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Dear Brothers,

Fraternal Greetings to you all!

We are into yet another “Academic Year” with a lot of expectations and plans especially in terms of achievements in all the fields centred around ‘Education’. Let our plans and vision for the year be influenced by the message, orientations and decisions of the 31<sup>st</sup> General Chapter and the last two Provincial Chapters. The reflections and decisions of the Sixth Provincial Chapter will reach you soon. Our Education Mission should never be isolated from our life as Religious which is rooted in Christ, the Incarnate Wisdom. The General Chapter and the Provincial Chapters have called upon every Brother to be authentic in our life as “Brothers *like* Christ and brothers *of* Christ”, **living** and **doing** like Him.

Academic excellence and achievements in curricular activities should always be co-related to our spirituality and charism. Our preoccupation with administration of Institutions should not narrow down only to admissions, collection of fees, classroom teaching, execution of school projects, sports, games and those routine activities - just like any other academic schools and Institutions. ‘Montfortian Education’ takes a leap beyond all these routine programmed activities into a new paradigm. The Church’s call for ‘New Evangelization’ and ‘the character formation of our Students and Staff’ should be our real agenda for running Educational Institutions. If this is replaced by other agendas, we are no better and any different from

others who run Institutions with profit-oriented motives or for their own personal gains. The Provincial Chapters and other periodic instructions from Superiors have sufficient guidelines for the realization of true 'Montfortian Education' in all our Institutions. If we fail to be attentive to this reality and ignore the signs of time, our present schools and Institutions may slowly disappear in its present form.

The academic results in all our Institutions in India, and at SPD were excellent. My sincere appreciation to all the Heads of the Institutions, Brothers and Members of Staff for such wonderful results. It is a matter of pride to note that two girl students of Montfort Mat. Mannappari have secured State First Rank in Std,X Public Exams (2012-13). Congratulations to the Students, Staff and Brothers of that Community, particularly to Bro. Selvin Antony, the outgoing Principal for this unique achievement. Presently Bro. Selvin Antony is in our Province rendering his service as Principal, Deshayes Mount, Yercaud. We thank Bro. Mariannan, the Provincial Superior and his Council for extending the services of Bro. Selvin Antony to our Province. We welcome Bro. Selvin and wish him a fruitful Mission at Deshayes Mount.

- 1. Brothers like Christ and Brothers of Christ:** Recently I read an anecdote from *Fr. Paul, SSP*. The story goes like this... *"A farmer came into town and asked the owner of a restaurant if he could use a million frog-legs. The restaurant owner was shocked and asked the man where he could get so many frog-legs. The farmer replied, "Near my house there's a pond full of frogs – millions of them. They croak all night long and drive me crazy!" So the restaurant owner and the farmer made an agreement that the farmer would deliver frogs to the restaurant, five hundred at a time, for the next several weeks. The first week, the farmer returned to the restaurant looking rather sheepish, with two little frogs. The restaurant owner said, "Well... where are the frogs?" The farmer said, "I was mistaken, there were only these two frogs in the pond. But they were making a lot of noise!"*

We all know that Religious life is not a bed of roses, but one need not make it a bed of thorns for others! St. Paul in his second letter to Thessalonians speaks about certain people without any work but meddling with the lives of others **Thes: 3/10-12**. In the recent past, the use or rather

the misuse of modern communication equipment and facilities by some of us had resulted in a lot of unpleasant developments in the Province! While I don't like to comment on all these shameful happenings, I would invite every Brother of the Province who are called upon to be 'brothers of Christ and Brothers like Christ' to ignore the 'croaks' of the imaginary million frogs and carry on with your Mission and work unceasingly without getting frustrated and disturbed by the taunting of these misguided persons. Instead, let us daily pray for them. When insulted and pained, let the examples of Jesus and Montfort our model inspire us always to move forward remembering that we have been called by Him and not by ordinary men who will be forgotten sooner or later.

2. **Late Bro. Jose Kannampuzha:** Even as we continue to mourn the sad demise of Bro. Jose Kannampuzha, let us pray for the repose of his soul. We shall also pray for his aged parents, brothers and sister. As I had shared in my funeral oration, let us emulate the numerous good qualities and virtues of Bro. Jose. There is no doubt that he will intercede for us from above. I thank all the Brothers, friends and relatives who participated in the funeral service.
3. **Late Bro. Joy Alex:** Once again I take this opportunity to express our sincere condolences to the Brothers of North East, parents and relatives of Bro. Joy Alex. Bro. Joy Alex was part of our undivided Province. My recent encounter with Bro. Joy is still fresh in my mind...His love for the Congregation, concern for others and commitment to his Mission made him unique and different. May the noble soul of Bro. Joy amidst the Saints and Angels of God intercede for all of us!
4. **Diamond and Golden Jubilee Celebrations:** The Diamond Jubilee of Bros. Wilfrid, Oliver, Gerald Mary and the Golden Jubilee of Bros. Antony M.P and Thomas Montfort was celebrated with solemnity and spiritual flavour on 23.05.2013 at Montfort School, Yercaud. I thank all the Brothers who were present for the celebrations. Your presence lifted the spirits of these men who struggled hard to live up to their call and walked His path for the last 60/50 years. Once again, wishing them many more years of fruitful service in the Vineyard of the Lord with good health and a sense of fulfillment, I thank Bros. Wilfrid, Oliver, Gerald Mary and Antony M.P for giving us the pleasure of joining them around the altar of the Lord with grateful hearts for their beautiful yesteryears as committed Religious and inspiring us to

follow their exemplary lives. Due to the sudden demise and funeral service of Bro. Jose Kannampuzha, there was a slump in the number of persons who attended the jubilee celebrations. While it is understandable in the case of invitees and friends, Brothers have no reason to keep away from such 'once in a lifetime' event! Our presence is the best gift we can offer to the Jubilarians. These celebrations are our own family programmes and not mere social functions for which we find greater participation!

**5. Visit of Bro. John Kallarackal, our Superior General:** Rev. Bro. John Kallarackal, the



Superior General will make his first visit as Superior General from July 10, 2013 to August 10, 2013. Being his maiden visit as Superior General, all the Institutions will give him a solemn reception preferably during the School Assembly or in the School Auditorium, not lasting more than 50 minutes. The Superior General would like to meet the Brothers individually and spend quality time with them. Hence, kindly avoid too many entertainment

programmes. He will also address the Staff Members and MGA separately. The visit of the Superior General is a 'moment of grace' for each Community, Brothers, Members of Staff and Students. Make sure that you make his stay comfortable and the event memorable. He will conclude his visit to each Community with a Community Meeting. During his stay at Bangalore, Yercaud and Chennai, we will organize a '**get-together**' for our Brothers, friends and special invitees in that sector.

**6. The Local Superiors, Principals, Headmasters and Bursars Meeting:** The Annual Meeting of the Local Superiors, Principals, Headmasters and Bursars will be organized on June 30<sup>th</sup> at Montfort College, Bangalore. The meeting will commence at 9.30 A.M and will conclude with tea in the evening around 4.30 P.M. All the Local Superiors, Principals, Headmasters and Bursars are expected to attend without fail. Accommodation and food is arranged at MSC, Bangalore. The Local Superiors will bring their Community Project for the meeting.

The Bursars and Accountants will have their meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2013, at the same venue following the same timing. Local Superiors and Bursars will make sure that all the

accountants are present for the meeting with the *soft copy of the budget and the budget variance analysis for the year 2012-13.*

- 7. Annual Retreats:** The first Annual Retreat will be held in Bangalore from 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2013 evening to 28<sup>th</sup> September noon. The second Annual Retreat will also be organized at Bangalore from 26<sup>th</sup> December (2013) evening to 1<sup>st</sup> January 2014. Both the retreats will get over with lunch on the sixth day as mentioned. The venue for the retreats will be intimated to you later. Local Superiors are requested to send me the names of their Community Members attending either of the retreats. Hereafter, we will adhere to the Rule of Life and constitutional requirement of six days for Annual retreats (C.118). Contributions per head will be Rs. 2,500/.
- 8. Montfort Juniorate, Kolathur:** The Juniorate building is nearing completion. Nearly 75% of the construction work is over. We may be able to move in by 20<sup>th</sup> August 2013. At present, we have 73 Juniors and three candidates at Kombuthooki. If you come across suitable candidates who have completed 12<sup>th</sup> class or more (or any other studies equivalent to +2 course), kindly encourage them to join us as candidates this year itself. For further details you may contact Bro. Irudaya Michael who is in charge of the recruiting work in the Province or Bro. Louis Alex, Convener of Vocation Promotion commission.
- 9. Thirumanahalli Building:** The construction work of the school building at Thirumanahalli is progressing fast. Nearly 40% of the work has been completed. We should be able to start a CBSE school over there from the next academic year (2014-15).
- 10. Pension and gratuities and other benefits:** May I once again remind and appeal to all the Brothers receiving pension and other benefits to transfer the whole amount to the Province Treasury as per the Constitutions (C.60) and the Provincial Chapter decisions. If they need any money for their personal requirements, the Province will take care of it. They will never be left alone to manage their financial requirements with their pension money.
- 11. New Administration at SPD:** We have just commenced the process of appointing a new District Administration at SPD. As per the approved new statute of SPD, all the Brothers working in the District irrespective of the Province they belong to will participate in this exercise.

- 12. Collaboration of Holy Family Sisters and OCD Fathers at Community School:** Three Holy Family Sisters and an OCD Priest have joined the Community School at Kombuthooki to collaborate with us in our Mission over there. We thank and welcome them and wish them well in their Collaborative Mission with us.
- 13. Bro. Aruldeeparaj:** Bro. Arul Deeparaj is getting ready to leave for SPD. His papers for work permit will be ready shortly. We wish him well in his Mission endeavour at SPD. I hope and pray that many more Brothers will come forward to work at SPD as missionaries.
- 14. New National Chairman:** Bro. Franky Noronha, the Provincial Superior of Pune Province has been appointed as the New National Chairman for a term of three years. We congratulate and wish him a successful term of office as the National Chairman.
- 15. St. Anselm's, Kent:** Brothers George Vazhayil and Mathew Panathanath are doing well at St. Anselm's, Kent, contributing effectively towards our Mission over there. Bro. Mathew is also assisting the Institute as an Assistant Director. At present there are 25 participants undergoing the 7 weeks summer programme.
- 16. Bro. Jim Thekken:** The Province of Hyderabad had requested for the services of Bro. Jim Thekken to start a Business college at Tanzania. This request was endorsed by the Superior General and Bro. Joseph K.M, Asst. General. Bro. Jim was extremely happy about such a possibility. The Provincial Administration had approved this request as part of the Inter-Province Mission Collaboration. Bro. Jim is waiting eagerly for his visa & work permit papers. We wish him well for this Mission endeavour.
- 17. Seminars at MSC:** The following seminars will be organized at MSC as per the schedule given below. All the Brothers called upon to attend these seminars are expected to attend the same without fail.

**July 2013**

1. 08-13, Formation of the Formators , A colloquium.
2. 21 – 27, Formation of the Associates

**August 2013**

3. 12-17, Brothers' Seminar for the Seniors  
(For Brothers above 60 years)

**December 2013**

4. 13-15, Seminar for the members of the Provincial Councils of India

**January 2014**

5. 06-11, Brothers' Seminar  
(For those who are 50-60 years age group, 1<sup>st</sup> Group)

**February 2014**

6. 03-08, Brothers' Seminar  
(For those who are 50-60 years age group, 2<sup>nd</sup> Group)

**March 2014**

7. 10-15, Brothers' Seminar  
(For those who are 40-50 years age group, 1<sup>st</sup> Group)

**April 2014**

8. 07-12, Formation of the Associates: Group - 1

**May 2014**

9. 12-17, Formation of the Associates: Group – 2

**18. Obituary:**

We deeply mourn the demise of:

- (1) Mr. Paul, cousin and Mr. Biju Nephew of Bro. Ignatius
- (2) Bro. Joy Alex – Province of North East
- (3) Mr. Thomas, 85, maternal uncle of Bro. John P J

May their souls rest in peace !

Yours in Christ,

Bro. George Kalangod  
Provincial Superior

*How marvellous it would be if, at the end of the day, each of us could say: today I have performed an act of charity towards others!*

*- Pope Francis*

### *Itinerary of Rev. Bro. Superior General's visit*

10 <sup>th</sup> July	: Bro. John Kallarackal, the Superior General arrives in Bangalore
11 <sup>th</sup> & 12 <sup>th</sup> July	: Lake Montfort School, Bangalore
13 <sup>th</sup> & 14 <sup>th</sup> July	: Montfort College, Bangalore
15 <sup>th</sup> July	: CRI, Dharmaram, KJC, Visvadeep
16 <sup>th</sup> July	: Archbishop and other VIPs - at night leave for Kalghatgi
17 <sup>th</sup> & 18 <sup>th</sup> July	: GNWS, Kalghatgi - 18th at night leave for Mysore/Belagola
19 <sup>th</sup> & 20 <sup>th</sup> July	: Belagola
20 <sup>th</sup> July	: Leave for Yercaud
21 <sup>st</sup> July	: Deshayes Mount, Yercaud
22 <sup>nd</sup> & 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	: Montfort School, Yercaud
24 <sup>th</sup> July	: St. Joseph's School, Susaigiri
25 <sup>th</sup> July	: Community School, Kombuthooki
26 <sup>th</sup> July	: Eachinkadu & Honey Rock
27 <sup>th</sup> July	: St. Louis Villa
28 & 29 <sup>th</sup> July	: Kolathur
30 <sup>th</sup> July	: Agraharam
31 <sup>st</sup> July	: Leave for Chennai
1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Aug.	: St. Thomas Mount, Chennai
4 <sup>th</sup> August	: St. Louis Villa
5 <sup>th</sup> August	: Leave for Kerala
6 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup> August	: Montfort Anakkara
8 <sup>th</sup> August	: Murickumthotty
9 <sup>th</sup> August	: Chinnakanal
11 <sup>th</sup> August	: Provincial Council Meeting with the Superior General



