to Him saying, “I belong to God alone and no one else”.

The Jubilee of the Religious commitment of our seven Brothers was an event of Ascension in their lives and an opportunity for them to shed their burdens and become lighter so as to take wings to their Master, to whom alone they belong! One need not wait for Jubilee days and celebrations to realize this truth viz. there is no ‘life’ without ‘death’ - the new life He has promised begins with death to our ‘self’, our ‘ego’ and our ‘body’. “When Christ calls a man, he bids him to come and die” – *Dietrich Bonhoeffer*.

1. 31st General Chapter: The 31st General Chapter was a new ‘Chapter’ in the pages of the History of our congregation. The election of the first Indian Superior General, use of improved technology, a Chapter message with greater clarity, election of progressive General Assistants, were some of the highlights of this memorable Chapter.

The Brothers of Yercaud province wholeheartedly welcome the election of Bro. John Kallarackal as the Superior General of our Congregation. We congratulate him on assuming this distinct responsibility in our Congregation. Our joy is all the more pronounced as he was already in-charge of our Province. We wish him well to lead us as an Authentic leader ushering in greater Brotherhood and commitment, so as to transform the world around us in every sense with greater peace, justice growth and better governance.

We also welcome and congratulate the new team of General Assistants comprising Bro. Yvan Passebon, the Vicar General, Bro. Jean-Paul Mbengue, Bro. Joseph K M, Bro. Paulraj A, Bro. Georges Le Vern, the Secretary General and Bro. Pierre Girard, the General Bursar. May this vibrant team bring in new life and growth in our Congregation through their united efforts. We also take this opportunity to thank and appreciate Bro. Rene Delorme the former Superior General for all that he has been to each one of us, especially for his wonderful 'leadership' qualities. He will ever be remembered for his simplicity and humane qualities rarely seen in such high positions. May he enjoy, happy and healthy days in the years to come. We also thank all the outgoing General Assistants for their dedicated and wholehearted service to the Congregation and the Church.

2. The Year Calendar and Planner '2012-13': I am including the schedule of the major events of our Province along with this Circular. A number of seminars and special sessions are being planned for this year. Please do attend them whole heartedly as and when you are called upon to do so. There are three National level seminars for Local Superiors and Heads of Institutions. There will be another one or two seminars planned for our Brothers who are not slotted for any of the National seminars organized at MSC, at Bangalore. Some of us consider it a punishment attending seminars and renewal sessions. I think we must change our mindset on this. This year, the PFD, will organize three 'Spiritual Books review submissions' for the Junior Brothers. I am sure they will make good use of this new initiative. In continuation of our reflection of the theme of the 31st General Chapter, kindly adopt this theme as the topic of discussions, celebrations and action in our institutions for the new year '2012-13'.

3. Jubilee Celebrations: The Diamond, Golden and Silver Jubilee celebrations of seven of our Brothers was organized on 20th of May 2012 at Anakkara with solemnity and fervour. His Excellency Mar Mathew Vattakuzhy, Bishop Emeritus of Kanjirappally presided over the Eucharistic Celebrations. A large number of Brothers from all the Indian Provinces attended the programme, prayed for them and congratulated the Jubilarians Bros. Crescentius (Diamond) Augustine Novello, Irudaya Michael, Jacob Ezhanikatt, Jose Pallattumadathil , Joseph Louis (Golden) and Joseph Thomas (Silver). I take this opportunity to congratulate them once again and wish them a mission journey with greater enthusiasm and commitment for the distances yet to be run by them – ahead of the 'majestic feet' of the 'Hound of Heaven'. I also thank and appreciate the Local Superior of the Anakkara community, Bro. Jacob Ezhanikatt, the Brothers of the community, members of Staff and the support Staff for making this event memorable.

4. Bro. Kalaimalar Prabhu: We welcome into our family the newly professed young Brother Kalaimalar Prabhu with love & prayerful wishes. We thank the Lord for gifting us with Bro. Kalaimalar Prabhu.

5. Departure from our midst: Bro. Bosco who was on his way to Bangalore for the renewal of his vows decided not to renew his vows and left for home! After having shared our lives for so many years, we feel sad at this development. We wish him well with his new found ways.

6. Admission of our Junior Brothers for Renewal of Vows: The Provincial Council during its meeting on 8.5.12, carefully studied the applications of the Junior Brothers for the renewal of the vows along with the confidential reports. The Provincial Superior with the consent of his council admitted the following Junior Brothers to renew the vows.

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| i) Bro. Pakkianathan | ii) Bro. Christu Raj |
| iii) Bro. Peter Rajan | iv) Bro. Alexandar A |
| v) Bro. Anthony Sunil A | vi) Bro. Mervin Louis P |
| vii) Bro. Joe Moiesan S | viii) Bro. Binu Mathew |
| ix) Bro. Arockia Robert A | x) Bro. Joni Rajan |
| xi) Bro. Justin Selvakumar | |

These Brothers renewed their vows at the end of the renewal session organized meaningfully by Bro. George Padikara, the PFD on 14 & 15th of May 2012 at Montfort College Bangalore. Kindly include all of them in your daily prayers and also do guide them with your good examples and words.

7. St. Anselm's Institute: I will be attending the graduation ceremony of St. Anselm's Institution Kent, U K, where Bro. George Vazhayil is undergoing a year long renewal programme. During my visit I will have discussions about some kind of collaboration between St. Anselm's Institute and a few of our Educational Institutions.

8. Provincial Superior In-charge: During my absence (from 24.5.12 to 3.5.12) Bro. George Padikara will be the Provincial in-charge.

9. Obituary: We deeply mourn the demise of Mr. K V Joseph, the eldest brother of Bro. K V Thomas, Mr. Arumainathen, uncle of Bro. John David and the niece of Bro. John Kallarackal, the Superior General. May their souls rest in peace.

10. Recommended to our prayers:

- a) Bro. Amalanathan's father who had a stroke and is admitted in a private hospital.
- b) Bro. Oliver's nephew suffering from cancer of the bladder.
- c) The brother and nephew of Bro. Thomas V Lukose who are seriously ill.

The examination results from our educational institutions are just coming in. While, the percentage of pass is not an indicator of our efforts and the standard of our education, it has another yardstick for the public. Hence, we need to keep this concern of the parents and public in mind. My sincere congratulations to all the Brothers, Staff members and Students who have harvested the fruit of their hard work through good results. May the year 2012-13 find all our Brothers as 'leader educators' in this confused educational scenario, coloured with corrupt practices and commercialization. Taking the words of Christ, seriously, we can be 'light of the world' amidst the encircling gloom. – *Mat: 5/14*

Yours in Christ,

Bro. George Kalangod
Provincial Superior

Montfort Brothers of St. Gabriel, Province of Yercaud Year Calendar 2012-13

S.NO	MONTH	DATES	EVENTS
1.	MAY	05	Council Meeting
2.		6-12	Fresher's Camp at Nirmala , Kolathur
3		08	Council Meeting
4		20-30	Juniors' Camp at - Nirmala , Kolathur
5		15 -16	Junior Brothers Vows Renewal session
6		20	Jubilee Celebrations
7	JUNE	1-10	Candidates' Camp – Community School , Kombuthooki
8		7	Council Meeting
9		10	Bursars cum accountants meeting – B' lore.
10		17	Meeting for the LS ,Heads of the Institutions & Bursars- B'lore
11		20	Provincial's Visit to Fiji Islands
12		25	Visit of the Finance Commission to the Communities begins
13	JULY	2-6	National Level Seminar - Group - I, Montfort Spirituality Centre, Bangalore
14		From 15	Bro. Provincial Visit to Communities in India.
15		16- 20	National Level Seminar- Group - II Montfort Spirituality Centre, Bangalore
16	AUGUST	4-5	Council Meeting
17		9-12	Seminar for the Brothers at Montfort Spirituality Centre B'lore (who have not attended the National lever Seminars)
18		10	Ist Book Review Submission by the Junior Brothers.
19		13	Vocation Promotion: Ist round of visit to the Parishes and Schools by the Vocation Promotion team
20		19-23	National Level Seminar – Group- III, Montfort Spirituality Centre, Bangalore
21		25-26	National Council Meeting at Coonoor
22	SEPTEMBER	8-9	Council Meeting
23		22	Vocation Promotion: IInd round of visit begins
24		23-28	Ist Annual Retreat at B'Lore.
25	OCTOBER	3	Brotherhood Day to be celebrated as “Authentic Leaders for a greater Brotherhood in all our Institutions
26		6-7	Council Meeting – Preparation for the Provincial Chapter
27		16	Council Meeting - Preparation for the Provincial Chapter
28		17 -21	Provincial Chapter
29		25	Internal Inspection of Schools begins.
30	NOVEMBER	10- 11	Council Meeting
31			Sector wise Advent - Recollection
32		15	II nd Book Review Submission by the Junior Brothers
33	DECEMBER	18 - 22	X' MAS Celebration - Sector wise
34		26-31	IInd Annual Retreat
35	JANUARY 2013	5-6	Council Meeting
36		29 -30	Synergy 2012 -13
37		31	Montfort's Birth Day
38	FEBRUARY		Bro. Provincials Visit to the Communities begins
39			III rd Book Review Submission by the Junior Brothers.
40	MARCH		Sector wise Lenten – Recollection
41	APRIL	15-16	Council meeting
42		28	Montfort's Feast Day – Installation of the New Provincial Administration

**The Groups for the 3 National level Seminar
at Montfort Spirituality Centre, Bangalore**

Group: 1 [2nd - 6th July 2012]

1. Bro. Antony M.P
2. Bro. George Padikara
3. Bro. Ignatius M
4. Bro. Thomas K.K
5. Bro. Joseph Louis
6. Bro. Joseph Madavana
7. Bro. Susai Alangaram

Group: 2 [16th-20th July 2012]

1. Bro. Britto Lourdusamy
2. Bro. Jenny Kuriakose
3. Bro. Jose Kannampuzha
4. Bro. K M Thomas
5. Bro. Sabu Joseph
6. Bro. Varghese K.J
7. Bro. Lourdusamy
8. Bro. Louis Alex

Group: 3 [19th – 23rd August 2012]

1. Bro. Oliver
2. Bro. Arul Deeparaj
3. Bro. Augustine Novello
4. Bro. Francis Xavier
5. Bro. Paul K A
6. Bro. Prabhu
7. Bro. Niju Thomas
8. Bro. Irudaya Michael

Group: 4 [Organized by the Province 9th to 12th August]

1. Bro. Abraham A M
2. Bro. Abraham Pralel
3. Bro. Anselm
4. Bro. Antony P.J
5. Bro. Crescentius
6. Bro. Gerald Mary
7. Bro. Gerard Patrick
8. Bro. Jacob Ezhanikatt
9. Bro. Jacob pynadath
10. Bro. John M.P
11. Bro. John P J
12. Bro. Jose Pallattumadathil
13. Bro. Joseph Nirappil
14. Bro. Joseph Thomas
15. Bro. Joy Theckanath
16. Bro. Lawrence Gabriel
17. Bro. Lawrence Joseph
18. Bro. Mathew Panathanath
19. Bro. Paul K.P
20. Bro. Sebastian Joseph
21. Bro. Sebastian Olickal
22. Bro. Thomas K.V
23. Bro. Thomas Montfort
24. Bro. Thomas V.L
25. Bro. Varghese Kallely
26. Bro. Wilfred
27. Bro. John T.J

Group: 5 [Organized by the Province - dates to be announced later]

1. Bro. Alexander.A
2. Bro. Amalanathan M
3. Bro. Arockia Robert.A
4. Bro. Biju K Jose
5. Bro. Binu Mathew
6. Bro. Christu Raj
7. Bro. Joe Moiesan. S
8. Bro. John Baa (R)
9. Bro. John David
10. Bro. Kalaimalar Prabu
11. Bro. Mervin Louis. P
12. Bro. Pakianathan
13. Bro. Paul Joni Rajan
14. Bro. Peter Rajan
15. Bro. Alexander.S
16. Bro. Anthony Sunil