



## **PROVINCIAL'S CIRCULAR NO. – 21**

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Dear Brothers,

Fraternal Greetings!



We are still in the Month of September, a month very special to the Church, filled with the aura of Marian devotion. We start off the month with the celebration of the Nativity of our Blessed Mother with all its spiritual fervour and glory. Even non Christians wake up to the occasion to express their Genuine love for our Mother, often enough in a human way! Celebrations touch every church and every home in one way or the other. For most of these, She is a 'goddess,' a mother who gives all that they ask for.

For Montfortians, it is a special privilege to take up leadership roles in these celebrations in and around our communities and Institutions. By the middle of the month the Church leads us from the Joyful birthday celebrations to the other end of life's realities viz. the feast of our Lady of Sorrows! There is a quick transition from the pleasantries of birth to the painful mysteries of sufferings and death. It is a Montfortian constant – the mystery of suffering & cross.

The poor and the ordinary people pray to her without any logic or reason. But most of us are mistakenly bound by theoretical reasoning which might lead us to realms of false devotion to our Lady. St. Montfort speaks about seven types of false devotion viz. the critical, the scrupulous, the superficial, the presumptuous, the inconstant, the hypocritical, the self- interested. (T D)

The feast of our Mothers' Nativity and that of "our Lady of Sorrows" is sandwiched by another great feast, 'the Holy Name of Mary'. The Angels and Saints praise and glorify her name endlessly. According to St. Bonaventure, all the angels in heaven unceasingly call out to her: "Holy, holy, holy Mary, Virgin Mother of God." They greet her countless times each day with the angelic greeting, "Hail Mary", while prostrating themselves before her, begging her as a favour to honour them with one of her requests. (T D)

In spite of repeating daily numerous 'Hail Mary' and 'Holy Marys', we often forget the sacredness of these angelic prayers and benedictions. When we were young, our pious parents and catechism teachers taught us two types of ejaculatory prayers/mantra, one with the Name of Jesus and the other with the Holy Name of Mary, our Blessed Mother. They were complete prayers themselves without any tail or head. Nowadays, we think such practices are outdated and are to be reserved for our last days and moments of agony, when others might pump them into our deaf ears.

Celebrating Mary and singing her praises should be the positive weakness of every Gabrielite Brother. We are well equipped to do this proclamation more than anybody else in the church. Forums and confraternities like Legion of Mary and MGA (Montfortian Gabrielite Associates) should be some of the best platforms to express our intimate relationship to Mary. Discovering her secrets, we become more and more rooted in Christ her son and our brother.

"The last thing Jesus did on the cross before entering the dark moment of his agony and death was to adore the Father's will. Mary was with him in this too. She too adored and accepted the Father's will, before a dreadful solitude and darkness came over her heart just as there was gloom outside over all the land". (Mt 27:45)

**1. Sixth Provincial Chapter:** The 31<sup>st</sup> General Chapter was an extraordinary event in the history of our congregation. Right from the preparatory stage, all of us were involved in it, in one way or the other. The 31<sup>st</sup> General Chapter message and the orientations have set a challenging task before us. It is inviting us to quicken our 'thoughts' with 'action' so that there will be desirable changes and transformation in our life as 'brothers of Christ' and Brothers for greater brotherhood. It impels us to be rooted in Christ so that we may become 'Authentic Leaders' like Him, in order to usher in, a greater brotherhood in our communities, Institutions, in the church and all over the world.

In order to achieve this, we need to re-read the message and the orientations of the 31<sup>st</sup> General Chapter along with the reflections and concerns of the Fifth Provincial Chapter. The Fifth Provincial Chapter reflections and concerns echo the ground realities of the Province in the light of the theme of the 31<sup>st</sup> General Chapter. What began as a serious work during the Fifth Provincial Chapter must be carried forward in all earnestness in order to initiate 'positive actions' which will touch the lives of every Brother in the Province. **This is the task before the capitulants of the Sixth Provincial Chapter.**

The votes for the delegates for the Sixth Provincial Chapter was counted by the Provincial Council on 15 September 2012 in my presence. The list of the elected capitulants, ex-officio members, co-opted member and substitutes are attached separately along with this circular. My sincere congratulations to all the elected delegates. Now, I request all the delegates to start preparing for the chapter more seriously, re-reading and reflecting the 31<sup>st</sup> General Chapter message and the Fifth Provincial Chapter reflections and concerns of our Province. Brothers of the Province who have elected the delegates should continue to support them with their prayers and suggestions pertaining to the Chapter. Those who have any 'specific suggestion' may write to me about the same.

**Venue : Montfort College & MSC, Bangalore.**

**Dates : 24.10.2012 – 27.10.2012**

**2. International Seminar at MSC:** An International Seminar will be jointly organized by the central administration and the National council of India at Montfort Spirituality Centre, Bangalore from Dec. 29<sup>th</sup> 2012 to 1<sup>st</sup> January 2013. The theme of the seminar will be '**Leadership for Change**'. The participants will be:

- The Members of the Central Administration,
- The Provincials & First Councillors of Asian Provinces, the National Secretary,
- Provincials or a representative of Western Provinces and African Provinces
- The Sector Superior of Kigali.

**3. Seminar for Junior Brothers:** All the Junior Brothers of Indian Provinces who have completed three years (2007-2009 batch) will have a seminar at Montfort Spirituality Centre (MSC), Bangalore from 15<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> December 2012. They should reach MSC on 14<sup>th</sup> evening.

**4. Year of Faith:** In his Apostolic letter, PortaFidei Pope Benedict XVI has declared that the **year of faith** will begin on October 11, 2012 and conclude on November 24, 2013, the solemnity of Christ the King. October 11, the first day of the year of faith, is the fiftieth anniversary of the opening of the second Vatican council and also the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the catechism of the Catholic Church. The main purpose of the year of faith is to renew and review one's faith in a new way – 'the new evangelization'. I invite all the Brothers to get involved deeply in this 'spiritual renewal' and become "Apostles of New evangelization".

**5. Brothers on leave of absence:** Bro. Biju K Jose is on leave of absence from 7 June 2012 and Bro. Joseph Thomas from 15 July 2012. We continue to pray for their well-being.

**6. Brother Jean Bulteau:** We join the entire Brothers of the congregation and the relatives of Bro. Jean Bulteau, in mourning his death at the age of 82. As the former Superior General, he has been very close to the Brothers of our Province. We thank the Lord for all the precious work he has done for the welfare of our Congregation in particular and the humanity in general. We will ever remember him for his cheerfulness, humour and simplicity. May his soul rest in peace.

**7. Life of Montfort:** St. Paul's publications has brought out beautifully the book authored by Bro Lawrence Joseph – "St Louis-Marie Grignon de Montfort". Our congratulations on the splendid work which Bro. Lawrence has done. It is well edited and makes substantial and lucid reading. Those who require copies may write to Bro. Lawrence Joseph. Presently he is busy with another book, on Fr. Gabriel Deshayees.

**8. Programmes at MSC:** 1) Two programs for Associates - one in English and the other in Hindi.  
2) A fourth renewal seminar for those who missed the previous seminars.

Kindly contact the Director, MSC, for further information.

**9. Text books for lower classes:** Hyderabad Province is publishing a series of books for lower classes. Those who are interested may order for the same.

**10. Synergy 2012, Certificates:** As promised during the Synergy 2011, certificates for the participants will reach you soon. Kindly enter their names and distribute the same in a common Assembly. A list of your participants will be enclosed for your immediate use. Once again, my appreciation to all participants for their wonderful and innovative performance at 'Synergy 2012'. 'Synergy 2013', will be held in one of our Schools in Tamilnadu from January 29 to 30<sup>th</sup> 2013. The Place, theme and other details will be given to you after the meeting of the Education Commission.

**11. Obituary:** We deeply mourn the demise of Mr. Sibi, the nephew of Bro. V L Thomas, Mr. Lawrence, cousin of Bro. Alex S, Mr. Jolly Jose, the brother of Paul K P and Mrs. Mary John, the mother of Bros. George Padikara & Gibi. May their souls rest in peace.

Kindly continue to pray for all our sick Brothers.

**12. Catholic journals and periodicals:** The church is focusing more and more on the effective use of mass media in its evangelization and mission. In our Province, the reading habit/culture is limited to some daily News papers and commercial/political magazines. Most of us spend much time in front of the T V and in the use of cell phones. May I invite every community to subscribe and read, as many catholic newspapers and journals as possible. I am enclosing a list of 9 catholic magazines for your perusal and subsequent action. In addition to these, there are many other minor publications from the local dioceses and private agencies. Every community should have a reading rack where the magazines could be displayed after reading by the Local Superior and other Brothers of the Community. Some times, certain Brothers take a long time to complete a particular issue of the magazine due to various reasons. If such circumstances prevail in certain communities, especially the larger communities, you can subscribe more issues/copies. These magazines bring to us the latest trends and events happening in the Church and the Catholic world.

## Religious Magazines

No	Name of the Magazine	Addresses & Contact	Subscription Details & Amount Per Year
1	NEW LEADER	The Manger, The New Leader, 64, Armenian Street, Chennai-600001 Ph: 044-25362371 www.newleader.in	Rs. 300/- “The Manager, The New Leader” @ Chennai
2	VIDYAJYOTI JOURNAL	The Manager, Vidyajyoti Journal, 4/A Rajniwas Marg, Delhi – 110054.	Rs.150/- D.D to “VIDYAJYOTI JOURNAL” @ Delhi
3	CHARISMS IN UNITY	The Editor, Focolare Movement, Prakash Kiran, St. Pius Complex, Aarey Road, Goregaon (E), Mumbai-400063 indiaczm@focolare.org	Published four times only – Contact the Editor
4	“L’OSSERVATORE ROMANO”	The Editor, Carmel International Publishing House, Cotton Hill, Trivandrum – 695014, Kerala 0471-2327253, 9447037580	Rs. 1500/- DD to “Carmel International Publishing House” @ Trivandrum
5	IN CHRISTO	The Manager, In Christ, Xavier Publications, P.B. No. 8, Ranchi-834001, Jharkhan.	Rs. 125/- “Xavier Publications” @ Ranchi
6	INDIAN CURRENTS	Circulation Manager, Indian Currents, 375-A, Pocket 2, Mayur Vihar Phase I, Delhi-110091. Ph: 011-22750667 / 9891122625 www.indiancurrents.org	Rs. 600/- “Indian Currents Publications” @ Delhi
7	LIGHT OF TRUTH(SATHYADEE PAM)	The Manager, Light of Truth, P.B. No. 1916, Ernakulam, Kochi-682 018, KL. PH: 0484-2401815 <a href="mailto:English@sathyadeepam.org">English@sathyadeepam.org</a> www. Sathyadeepam.org	Rs. 125/- DD to “ Light of Truth” @ Ernakulam
8	VIDYA DEEP JOURNAL, B’LORE	Vidya Deep College, CRI Brothers’ Institute of Theology, 128/1, Ulsoor Road, Bangalore-560042. Ph: 080-25587965 <a href="mailto:cribrothers@gmail.com">cribrothers@gmail.com</a> <a href="http://www.vidyadeepcri.org">www.vidyadeepcri.org</a>	Contact, Director, “CRI Brothers’ Institute, Bangalore”
9	THE EXAMINER	<b>The Examiner</b> , Eucharistic Congress Building III, 5 Convent Street, Fort, Mumbai 400001, Maharashtra, India <b>Tel :</b> 022 22886585 / 22020221/91-22-65086148 <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:editor@examiner.in">editor@examiner.in</a>	Rs. 500/- DD to “The Examiner”

Yours in Christ,

Bro. George Kalangod  
Provincial Superior

# *Sixth Provincial Chapter 2012*

*(24.10.2012 – 27.10.2012)*

## **The list of Chapter Members:**

### **Ex – Officio Members:**

1. Bro. George Kalangod – *Provincial Superior*
2. Bro. George Padikara
3. Bro. Ignatius M
4. Bro. Jenny Kuriakose
5. Bro. Prabhu M
6. Bro. Varghese Koonammavu
7. Bro. Lourdusamy – *Provincial Bursar*
8. Bro. Francis Abraham – *District Superior (SPD)*

### **Elected Brothers with Perpetual Vows:**

1. Bro. Thomas K K
2. Bro. Lawrence Joseph
3. Bro. Sabu Joseph
4. Bro. Jacob Ezhanikatt
5. Bro. Augustine Novello
6. Bro. Abraham A M
7. Bro. Thomas K V
8. Bro. Susai Alangaram
9. Bro. Gerard Patrick
10. Bro. Joseph Louis
11. Bro. Paul Kachappilly
12. Bro. Mathew Panathanath
13. Bro. Thomas K M
14. Bro. Jose Kannampuzha
15. Bro. Sebastian Joseph
16. Bro. Antony M P

### **Co-Opted member:**

1. Bro. Paul Kaiprambat

### **Substitutes:**

1. Bro. Niju Thomas
2. Bro. Arul Deeparaj

### **Elected Brothers with Temporary Vows:**

1. Bro. Packianathan
2. Bro. Peter Rajan
3. Bro. Mervin Louis
4. Bro. Christuraja

### **Substitute:**

1. Bro. Anthony Sunil

### **The following Brothers are appointed as Secretaries for the Chapter:**

1. Bro. John David
2. Bro. Louis Alex

Bro. George Kalangod  
Provincial Superior



