



MONTFORT BROTHERS of ST. GABRIEL

PROVINCE OF YERCAUD



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Dear Brothers,

Fraternal Greetings!

Soon we will enter the season of Advent in order to prepare ourselves for the Birth of Lord Jesus. Advent is a countdown. As Religious, especially in this year of Consecrated life, we shall prepare for Christmas by counting down the weeks until we celebrate the birth of Christ with advent candles. The Advent season begins with the preparatory cry of John the Baptist "Make straight the way of the Lord." John the Baptist goes ahead of the Lord to get everything ready for Him. It is truly a time of preparation and expectation in anticipation of our Lord. It is a time for introspection and renewal; especially a time for forgiveness, because God brings forgiveness to us in the shape of His Son. Over the next few weeks we will travel once again through the road that leads to Bethlehem. We will follow Mary and Joseph along their arduous journey and share in their disappointments over being kept out of the inn. We will once more enter the stable, smell the odours and watch the manger being prepared. At the same time, let us also prepare the manger of our hearts so that He may be born in us.

This year, the first Sunday of Advent is on 29th November 2015. As in the previous years, we will have Sector Recollections on 29th November 2015 in the three Sectors of our Province and in SPD as per the following schedule.

Yercaud Sector:

1. Montfort, Yercaud
2. Susaigiri
3. Nirmala, Kolathur
4. Mary Mount Juniorate, Kolathur
5. A.N Mangalam
6. Community School
7. Louis Villa
8. Eachinkadu
9. Honey Rock

Bro. Augustine Novello will organize the Recollection at Montfort School, Yercaud.

Karnataka Sector:

1. Montfort College
2. Lake Montfort
3. Belagola
4. Brothers at CRI, Visvadeep & Marianist Education Centre, Deepahalli

Bro. George Padikara will organize the Recollection at Montfort College, Bangalore.

Kerala Sector:

1. Montfort Anakkara 2. Murickumthotty 3. Chinnakanal

Bro. K.V Thomas will organize the Recollection at Montfort School, Anakkara.

Note: *Communities at SPD, St. Thomas Mount, Kalghatgi and Brothers staying alone elsewhere will organize the Advent Recollection separately on the same day (29th November 2015) from 9.30 a.m to 1.00 p.m.*

Suggested schedule	
9.00 a.m.	All gather in the Chapel - start with a prayer focusing on Advent
9.30 a.m. - 10.00 a.m.	An input talk on ‘ Advent ’ by one of the Brothers/ a resource person - Suggested topics: <i>Forgiveness/Conversion/ Reconciliation with God and neighbours/ Advent, a countdown</i>
10.00 a.m. - 11.00 a.m.	Personal prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament (expose the Blessed Sacrament if possible)
11.00 a.m. - 12.00 p.m.	Sacrament of the reconciliation and personal prayers (a Priest must be made available)
12.15 p.m.	Holy Eucharist - (conclude the adoration before the mass)
1.00 p.m.	Lunch

The animators may also use another schedule for the Recollection. However, please make sure that the ‘Sacrament of Reconciliation’ finds a place. Last year, some centres changed the date and also did not give sufficient importance to this event. Other programmes were given priority. The Local Superiors must see that all are informed in advance and are present for the programme without fail. All the Brothers are invited to spend most of the time in the Chapel instead of chit-chats... After the Recollection, the animators will kindly send me a brief report about the same. As a follow up of this preparatory programme, all the Communities could organize in the evening, an hour of adoration once a week till Christmas.

I wish and pray for you all a grace-filled Season of Advent, beginning with this preparatory Recollection on 29th November, 2015.

Yours in Christ,



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