



MONTFORT BROTHERS / **ST. GABRIEL**
PROVINCE OF YERCAUD

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Authentic Leaders of Greater Brotherhood

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Inflation and Recession are the prime concerns of the financial managers and economists all over the world. The rich Nations and the well-to-do are least concerned about the economic divide between the haves and the have-nots. They come together during conferences and summits only to strengthen their hidden agendas. This situation has percolated into every unit of the Society. According to Pope Francis, this is a disease that ails the Church and the Religious too. In recent times, especially in the last 6 months, we find an unprecedented jump in the crime rates and atrocities all over world! Terrorism has taken deep roots in many parts of the world and with greater destructive powers is threatening to wipe out humanity faster than Atomic Bombs, World Wars or Deadly diseases. Inflation and recession that choke the poor and the escalation of crimes and killings of the innocent are inter-related. One impinges on the other. As long as there are economic inequalities in society, the criminal activities will continue to increase directly proportional to the divide. Jesus, who was born poor, lived and died poor, was a victim of the crimes against the innocent. John the Baptist gives a solution to the above problem, “**Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill made low.**”^{Lk.3/5} While we tend to look at it from the Spiritual dimension, we should not forget to unravel the metaphor in this Biblical passage! In the New Year 2015, as Educators and Consecrated men, we should listen a little more to the message of John the Baptist and Pope Francis in order to combat the above mentioned alarming situation in the world. With ‘Hope’ and ‘Courage’, as prophets of the day, we need to challenge and to be challenged by the dangerous world order that is emerging. The Lenten season which begins on 22nd February 2015, is yet another opportunity to take personal decisions in the right direction.

1. Year of Consecrated life:

“The Year of Consecrated life” declared by Pope Francis has been well received by Christians all over the world. In India, lots of programmes are being organized by the Dioceses, Parishes and the various units of CRI. I request our Brothers to join in these celebrations and programmes actively. Each Community should set apart a day to celebrate ‘*The Year of Consecrated life*’ meaningfully and conscientize the staff and students about it. There is no harm in telling the non-Catholics also about the significance of the Year of Consecrated life. Such programmes will automatically call for greater commitment and change by individual Brothers. As a fruit of these programmes and celebrations, I request each Community to do a bit more in the area of **Vocation Promotion**. Each Community should identify young Catholic students from our Institutions and Parishes and invite them to join our fold. Of course, our life must speak louder than our words! “...*if no one comes, search your heart!*” *RL.16*. It has been a very long time since we heard of anyone joining us from our own Institutions!

Prayer for the Year of Consecrated life: The prayer for the Year of Consecrated life is printed on the back inner cover of the Religious Calendar 2015. It could be recited daily, either during the morning or the evening prayers. Shortly, I will be sending bookmarks with this prayer to every Brother.

2. 7th Provincial Chapter:

As already informed, the seventh Provincial Chapter will be held from 20th to 22nd February 2015 at Bangalore. As Montfort Spirituality Centre is not free during our Chapter days, we are having the Chapter at Vidya Deep College (CRI Institute).

The theme of the Chapter is ‘*Re-focussing on our religious commitment as authentic Brothers*’. The Chapter will also review the orientations, decisions and directives of the 31st General Chapter and the 6th Provincial Chapter. We have already sent you a Working Schema with some input and a questionnaire each under various sections. I appreciate all the Communities for having taken sufficient time to reflect over the Schema with the questionnaire. Your responses are very valuable and are further summarized for drafting the final ‘*Chapter Working Document*’. Kindly pray daily for the success of the forthcoming Provincial Chapter.

Counting of the Votes: The members of the Provincial Council counted the votes for identifying the Capitulants for the forthcoming Provincial Chapter at Lake Montfort School, Bangalore on 28.12.2014. My sincere congratulations to all the elected and co-opted Capitulants. They will soon receive some more material and instructions regarding the Chapter. (the list is attached at the end of this Circular)

3. Bro.Sahayaraj:

Bro.Sahayaraj returned to India on 28th November 2014, after being a missionary in SPD for the last four years. After his holidays at home, presently he is in the Provincial House. He is preparing himself to attend some renewal programmes. We thank and appreciate him for his generosity and committed service at SPD for the last four years. He had learnt the local language and recruited a number of candidates. At present we have 2 Novices and 1 Pre-Postulant for SPD in the Novitiate at Mikese, Tanzania. He also did an effective pioneering work at St.Thomas School, Lautoka as its first Principal after our taking over the same in 2012.

4. Bro.Francis Abraham:

Bro.Francis Abraham who retired from service at Xavier College, could not get the extension for Government service. He is being appointed as the Principal of St.Thomas School, Lautoka. Meanwhile Bro.George Vazhayil will be in-charge of Xavier College, Ba. We have requested the Government for six months' time to appoint a Principal and a Vice Principal with the required qualifications (below the retirement age of 55 years).

5. Brothers of St.Michael for SPD:

Bro.Antony Raja and Bro.Antony Rex belonging to the Congregation of Brothers of St.Michael, will be leaving for Fiji on 22.02.2015 along with Bro.Gibi John, the District Superior, after the 7th Provincial Chapter. Their Work Permits (Visas) are ready. Bro.Antony Rex will be posted in Xavier College or St.Thomas School, Lautoka. Bro.Antony Raja will be posted either in Suva or at Savusavu. Once again we thank Bro.Cyril Devaraj, the Superior General of the Brothers of St.Michael and his Council for sparing the services of these two Brothers for our mission at SPD. We also thank these Brothers for their availability and courage to take up this challenging mission. Kindly pray for Bros.Antony Raja and Antony Rex, so that their mission at SPD will be successful.

6. Golden Jubilee of Montfort Home, Palakurichi:

The Golden Jubilee of Montfort Home, Palakurichi is being celebrated on 15th February 2015. It is a matter of great joy that many of our Brothers have their roots in Montfort Home, Palakurichi. As this Nursery of Vocation is celebrating its Golden Jubilee, let us thank God for the numerous Vocations we have received through this Candidate Home and the Brothers who accompanied them in the past. We hope and pray that many more young men will get nurtured and shaped through this Candidate Home. Congratulations to the present Community at Montfort Home and the Provincial Superior of Trichy Province.

7. Novices at Eachinkadu:

We have five Novices at Eachinakadu. All of them are admitted to make their first Profession. The first Profession ceremony will be organized on 25th April, 2015. Kindly accompany them with your prayers.

8. Silver Jubilee of Ranchi Province:

Our Prayerful wishes and Congratulations to Bro.Celment Kandulna, the Provincial Superior and all the Brothers of Ranchi Province which is celebrating its Silver Jubilee on 7th & 8th February 2015. I am attending the jubilee celebrations along with Bro.Thomas KK after the National Council meeting to be held at Ranchi on 6th & 7th February 2015.

9. Admissions and the new fee structure for the academic year 2015-16:

New admissions have already begun in quite a few of our Institutions. Kindly admit all Catholics who apply for a seat. All the Heads of Institutions are requested to get the new fee structure approved by the Provincial Administration. Proper receipts must be issued for any money received. You may increase the fees upto a maximum of 10-12% only. All payments must be made through the Banks only. Please follow the format given last year for the fee structure. A copy is enclosed along with this circular. Those who need further clarifications may contact the Provincial Bursar.

10.Appointments of Staff:

Kindly get the approval from the Provincial Superior before appointing staff members to any vacant post (both Government and Private). Please furnish the vacancies arising during the academic year 2015-16, latest by the end of March 2015.

11.Celebrations & Publications:

Once again you are reminded to avoid spending extravagantly for various celebrations at the School/College functions and events such as Annual day, Sports day, etc... The practice of illuminations during celebrations could be avoided to save energy and money. Similarly, please avoid spending big monies for School magazines and other printed materials. Money collected for excursions, picnics and outings must also be accounted for.

12.E-mails: Brothers, particularly Local Superiors and Heads of the Institutions are requested to open their email inboxes regularly regarding communications sent to them. Kindly also inform me, if the mail ids are changed. Sometimes, Brothers complain saying that they are not receiving certain communications without opening their mail boxes!

13.Permissions:

1. Montfort School, Anakkara:

- Permitted to purchase a car and dispose the old vehicle.

2. Montfort School, Chinnakannal:

- Permitted to black top the road for a length of 250 mts
- To repair the existing mud road and build a wall near the road

3. St.Joseph's School, Susaigiri & Community School, Kombuthooki:

- Permission granted to St.Joseph's HSS, Susaigiri and Community School, Kombuthooki for starting Parallel English Medium from Std.VI

4. Montfort School, Yercaud:

- Permitted to take 14 students to East Africa Model United Nations Conference at Nairobi, Kenya from 16th February, 2015 to 20th February, 2015.

5. Nirmala School, Kolathur:

- Permitted to extend the cement block paving area for another 1000 sqft.

6. Lake Montfort School, Bangalore:

Permissions granted to:

- Fix the Aluminium partition of the Counselling room with a door
- Install an Aluminium partition to make a class room
- Install 48 CCTV cameras with four TVs
- Install PA System with 50 speakers
- Purchase three New buses

14. Obituary:

We deeply mourn the demise of:

1. Mr.Thommy Udup(98), Maternal uncle of Bro.PJ John
2. Mr.Mathew(70), elder brother of Bro.VL Thomas
3. Mrs.Rosa alias Achama(78) Nellollapikail, niece of Bro.Lawrence Joseph
4. Mr.Sebastian(51), elder brother of Bro.Shaji KP

May their souls rest in peace!

Yours in Christ,



Bro.George Kalangod
Provincial Superior

7TH PROVINCIAL CHAPTER

20TH TO 22ND FEBRUARY 2015

The list of Chapter Members:

Ex – Officio Members:

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| 1. Bro.George Kalangod | - | Provincial Superior |
| 2. Bro.Thomas KK | } | Provincial Councillors |
| 3. Bro.George Padikara | | |
| 4. Bro.KV Thomas | | |
| 5. Bro.Varghese Koonammavu | | |
| 6. Bro.Jenny Kuriakose | | |
| 7. Bro.Thomas KM | - | Provincial Bursar |
| 8. Bro.Gibi John | - | District Superior (SPD) |

Elected Brother with Perpetual Vows:

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| 1. Bro.George PJ | 9. Bro.Lawrence Joseph |
| 2. Bro.Mathew Panathanath | 10.Bro.Joseph Louis |
| 3. Bro.Gerard Patrick | 11.Bro.Ignatius M |
| 4. Bro.Paul Kachappilly | 12.Bro.Augustine Novello |
| 5. Bro.Joseph Thomas | 13.Bro.Jacob Ezhanikatt |
| 6. Bro.Susai Alangaram | 14.Bro.Niju Thomas |
| 7. Bro.Sabu Joseph | 15.Bro.Louis Alex |
| 8. Bro.Sebastian Joseph | |

Co-opted members:

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| 1. Bro.Britto Lourdhusamy | 2. Bro.Irudaya Michael |
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Substitutes:

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| 1. Bro.Lourdhusamy A | 2. Bro.Thomas VU |
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Elected Brothers with Temporary Vows:

1. Bro.Mervin Louis
2. Bro.Joe Moieson
3. Bro.Arockia Robert
4. Bro.Anthony Sunil

Substitute:

1. Bro.Paul Joni Rajan

The following Brothers are appointed as Secretaries for the Chapter:

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| 1. Bro.John David | 2. Bro.Packianathan |
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Bro.George Kalangod
Provincial Superior