



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

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*Authentic Leaders of Greater Brotherhood*

## PROVINCIAL'S CIRCULAR-35

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Dear Brothers,

We have just started the new academic year in all our Institutions except in SPD. Once again I take this opportunity to wish you all a memorable academic year filled with success stories of our education mission mingled with sufficient curricular and co-curricular activities. For Montfort Brothers of St. Gabriel, this year is special in many ways... The Year of Consecrated life should constantly lead us to a serious introspection of our commitment as Religious Brothers who are called to follow Jesus by fully embracing the Gospel values. Our students, members of staff, parents and the public should perceive a radical change in our lives with a positive shift in our priorities, starting with our leaders, elders and those entrusted with responsibilities, however small they may be. All our administrative skills and our excellent performance in academics, sports and games, will turn into a turtle at the end of the day if we try to bypass the radical evangelical living. In recent years, we have seen among us an increased time-pass activity of blaming everyone else except ourselves! *"I am O.K but others are not O.K."* The life, witness and writings of Pope Francis have not apparently touched most of us. The year of Consecrated life is a God-given opportunity to overcome our inherited inertia and to break away from menaces that lead us to dwarfishness. In his apostolic letter, 'witnesses of joy', Pope Francis has suggested a formula to come out of the black holes which absorb all light rays of goodness and positive thinking.

***"Don't be closed in on yourselves, don't be stifled by petty squabbles, don't remain a hostage to your own problems.***

***These will be resolved if you go forth and help others to resolve their own problems, and proclaim the Good News.***

***You will find life by giving life, hope by giving hope, love by giving love."***

**-Pope Francis.**

The other important events are the Tercentenaries of our origin and the death of St. Montfort. It is a happy coincidence that these three important events are ornamenting this calendar / academic year, in order to renew our convictions and lead us forward as consecrated men, following the path trodden by St. Montfort. Even after 300 years, St. Montfort continues to challenge us and all those who share the charism of our mission and heritage. We cannot give anything to our students and staff, if we are not filled with the spirit of St. Montfort, his values and spiritual wealth.

## 1. **16<sup>TH</sup> COUNCIL OF THE INSTITUTE:**

The recently concluded, 16<sup>th</sup> Council of the Institute at St. Laurent-sur-Sèvre was a memorable event in the history of our Congregation. The entire programme was meticulously planned and organized by the Central Administration under the leadership of Bro. Superior General. The French Province did well in hosting the event to the satisfaction of all the participants. There were 30 participants in addition to translators, Secretaries, Liturgy team and other facilitators.

The entire Institute Council meeting was organized at La Sagesse, the spirituality centre belonging to the Daughters of Wisdom, very close to the San Gabriel and the Basilica of St. Montfort. It was a new building and we were the first beneficiaries of the centre.

The opening session was held at 8.45 a.m on 11<sup>th</sup> May. The highlight of the opening session was the inaugural address by Rev. Bro. Superior General.

This was followed by the various presentations and reports by the members of the central administration based on their assigned areas of responsibilities. After this, the various Provincials and District Superiors came up with their presentations. Most of the presentations were digitally organized. I think this is the first time that District and Delegation Superiors were also invited for the Institute Council. The Institute Council reflected seriously on ***Implementation of the message of 31<sup>st</sup> GC, Formation, Education, Partnership, Justice and Peace mission, Tercentenary celebrations, mission ad-gentes etc.***

The closing ceremony was held on 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 4.30 p.m. The Superior General, in his concluding message appreciated and thanked all the participants, translators, secretaries and the Province of France. He said that the 16<sup>th</sup> Council of the Institute was an ‘unqualified success’. He added that it was a ‘**Time of grace**’ as the event took place during the year of Consecrated life, with hope. He concluded saying that “*We, the Montfort Brothers of St. Gabriel, must face a*

*serious process of spiritual renewal that will help us, as persons and as Communities, to reduce the gap between our documents and our life in order to live a spirituality that is visible, credible and prophetic.” (31 GC.11)* After this, in a simple ceremony, the Superior General gave each participant a lighted candle from the Chapel at **La Séguinière**, as a sign of being **sent forth** to carry the light of Christ to their Provinces and Communities. The next day, on 23<sup>rd</sup> May, it was the day of the Brothers - a get-together of Associates and friends. Nearly 800 participants came together from all over Europe to celebrate the event. The International Community was officially inaugurated on this day. It is situated very close to the memorial erected in place of the Supiot house! On 24<sup>th</sup> May, there was a solemn Eucharist at the Basilica followed by lunch and the grand opening ceremony of the Tercentenary at 3 p.m. Once again there was a large gathering of the Montfortian family along with collaborators and friends to mark this solemn event.

## **2. MARY MOUNT JUNIORATE, KOLATHUR:**

The Juniorate Community moved into the new building on 11<sup>th</sup> May followed by the Juniors on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2015. Bro. MP Antony along with his assistants have taken charge of the house and are accompanying the Juniors well. At present, there are 61 Juniors. They walk to the School for the morning mass, regular classes and other programmes. For lunch they go back to the Juniorate, as in Palakurichi. I appreciate all the Brothers who have contributed in one way or other to make this dream a reality. Special thanks to the Communities of Lake Montfort, Montfort School, Yercaud, Montfort College, Bangalore, Montfort School, Anakkara and Nirmala School, Kolathur.

## **3. ACADEMIC RESULTS:**

The academic results in most of our Schools and Colleges were 100% or around this mark. My sincere appreciation to all the Heads of the Institutions and the Brothers of the Communities for the good results (*Details in TIME bulletin*).

## **4. LOCAL SUPERIORS, HEADS OF THE INSTITUTIONS, BURSARS AND ACCOUNTANTS MEETING:**

The annual meeting of Local Superiors, Heads of the Institutions and Bursars and Accountants will be organized shortly in Bangalore. All the Bursars are requested to keep their Tally accounting system up-to-date, in addition to the budget proposals for the financial year 2015-16 along with the trial balance of the last financial year! A few Communities are yet to submit the annual budgets in spite of repeated reminders. Kindly submit the same on or before 07<sup>th</sup> July. The exact dates of the meetings will be intimated shortly after receiving all the budgets from Communities.

## 5. NATIONAL LEVEL SEMINARS:

The National Council is organizing 4 seminars to mark the Year of Consecrated life!  
All the Brothers with Perpetual Vows will attend one of the seminars.

Date	Place	Participants
20 <sup>th</sup> - 24 <sup>th</sup> September 2015	MSC, Bangalore	Provincial Administrations of Trichy, Hyderabad, North-East Provinces + 5 Brothers each from Yercaud, Delhi and Pune Provinces (48 Bros.)
26 <sup>th</sup> - 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2015	MSC, Bangalore	Provincial Administrations of Yercaud, Delhi and Pune Provinces + 6 Brothers each from Hyderabad, North-East, Ranchi and Trichy Provinces. (48 Bros.)
19 <sup>th</sup> - 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2015	Montfort Sadan, Pune	Brothers from other Provinces + 50% of the remaining Brothers with Perpetual Vows from Yercaud Province who have not attended the 1 <sup>st</sup> or 2 <sup>nd</sup> seminar. (60 Bros.)
25 <sup>th</sup> - 29 <sup>th</sup> October 2015	Montfort Sadan, Pune	Brothers from other Provinces + The remaining Brothers with Perpetual Vows from Yercaud Province who have not attended the 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> or 3 <sup>rd</sup> seminar. (60 Bros.)
<i>❖ The list of participants for the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Seminars will be intimated later.</i>		

## 6. INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION SEMINAR:

The MEI is organizing a special seminar on Education for selected Brothers from all the Provinces from 30<sup>th</sup> October to 04<sup>th</sup> November 2015 at Montfort Spirituality Centre, Bangalore. The list of the participants from our Province will be given later.

## 7. JUNIOR BROTHERS' SEMINAR:

A common formation programme for all Junior Brothers will be organized at Pallotnilaiyam, Madurai from 27<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> December 2015. All the Provincial Superiors and PFDs are expected to attend this programme.

## 8. ANNUAL RETREATS:

The 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Retreat will be held at Bangalore from **17<sup>th</sup> September 2015** to **23<sup>rd</sup> September 2015**. The Retreat days have been advanced a bit due to the National Level Seminars. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Retreat will be held at Bangalore/Yercaud from **26<sup>th</sup> December 2015** evening to **01<sup>st</sup> January 2016** noon All the Brothers will attend either of these retreats without fail. The Local Superiors are requested to send me the list of Brothers for the two Annual Retreats.

## **9. RENEWAL OF THE VOWS:**

The following Brothers renewed their vows at the end of a renewal programme organized by the PFD at Eachinakadu from 29<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2015.

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| 1. Bro. Alexander A     | 5. Bro. Bosco       |
| 2. Bro. Anthony Sunil   | 6. Bro. Binu Mathew |
| 3. Bro. Joe Moeisan     | 7. Bro. Robert      |
| 4. Bro. Paul Joni Rajan | 8. Bro. Joseph A    |

Mervin Louis, Justin Selva Kumar and Kalaimalar Prabu did not renew their vows.

## **10. PRE-NOVICES AT SATHYAMANAGALAM:**

The Sathyamangalam Pre-Novitiate building will be ready by 05<sup>th</sup> July 2015. The official inauguration will take place on 22<sup>nd</sup> August evening during the National Council meeting at Sathyamangalam. The programme will commence on 06<sup>th</sup> July 2015 at 6.00 p.m with a short prayer service. We have 18 Pre-Novices (17 from Mary Mount Juniorate, Kolathur and one from Community School, Kombuthooki). Kindly pray for the perseverance of these candidates and the success of the Pre-Novitiate programme at Sathyamangalam .

## **11. WISDOM MONTFORT, THIRUMENAHALLI, BANGALORE:**

The much awaited School at Bangalore has finally taken shape and has become a reality. The classes started on 03.05.2015. Bro. Peter Rajan and Bro. Arputha Raj are busy with School works. Presently, we have 28 students (boys and girls). A lot more has to be done-such as the Playschool for KG sections and the play fields. These are to be set up in the days to come. I must thank Bro. George Padikara, who had initiated this project as Provincial Superior. He, along with the Montfort College Community took a lot of trouble to realize this project. My sincere appreciation to Bro. Mathew Panathanath and Mervin Louis for their effective preparatory work done during 2014-15.

## **12. DA REVISION:**

The Dearness Allowance (DA) for teaching and non-teaching staff has been increased from 25% to 30% from the month of June 2015. Kindly implement the same without fail.

## **13. LATEST WORK OF BRO. LAWRENCE JOSEPH:**

Our sincere appreciation to Bro. Lawrence Joseph, who has brought out yet another beautiful and wonderful work on Montfort - "**A short biography of St. Louis Marie Grignion de Montfort**".

#### **14. TIME-NEWS BULLETIN:**

The news bulletin gets delayed due to insufficient news items from Institutions and Communities. Kindly send NEWS items with supporting photographs to the Provincial Superior periodically. Very often we have a lot of things to talk about when we come together or over the phone but when it comes to writing an article or sending a report for publication, we are silent!

#### **15. PERMISSIONS:**

##### **1. Murickumthotty:**

- To demolish the old building in front of the School building
- To fence a piece of land behind the School building
- To purchase a new bus with the help of bank loan

**Bro. Joy Theckanath:** Bro. Joy Theckkanath was permitted to attend the 22<sup>nd</sup> International Congress on the Education of the Deaf at Athens from 6<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> July 2015. The programme organizers will meet all his expenses.

##### **2. Anakkara:**

- Paving in front of the L.P. School
- To floor two class rooms and Veranda on the top floor
- To install CCTV Cameras in the hostel and class rooms

#### **16. OBITUARY:**

##### **❖ LATE BROS.JAGAN MOHAN REDDY & RAVI KUMAR REDDY:**

Once again I take this opportunity to express our deep condolences to the Brothers of Pune and Hyderabad Provinces at the tragic demise of Bros.Jagan Mohan Reddy and Ravi Kumar Reddy, who passed away on 09<sup>th</sup> June 2015. We continue to pray for the repose of their souls.

❖ We deeply mourn the demise of:

- Mr.Paulraj(42) elder brother of Bros.John David & Christuraja
- Mr.Lourdusamy(72), father of Bro. Sahayaraj

May their souls rest in peace!

Yours in Christ,



Bro. George Kalangod  
Provincial Superior