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Dear Brothers,

Fraternal Greetings to you all!

You have already received the re-organized new Community list of our Province on 2.5.2013 itself. Whenever the transfer list is published, some of us may get disappointed while others are happy about the changes and the new responsibilities bestowed upon them. All of us do have ambitions especially in our careers as individuals. However, we must be cautious that personal ambitions should not jump the boundaries of Religious Principles and practices as taught by the Church, our rule of life and constitutions and the "Chapter Guidelines". In recent years, the commercial and professional adventurisms among men and women who have renounced such pursuits by the profession of evangelical counsels have taken an upward trend. This unhealthy trend is rearing its ugly head amongst us also. It is becoming more pronounced especially during the transfers and re-organization of the Communities. Sometimes shortcuts and roundabout methods are employed in order to obtain the so called high and prestigious positions which will last only for a short while.

The much needed priorities in 'Mission', 'Charism' and 'Spirituality' are taking a severe beating in our quest for authoritative positions -handling and being in control of money and material. The result is disastrous... slowly we are losing faith in our professed way of life, and in the Lord who has called us to this way of life.

The disciples on a fishing expedition after the Resurrection wanted to have their own 'catch' in the place and direction of their choice. Likewise, we try to choose the area of our Mission moving in the darkness of the 'night' away from the Master and casting our nets elsewhere! We want placements and appointments as per our own blind perceptions of the right 'catch'. In the process, we fail to be Authentic leaders like Peter the leader of the Apostles who must have misguided the disciples the whole night by casting the net on the wrong side. It took a whole 'night' of doubt, confusion and pride without direction, before the Lord intervened in their lives and commanded them to cast the net on the **'right side'**. John 21/6. They obeyed and harvested an abundance of fruits for their obedience instead of temporary and imaginary success. As we go through the exercise of changes and reformation of our Communities and Institutions, with the surrendering attitude of Peter, let us leap into the realms of absolute Faith in the Lord in order to recognize Him across the Sea of disapproval and discomfort. And we will surely hear the Lord telling us "Brother, feed my sheep". John 21/17.

We are extremely grateful to Bro. Mariannan, the Provincial Superior of Trichy and his Councilors for extending the services of Bro. Selvin Antony at Deshayes Mount School as its Principal. We welcome Bro. Selvin for this mission at Montfort, Yercaud.

Once again I would like to remind the Brothers on transfer to reach the new Community **on or before 20th May 2013**, after handing over their present responsibilities to the concerned persons. Local Superiors and Bursars on transfer must complete the 'Instrument of transfer' and send a copy of the same to me. Copies of the "Instrument of transfer" are enclosed.

- 1. Bro. Joseph A:** The First Profession of the 30 Novices of Eachinkadu was held on 27.4.13 at Montfort Chapel, followed by felicitation and lunch in the school refectory. We had only one Novice in the person of Bro. Joseph A. We congratulate and welcome Brother Joseph A to our family with affection and

prayerful wishes. We appreciate Bros. Jenny Kuriakose -the Novice Master, Vijay Sebastian-the Socius & Gerald Mary-the Administrator for accompanying the newly Professed Brothers for the last two years very effectively. We are grateful to the Lord for the gift of Bro. Joseph A to our Province.

Next year, we don't have anyone for First Profession! This is a very embarrassing and disturbing situation for us. At this juncture, let me ask every Brother in the Province to participate actively in fostering vocations by their personal exemplary lives and inviting young men to join us in good numbers.

2. The New Provincial Administration: The New Provincial Administration of Yercaud Province was installed on 28th April, 2013, the feast day of St. Louis Grignon de Montfort during a Eucharist Celebration at St. Louis Villa, after a brief Council Meeting attended by all the council members. Prior to the Eucharistic celebration the Provincial Council had its first meeting from 10.00 A.M to 12.00 noon. This was followed by a solemn Eucharist celebration at 12.15 P M presided over by Bro. Ignatius Mullooparambil. After the communion, the Provincial Superior and his team symbolically assumed the responsibility as the leaders of the Province through a special prayer marking the beginning of the three-year mandate. A number of Brothers were present for the Holy Eucharist and the lunch thereafter.

I take this opportunity to thank all the Councilors of the previous Administration for their collaboration, hard work and contribution for the growth and development of the Province. I would like to place on record two major areas of contribution by the previous administration viz. Vocation Promotion and streamlining the finance management. My special words of appreciation and thanks to the outgoing Councilors Bro. Ignatius M & Bro. Prabu. I look forward to greater collaboration and support from the New team of Councilors Bro. Thomas K K, Bro. George Padikara, Bro. Thomas K V, Bro. Varghese K J & Bro. Jenny Kuriakose.

3. Jubilee celebrations: The Diamond Jubilee of Bros. Wilfrid, Oliver & Gerald Mary and the Golden Jubilee of Bros. Thomas Montfort & Antony M.P will be organized on 19th May 2013 at Montfort School, Yercaud. We congratulate them for their long years of committed lives as Brothers following the footsteps of St. Louis Grignion de Montfort, our Father. Invitations have already been posted to you all.

4. Admission of our Junior Brothers for Renewal of Vows: The Provincial Council during its meeting on 15.4.13, 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 their vows.

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

xii) Bro. Kalaimalar Prabu

These Brothers will renew their vows on 24th of May 2013 at Montfort College Bangalore after the three-day renewal programme organized by Bro. George Padikara. Kindly include all of them in your daily prayers. Continue to guide them with your good examples and words.

5. St. Thomas School, Lautoka: I visited SPD from 22nd to 30th March 2013. The main purpose of the visit was to participate in the handing over ceremony of St. Thomas High School, Lautoka, organized by the Parish community of "Our Lady of Perpetual Help". The Parish Community along with the Parish Priest Fr. Cicil William, ceremoniously welcomed me, Bro. Francis, the District Superior, Bro. Thomas Thottiyil, Bro. Sahayaraj and Bro. Shaji. The solemn

ceremony was also attended by Mr. Remesio Rogovakalali, Director of Catholic Education, Fiji.

An Excerpt from the “Visit to Fiji Report”...

Bro. Provincial thanked Rt. Rev. Dr. Petero Mataca, the Archbishop of Suva, Fiji, Mr. Remesio Rogovakalali, Director of Catholic Education, Rev Fr. Cicil William, the Parish Priest and the leaders of the Parish for inviting the Brothers to take the responsibilities and administer St. Thomas, Lautoka. He said Brothers, under the leadership of Bro. Sahayaraj will give their best to take the school to greater heights of excellence. Mr. Remesio and Fr. Cicil, the Parish Priest also addressed the gathering and thanked the Brothers for their contribution in Fiji and also taking up St. Thomas, Lautoka.

6. MGA, Province Level Meeting:

The much awaited Province Level MGA Meeting was organized on 7th April 2013, at Montfort School, Yercaud. All the Heads of the Institutions of the Province sans SPD, along with the office bearers (President and Secretary) from all our institutions participated in this important Montfortian event of the Province. This was the first time such an event was organized in our Province. The purpose of the meeting was to consolidate and take forward effectively all the ‘associate’ activities initiated in the Province so far.

Bro. Provincial in his address focussed on the “raison d’être” of this movement tracing its origin and roots in the Church as well as in our Congregation beginning with the directives of the 29th General Chapter. He also made it clear “what it is **not**” in his efforts to define and throw clarity to “what it is”. He appealed to the Heads of the institutions to welcome this initiative in the light of the example set by the ‘Foot-washing’ Pontiff – His Holiness Francis. He also appreciated all the efforts taken by Bro. Ignatius, the Convener of the Partnership Commission in the Province for the last 3 years! Bro. Ignatius in his address clearly indicated the structure, objectives,

and functions of the MGA. He also explained the various procedures to be followed during the MGA meetings in all our Institutions. A number of handouts were distributed by him to all the MGA office bearers and the Heads of the Institutions. Bro. Ignatius pointed out the positive and negative trends in our Province regarding Partnership and Associate activities. He invited the participants to change their mindset on MGA activities.

Bro. Provincial introduced the newly designed insignia /medallion that will be presented to all the “MGA” members of the Province along with the special bookmark with “Consecration and Prayer for the Divine Wisdom”. The vexillums were presented to the Heads of the Institutions. The President of MGA from each Institution received the special medallions for all the members of their unit and the Secretary received the bookmarks with Prayer for the Divine Wisdom and the Consecration to Jesus Christ the Incarnate Wisdom through the hands of Mary. It was decided to have a province journal for MGA and also to organize sector wise MGA meetings in addition to an annual Province level MGA meet.

7. Staff selection and Appointments: All appointments to the Govt posts in Montfort A.I School, St. Mary’s Agraharam, St. Joseph’s Susaigiri and Nirmala Kolathur must be done with the Provincial Superior’s written permission only. As we have only few posts remaining, we need to save them for our Brothers even if our Brothers need to qualify with ‘TET’. These instructions are applicable even for those who were appointed temporarily during the last academic year (2012-13) in the above mentioned schools. In the case of other posts, especially in our non-aided schools, Heads of the Institutions should constitute a ‘Staff Appointment Committee’ as per the Chapter Decisions and follow the procedure. All appointments, terminations and dismissals must be done as per the Chapter decisions and Province guidelines.

8. Vocation Promotion Camps: This year we are having five 'Vocation Camps' for the following categories viz. Freshers, 12th Passed (Phase – I), Candidates (Pre-Novitiate completed), Juniors of Kolathur & 12th Passed (Phase –II). I thank Bro. Prabu and his team for the effective vocation promotion activities in the Province.

9. Annual Budgets: Four Institutions have not yet submitted the Annual budget. I request the concerned Local Superiors to send the same before **11th of this month.**

10. Bro. Abraham Pralel: Bro. Abraham Pralel was admitted in a private hospital at Madurai with swollen legs due to high level creatine in the blood. Now he is back home and is fully recovered.

11. Obituary:

We deeply mourn the demise of:

(1) Mr. John, 83, father of Bros. George Padikara & Gibi John

(2) Mr. Papachan, cousin of Bro. Ignatius

(3) Mr. Chacko, 75, elder brother of Bro. Thomas Thottiyil

(4) Bro. John of Sacred Heart, 84, (Delhi Province)

May their souls rest in peace.

Yours in Christ,



Bro. George Kalangod

Provincial Superior

PROVINCE OF YERCAUD, COMMUNITIES – 2013-2014

01	St Louis Villa Post Box No. 6 Yercaud - 636601 Salem Dt. Tamil Nadu.	Bro. Irudaya Michael - LS Bro. Wilfrid Bro. Oliver Ericatt Bro. George Kalangod - Provincial Superior Bro. Justin Selvakumar - Integrated School Project at Salem
02	Montfort Senior Sec School Anakkara P.O. 685512 Kumily, Idukki Dt. Kerala.	Bro. Augustine Novello - LS, Principal & Correspondent Bro. Binu Mathew - Bursar, warden & incharge of the Jr. School Bro. Thomas Montfort Bro. Jose Pallattumadathil
03	St. Mary's Hr Sec School A N Mangalam – 636106 Salem Dt. Tamil Nadu.	Bro. Paul K P - LS & incharge of the English Medium Primary School Bro. Susai Alangaram - HM & Correspondent Bro. John P J - Prison Ministry Bro. Niju Thomas - Bursar
04	Lake Montfort School Virgo Nagar P.O. Medahalli Bangalore – 560 049 Karnataka	Bro. M P Antony - LS Bro. Prabu - Principal & Correspondent Bro. Sebastian Joseph - B.Th Student III Year (Kristu Jyothi College) Bro. Amalanathan - Bursar
05	Montfort College 184, Old Madras Road, Indiranagar P.O. Bangalore - 560038.	Bro. George Padikara - LS & Principal Bro. Lawrence Joseph - Bursar Bro. Jacob Ezhanikatt - Secretary of the College Bro. Kalaimalar Prabu - B.A Student - I Year
06	Montfort School for the Disabled Montfort Vidya Sagar, KRS Road, Belagola – 571606 Mandya Dt. Karnataka	Bro. Francis Xavier S - LS, Principal & Correspondent of Vidya Sagar Bro. Joseph Louis - Bursar & Correspondent: Montfort School for the Disabled Bro. Gerald Mary

07	Montfort School Chinnakanal – 685 618 Idukki Dt. Kerala	Bro. Thomas Thottiyil - LS Bro. Joy Thekkanath - Principal & Correspondent Bro. John T J - Bursar
08	Montfort Brothers of St Gabriel, Good News Welfare Society, Kalghatgi - 581 204 Dharwad Dt. Karnataka.	Bro. Sabu Joseph - LS, Administrator & Secretary - GNWS Bro. Abraham Pralel Bro. Sebastian Olickal - Bursar
09	Nirmala Higher Sec. School Kolathur - 636 303 Salem Dt. Tamil Nadu	Bro. Louis Alex - LS & Correspondent: Montfort Matriculation Bro. M.K. Joseph - HM & Correspondent: Nirmala Hr Sec School Bro. Crescentius - Chaplain Bro. Alex A - Warden Juniorate (Sub. Community) Bro. Christuraj - in charge of Juniorate & Bursar of the schools & the community Bro. Joseph Nirappil
10	Montfort Valley School, Murickumthotty Idukki Dt. Pin 685619	Bro. K V Thomas - LS, Principal & Correspondent Bro. Mervin Louis - Bursar
11	Montfort ITI & Matriculation School 1/35 North Parade Road St. Thomas Mount, Chennai - 600016 MCDS	Bro. Thomas K K - LS, Principal & Correspondent Montfort Mat. Hr. Sec. School Bro. Thomas K. M. - Principal: MTI & Bursar Bro. Thomas V L - Counseling Bro. Varghese Kallely Bro. Gerard Patrick

12	St. Joseph's High School, Susaigiri, Yercaud – 636 601 Salem Dt. Tamil Nadu	Bro. Paul K A - LS & Bursar Bro. Britto Lourdusamy - HM & Correspondent Bro. Jacob Pynadath
13	Montfort A I Hr Sec. School, Deshayes Mount (ICSE) School, Montfort Catering Institute & Montfort Community School Kombuthookki, Yercaud – 636 601 Salem Dt. Tamil Nadu	Bro. Ignatius M - L S & Correspondent: Deshayes Mount School Bro. Varghese K. J - Principal & Correspondent: Montfort School Bro. John David - Vice Principal, Montfort School Bro. P.J. Antony - Administrator Bro. Lourdusamy - Province & Community Bursar, in charge: Montfort Catering College Bro. Selvin Antony (T) - Principal, Deshayes Mount School Bro. Sunil Antony - Warden, Junior School <i>Sub Community:</i> <u>Montfort Community School & Candidates house:</u> Bro. Lawrence Gabriel Bro. Joseph A.
14	<u>South Pacific District</u> Xavier College Ba & St. Thomas School, Lautoka Suva Savu Savu Tonga Other Brothers of the District	Bro Francis Abraham - L S and Principal Bro. Sahayaraj - Principal: St. Thomas School, Lautoka Bro Arul Deeparaj - Vice Principal Bro. Shaji K P - LS & Principal Bro. Gibi John - LS & Principal Bro. Joseph Kottoor - LS & Principal Bro. M P John Bro. Luke Larry (D) Bro. Cruz Mesias (T)

15	St. Anselm Institute, UK	Bro. George Vazayil Bro. Mathew Panathanath
16	Dharmaram College, Bangalore	Bro. Abraham A M - B Th. Student: III Year
17	CRI Brother's Institute Vidyadeep College, Bangalore – 560042. Karnataka	Bro. Peter Rajan - Theology Student: II Year Bro. Robert - Theology Student: CRI/M D
18	Kristu Jyothi College, Bangalore	Bro. Packianathan - B Th. Student: III Year Bro. Paul Joni Rajan - B Th. Student: II Year Bro. Joe Moiesan - B Th. Student: II Year
19	Eachinkadu Novitiate	Bro. Jenny Kuriakose - LS & Novice Master
20	Renewal course	Bro. V U Thomas Bro. Joseph Thomas Bro. Jose Kannampuzha Bro. Alex S
21	De La Salle University, Manila	Bro. George P J- Ph.D-IV Yr (Psychology)
22	Tanzania mission (Hyd Province)	Bro. Jim Thekkan

(Bro. George Kalangod)
Provincial Superior