Editorial: A ‘YES’ Story

We have just celebrated St. Joseph and the Annunciation of the Lord. We are coming to the Holy week, which invites us to participate in the sufferings of the Lord Jesus, in his death and, above all, in his Resurrection. All these elements are expressions of the word ‘Yes’, which are manifested according to the personality of each individual.

Joseph, is the great silent Saint. We do not hear any of his words in the Gospel. We never hear him speak with his wife, Mary, nor with his son, Jesus. Some of his conversations, particularly with his clients, could have been mentioned... He was known as the “Carpenter of Nazareth”. He said ‘yes’ to everything God asked him to accomplish through dreams or through the voice of angels: He took Mary with him, as his wife; He accepted this son, who was not his; He was the main actor when travelling to Bethlehem, when Jesus was born in a stable, when they went to Egypt... and in so many other circumstances.

Mary, we see her very close to her Son, the Beloved Son of the Father. But the beginning of her mission was not easy. She was an unmarried pregnant young girl. There was gossip and suspicion from the neighborhood. But she said ‘yes’ to the messenger who told her that she had been chosen by the Lord.

Jesus himself said ‘yes’ to his Father, as Paul reminds us in his letter to the Philippians. We will live with him his moments of great joy, of service, and the sharing of his life (the Paschal meal). We will suffer with him, but we will also be there to share the joy and the surprise of his Resurrection, source of our faith and strength of our hope.

In our Institute, 16 Brothers have accepted to serve their Brothers as Provincial Superiors. Some of them add a 2nd or a 3rd Term of Office to their experience. They know the difficulties, they know the number of hours they will have to spend, listening, travelling, praying for a particular situation, for a conflict, for a solution, or for a Brother. But, even though they know all of this, they said ‘yes’. And there are the others, the brand new Provincial Superiors, who were asked to leave a post as Teacher, Director, Animator, or other. They left saying ‘yes’, trusting in God and in their Brothers who will help them. It is a bit of an exile, the flight to Egypt, the discovery of a new daily schedule and, in fact, of a new country. It means having a new agenda, fully oriented towards their Brothers, towards their work of animation, and towards the renewal asked for by the 32nd General Chapter. They said ‘yes’, and they dared to embark on a new adventure!

It is our turn to say ‘Yes’ to those Brothers to whom we have entrusted our animation. Let us help them with our prayers and with our conscientious professional work. Let us love them with tender brotherly love. Looking at them who are with us, let us think of those who are our models: Joseph, Mary and Jesus. Their ‘yes’ contributes to make us live.

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Congratulations dear Brothers
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Celebration of the 60 years of Collège Montfort Saint-Gabriel and of the 20 years of l’École Supérieure Saint-Gabriel in Mahajanga

Collège Montfort Saint-Gabriel 1958—2018
École Supérieure Saint-Gabriel in Mahajanga 1998—2018

MADAGASCAR

1958, is the official year for the opening of Collège Montfort Saint-Gabriel, with the arrival of Bro. Guillaume PERROCHEAU. 40 years later, Bro. Paul BOURSIER opened the BTS Saint-Gabriel, now named l’École Supérieure Saint-Gabriel de Mahajanga or l’ESSGAM. The two Institutions have done well ever since, under the leadership of the Brothers of St. Gabriel, a Congregation known worldwide for its work in the field of education. There are presently more than 4000 students in Collège Montfort Saint-Gabriel and in l’ESSGAM.

On 17 December 2018, there was a celebration of the 60 years of existence of the Catholic Collège Montfort Saint-Gabriel and of the 20 years of existence of l’ESSGAM. That day was marked by festivities organized to celebrate the two events.

The festivities began with a solemn Mass celebrated by His Excellency Bishop Gustavo Bombin Espino, in the Cathedral Parish FO MADION’I MARIA. Bishop Espino was assisted by the Bishops of Ambanja and of Port Bergé. The Mass was attended by religious and civil authorities, both local and provincial, by former students, and by the Staff and students of Montfort Saint-Gabriel and of l’ESSGAM. The event was covered by journalists working for the television and radio channels of the city of Mahajanga.

After the Mass, remarkable speeches were delivered by representatives of each one of the Entities that were there. Among others: Bro. John BRITTO, Brother of St. Gabriel; the Regional Representative, who is a former pupil of the Institution; the Prefect of Mahajanga; and, finally, Bro. Inigo JEYAKUMAR, Director of Montfort Saint-Gabriel and of l’ESSGAM.
Gifts and mementoes were then given to all those who closely participated in the life of Collège Montfort Saint-Gabriel and of l’ESSGAM and who contributed to the development of these two Institutions, including our late Bishop RAKOTONDRAJAO Roger Victor Solo. The ceremony ended with a vibrant speech and a blessing by his Excellency Bishop Gustavo Bombin Espino.

The festivities continued in the large Hall of the Pastoral Center, where a cocktail was served to the guests. There were animations (dances and songs) prepared by the students of l’ESSGAM. The guests were then invited to visit the Institutions. They walked in a procession headed by the 3 Bishops and by the religious and civil authorities. They were welcomed by a joyful group of children. After the visit, the words spoken by His Excellency Bishop Gustavo Bombin Espino and by some other personalities were very touching for the children and for the adults who were present there.

That day being very special, the students took their lunch together on the school grounds and took part in Inter-Catholic sports competitions and in various cultural activities.

The day of festivities ended with a dinner for the entire Staff of Montfort Saint-Gabriel. It was a moment of sharing and joy meant to thank the entire educational community that has built the reputation of Collège Montfort Saint-Gabriel in Mahajanga.

The day was a great success. Everyone collaborated to the organization and to the realization of the festivities. Montfort Saint-Gabriel and l’ESSGAM are highly appreciated by the people of Mahajanga and by the parents who entrust the future of their children to the Institution. The Direction is proud of its Institution, of its Staff, of its students, and vice versa. The objective for the coming years is to continue the development of the Institution, in a constant effort to achieve excellence in the field of education.
FINAL PROFESSION (MADAGASCAR)

Standing:
Left: Bro. Claude Marsaud, Provincial Superior of France;
Right: Bro. John Britto, District Superior.

Kneeling:
Bro. Olivier Dieudonné
RAKOTONDRAMANANA
New Perpetually Professed Brother.

After the celebration for the Final Commitment of Olivier, there were more than 150 guests in the former church of the village. They had all gathered for a meal at the sound of Malagasy music, of course! There were also more than 1400 other people and friends from the surrounding villages who gathered in the vicinity of the new church. Two zebus, pigs and ducks were the needed victims that accompanied the hundreds of kilos of rice without which something would have been missing, just like wine at Cana. Drinks were not missing either: fruit juices, beer and whisky for some people, water in large quantities, hot rice water, and pineapple juice made by the Brothers with pineapples that had been bought along the road from Tana to Mahajanga; and good bananas, obviously kept to the end, when everyone was already satiated!

The four hours of celebration (from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.) had nourished the souls and tired the bodies of those who sang and danced. The meal had been prepared in different places, including the house of Bro. Olivier, for the ‘Solofos’ (religious Candidates) and for the members of the extended family. That meal allowed everyone to continue to celebrate till around 3 p.m. Then, the people had to pick up whatever they had, before returning to their more or less distant villages, and this, of course, on foot and on paths going through fields and rice paddies, or on bridges without railings, which are hanging 3 or 4 meters above small rivers!
The rain was menacing when we left the former church, taking the direction of Antsirabe, with Bro. John BRITTO. All hearts were burning after the morning celebration and the fraternal meal that had been served to all the guests.

Bro. Claude MARSAUD, Provincial Superior of France

Communities and Brother’s Work in Madagascar

①Antananarivo / House of the District:
Antananarivo/House of the District: The Brothers’ Community comprises Bro. John BRITTO (Superior of the District), Bro. Mamy-Laurent (Superior of the Community and Assistant to the Headmistress of the Antsobolo School-College), Bro. Jean-Edmond (student in pedagogy in Lovasoa), and Bro. Haja (Treasurer of the College and also In-Charge of the ‘Solofos’ (religious Candidates) and of the boarders. Four boarders, who are learning French, are also at the service of the school or doing some maintenance work on the property. These young men are accompanied by Bro. Haja. At the school-college, which comprises 1300 pupils, the Headmistress is assisted by Bro. Mamy, while Bro. Haja and one of the boarders are working in the Bursar’s Office.
② **Anjomakely:** There are two Brothers in the Community (Jean-Benjamin, Director of the Collège-Lycée) and Jean-Célestin, (his Assistant, Bursar and Teacher). The Community, which is in link with that of Antananarivo, is helped and protected by Sister Elsie. There are nearly 500 students in the Institution and it is in full development. A High School project is desired by the parents and encouraged by Sister Elsie and by the Diocese. New constructions are made according to the students’ needs. Two boarders work in the library and in the farm.

③ **Fandriana:**
The Community consists of three Brothers (Francis, the Director, Gilbert Paul, Bursar, student in pedagogy, and Toki, teacher and In-Charge of the ‘Solofos’. The Community came into being for the service of education in the Institution **EPSCOFO** (Private Sacred Heart School of Fandriana), which was entrusted to our care by the Brothers of the Sacred Heart. Near the community house and close to the Institution, two buildings were built: one for the ‘Solofos’ and the other for the Community which accompanies them. Two boarders are also living in that house and work on the Brothers’ farm and garden. The Brothers work full time in the Institution, either teaching or doing some administrative work.

④ **Mahajanga:** There are four Brothers in the Community. Three Brothers: Inigo, the Director, Gilbert, his Assistant and teacher, and Jean-Claude, the Bursar, are fully involved in the Primary School, College and High School Saint-Gabriel, where there are 3800 pupils. The Institution is a flagship of teaching in Madagascar and, if we can be proud of it, it is also because the
Institution allows the District to participate in its financing. Having had a specific training, the fourth Brother, Bro. Jonah, is in charge of the formation of 4 boarders who live with the Community and who are active workers in Belobaka (an agricultural area of more than 30 hectares). Learning French and getting formation as boarders fills up the schedule of these young people who are thus fully busy. Bro. Jonah is fully involved in agricultural and educational work. He plans to give literacy courses to the young people and to their parents who work on the Belobaka property.

Toamasina: Five Brothers are in the Tamatave mission: Bro. Edwin, working in the field of hygiene, health and rural development. Bro. René NIZON who, after an active life in the Cultural and Social Center (CSC), leads a peaceful and happy life, while remaining available for occasional services. Bro. Ignace is in charge of the Cultural and Social Center. Bro. Tolotra is there too, learning woodwork and participating in the life of the Centre. There are also two students at the CSC. Bro. Dieudonné Olivier, who has just taken his Final Vows, is Director of the Elementary School and of the College, which is in full expansion. He is assisted by a boarder.

Antsirabe: The Community of Formation comprises two Brothers, Bros. Bernard and Julien, and 8 Pre-Novices. There is a farm which is taken care of by the Pre-Novices and by a farmer who has been hired for that particular work. They work in the fields and take care of the animals (pigs, cows, chickens and ducks).

THE GUARDIANSHIP NETWORK (Réseau Tutelle) in France

Inter-Guardianship Meeting “Wisdom St-Gabriel” on 17 October 2018, in Paris

The first step in this unification consisted in writing a common Reference Project. In order to write this project within a year, a team had been formed with members of both Networks, and with people who had not been directly involved in the writing of the previous projects. Several meetings of the members of this team and frequent contacts with the Guardianship Councils of the two Networks were effective and led to the writing of a final text.
Meanwhile, Médiaclap, in Angers, was contacted for the layout and realization of this Reference Project. Some contacts, back and forth, between the people involved in the project were necessary to finalize the text that was proposed to the new Network.

During our meeting held on 17 October 2018, in Paris, we all had the pleasure of discovering the text and the format of the document. The reception was excellent on the part of all the participants. The text is new, even though it is inspired by what was already in the texts of both Networks. The four commitments that were chosen to explicit the project are new for both Networks and are very well articulated. They are: To welcome, to animate, to associate and to announce. Formatting, photos, colors, text highlighting and quotes are nice and invite the reader to read the entire document. Congratulations to the artisans of this brochure!

While it is obvious that this text presents convictions and values related to the traditions of the two previous Networks, it is also a project for the construction of the future: the supporting elements from our Founders and from our tradition are there, the commitments are formulated with verbs of action, and the content for each theme is well highlighted in the text.

This reference text should make it possible to have regular evaluations of what is experienced in an Institution concerning its specificity and concerning the reality that is practically lived out day after day. The text is meant for all adults, whoever they may be, who are part of the educational community, including the parents who, we think, share our vision for a holistic education, openness to others and to the world, and awareness of the present-day realities (media, internet, sustainable development, poverty alleviation, recognition of everyone’s dignity, etc).

The promulgation of this text was made on 17 October 2018, in presence of nearly all the Heads of the Institutions (some of them had to apologize for their absence because they simply could not be in two places at the same time). It was then necessary to set up the Organizational Chart, so that the Network could really exist and live. In fact, it is that Chart which will allow clarity in matters of management, decision-making body, and responsibilities of the members of that same Body. They will thus be well equipped for their visits to the Institutions, for the accompaniment of the Heads of the Institutions, for meetings with the educational teams, for giving the needed formation, for responding to various communications, for facing the financial needs, etc.

It is the Steering Committee (Mr. François CHAPUIS, Sr. Anne-Marie DAVID, Mr. Michel KERBOEUF and Bro. Henri PÉROYS) who brought the two Networks together, in close collaboration with the two Provincial Superiors (Sr. Marie-Françoise Vivien and Bro. Claude MARSAUD) and, presently, it is that same Committee which is in charge of the animation of the Network. Let them be thanked!

However, in the coming weeks, it will be necessary to continue to put names in the boxes of the Organizational Chart. Some contacts had already been made before the meeting that was held on 17 October, and other names were also proposed on that particular day. To associate, to work together, in unity, requires everyone’s commitment, so that life can, not only continue, but go on developing and bearing fruits. A new family is born. We have to discover it, to recognise ourselves in it, and to contribute to write its history in continuity and novelty. It is a new springtime, full of fresh and vibrant sap, which is there to irrigate and nourish young shoots.

Any change means taking risks. It also means embarking with confidence on the chosen path and be willing to help one another. Any alliance requires agreements and commitments from the
concerned parties. It invites all the participants to a collective work, without denying or blocking themselves, in a spirit of communion, which also means forgiveness, just as it means collective joy and exaltation. Together, Wisdom St. Gabriel, for life!

KINSHASA (taken from the Newsletter “BA SANGO NA BISO”, no. 6, January 2019)

On Sunday, 23 September 2018, the Pre-Novitiate Isidore Bakanja opened its doors to young men desiring to follow Montfort (group 2018-2019). The first-year Pre-Novices arrived at about 5:00 p.m. They were welcomed by the second-year Pre-Novices who helped them settle down. They then shared a meal and a glass of beer. During the week from 24 to 30 September, the Pre-Novices attended a session on the Liturgy of the Hours. That session, animated by Bro. Hyacinthe Kihandi, focused on the origin, the dimensions, the characteristics, the parts, and the elements of the Liturgy of the Hours. The Pre-Novices also had a session on the practice of good manners. Brother Jean-Claude Kitambala was the main animator of that session, which dealt with the following elements: encounters, sense of welcoming, meeting at table, language, respect, visits and punctuality.

From 10 to 12 October 2018, the Pre-Novices attended the opening retreat of the year which was animated by Fr. Placide, of the Congregation of the Great Carmelites. The theme of the retreat was “Come and See” (Jn 1:35-50). His teachings were articulated around three aspects, namely, past experiences, life of configuration to Christ, and perspectives for the future. The retreat ended with the official entry to the Pre-Novitiate during the Eucharistic Celebration presided over by Fr. Placide. Bro. Athanas Lukezo, Delegate of the Provincial Superior, and the Brothers of the Scholasticate Community were there for the celebration. After the homily, delivered by the main celebrant, there was a message from Bro. Athanas on the meaning of the event that was happening. He then gave the insignia and the Rule of Life of the Brothers of St. Gabriel to the first-year Pre-Novices. After taking some photos, the day, rich in colors, ended with a fraternal meal. Rodrigue, a Pre-Novice of Gabonese nationality, joined the Pre-Novitiate Isidore Bakanja for his second year of formation. So, this year, there are nine young men in the Pre-Novitiate Isidore Bakanja: 5 in the first year and 4 in the second year.

Pre-Novices: Blaise, Rodrigue, Nelson, Gauthier, Christian, Raphaël, Urbain, Christian, Jean-Pierre; Brothers Jean-Claude and Hyacinthe

More than Miraculous Fishing

When they bought a property in the Mantere neighborhood, the Montfort Brothers of St. Gabriel intended to do the following works: agriculture, livestock breeding, and fish farming. They succeeded in realizing what they had planned to do.

Concerning fish farming, they dug five large ponds and three small ones. They then began to breed various species of fish. This year, they decided to empty a few ponds. This was not an easy task since they had to start evacuating the water overnight. The Pre-Novices and the Brothers of the Community Isidore Bakanja had to stay awake all night in order to prevent the fish from escaping and to prevent thieves from coming to create a bad surprise. On the following morning, since there was still much water, we asked the local mothers to help us. With them, after the water had decreased substantially, we proceeded methodically to collect the fish. There were fish of all sizes. The nearby religious communities and people of the neighbourhood rushed to stock up and taste the delights of fresh fish. The Brothers did not fail to think of their own communities before thinking of others. The mothers who helped the Brothers also had their share. It is worth mentioning that the General Bursars, Bros. André Roberge and Michael Matthew, who were in our Province for administrative work, have seen and tasted the fish of these ponds. This is surely an initiative to be
encouraged, isn’t?

And the Living Water Flowed!
It is said that water is life. Its importance is no longer to be demonstrated. Unfortunately, many neighborhoods in the city of Kinshasa do not have the needed water. It is the case in Mantere, a peripheral area of the commune of Nsele. Its inhabitants had to travel several kilometers to find this rare commodity. The Montfort Brothers of St. Gabriel, who have their Pre-Novitiate in that area, were also suffering from lack of water. They then wanted to remedy to that situation. They elaborated a project which has been funded by the Gabrielite Mutual Aid Fund and by Vendée Eau (Water-Vendée). The construction work for drilling began on 12 October 2018. A week later, living water was flowing. Ever since that day, the inhabitants of the Mantere neighborhood who come to take water are grateful to the Brothers and to their benefactors. Is this not a way of implementing this thought of a great Saint: “Evangelization without socialization is nonsense”?

Brother Hyacinthe Kihandi

Recollections in the Pre-Novitiate Isidore Bakanja
In an effort to nourish the spiritual life of its inhabitants, the Pre-Novitiate Isidore Bakanja organized three recollections. The first one was held on 11 November 2018 at the house of the Daughters of Wisdom, in Limete. Fr. Armand, Oblate of Mary Immaculate, animated it. The theme was: “My vocation and my ‘Yes’ in the reality of my life”. In his message, Father Armand asked the participants to reflect on their vocation as a work of God’s grace and to personally assess their ‘Yes’ as a response to God’s love. The recollection then continued with the Sacrament of Forgiveness and the Eucharistic Celebration. The Eucharistic Celebration was animated by the Gabrielite Pre-Novices. After the Divine Office, the participants shared an excellent meal prepared by the Daughters of Wisdom. The recollection ended at around 3 p.m., after we had taken a few photos. The second recollection brought the Comboni students and the Gabrielite Pre-Novices together. It was held on Friday, 22 December 2018. The conferences, given by Bro. Hyacinthe Kihandi, were on a theme related to present-day actuality, as the country was on the eve of elections: “With Mary, entrust the Congo to the Prince of peace”. The third recollection was held on Sunday, 10 February 2019, at the Pre-Novitiate Isidore Bakanja, in Bibwa. It brought together the community of the Daughters of Wisdom and the members of the Pre-Novitiate Isidore Bakanja. The two communities shared their New Year’s wishes and the Sisters had the chance to visit the property of the Brothers, admiring the green landscape of the surroundings. That day rich in sharing experiences came to an end after some photo-souvenirs had been taken.

Brothers Jean-Claude and Hyacinthe
World Day of Consecrated Life
The World Day of Consecrated Life was celebrated in the Sacred Heart Parish, in Gombe. The celebration was organized by Asuma and Usuma Kinshasa (Major Superiors’ Associations for men and women). There were two important moments. The first one began on Friday, 1st February 2019, with various activities, including the conference given by Archbishop Fridolin, Metropolitan Archbishop of Kinshasa, and by Fr. Toussaint, of the Congregation of the Sons of the Immaculate Conception. The second moment was on 2nd February, which was entirely reserved for a Eucharistic Celebration. The celebration was presided over by Archbishop Fridolin, who was assisted by Bishop Edouard Kisonga, Auxiliary Bishop of Kinshasa, and by some thirty Priests. The mass was animated by the choir Bakoko ya Mbila (which means: the small sons and daughters of the palm tree). These are youths of 10 to 14 years old, who sing in the footsteps of Fr. Makamba’s famous choir, Bana Mbila. After the mass, the Major Superiors and the special guests gathered for a fraternal meal which was served in the Sacred Heart Parish Hall. As for the other consecrated people, they shared the food that had been brought by the various communities present there on that day. 

Who Am I?
This was the theme of the session, organized by Sister Hélène, for the Temporarily Professed Brothers. The session was held from 26 to 29 December 2018. The objective was to help us discover the important realities that make up a person according to the PRH Approach (Personality and Human Relations). We were helped to understand how these realities are within us, how they help us realize what is really essential, and how we can grow to become who we are, so that we can live our religious life in the best possible way.

Go in Peace, Sister Helen
On 13 January 2019, only two weeks after guiding us with her knowledge and experience, Sr. Hélène left for the Father’s House as a result of a heart attack. She asked the Lord to accompany us and to strengthen the identity that He has inscribed in each one of us. Thank you, Sr. Hélène! Twasakidila Mamu Hélène! You lived near our Provincial House and you have accompanied several Brothers on their life’s journey. The Brothers of St. Gabriel will never forget you.

Brother Hyacinthe Kihandi

CANADA
One of our national poets sings: “My country is not a country; it’s winter!” This year, the combination of heavy snow, warm weather, and rain, caused various problems to several people. Even at the Provincial House, the flat roof could no longer support the weight. Water leaked into a room, in a hallway, and near a store room. A visit on the roof showed that there was an accumulation of 20 centimeters (8 inches) of ice which prevented the water from flowing to the drains. Workers came to shovel the snow and channels were cut into the ice to bring the water to the drains. “My country is not a country; it’s winter!” Thanks to Bro. Léo Adam who works hard to remove the snow from our parking lot.

Entrance from the street
Let’s remove the snow and go!
Bro. Léo removing the snow
Brother Augustin Diouf, who is in France since September 2018, studying to be a Formator in the Novitiate, shares part of his work “On the History of the Novitiate in Thiès”. It is a work mainly focused on the diversity that exists in the Novitiate.

The Brothers of St. Gabriel in Senegal: Montfort’s Heritage and the Novitiate.

Montfort’s Heritage: After repeated calls from Bishop Lefebvre, Apostolic Vicar in Dakar, through Bishop Georges Guilbert, Auxiliary Vicar, on 19 December 1953, Senegal had the first visit of Bro. Pierre Canisius (Paul Bouloux), then Provincial Superior of France. Two French missionaries, Bros. Laurent-Gabriel (Gustave Monneron) and Marie-Clement (Clément Remaud) arrived in Senegal on 29 October 1954. This was the beginning of the Brothers of St. Gabriel’s mission in Senegal. Many infrastructures were built, among which were Houses of Formation: A first Juniorate, in Thiès (1965); A Scholasticate, in Dakar (1981); A second Juniorate, in Fatick (1982); a Novic peace, in Thiès (1984); and a Pre-Novitiate (2009).

Novitiate: The Bishop’s proposal for a Novitiate in Bambey was not convenient to the Brothers of St. Gabriel who opted for Thiès. From 1969 to 1971, they sent their four young Pre-Novices to the Novitiate of the Diocesan Congregation of the Brothers of St. Joseph, near the ocean, in Ngazobil. The first Novices of St. Gabriel in Senegal took their Vows on 19 August 1971, in the chapel of the Minor Seminary, in Ngasobil.

After the arrival of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart and the opening of their Novitiate, the Novices of St. Gabriel (a Senegalese and a Congolese) and the Novices of St. Joseph joined the Novices of the Sacred Heart, always on the seaside, in Nanning, in a beautiful inter-fraternal collaboration that would last from 1973 to 1984.


The Novitiate moved to Brazzaville, and then, in 2014, back to Thiès (Brother Jean-Claude Musema) Congolese... with young men from Madagascar, Central Africa, Senegal, and Burkina Faso. From 2016 to this day (Bro. Antoine Levao) Malagasy.

The Formators came from various horizons. Frenchmen, Canadian, Senegalese, Central African, Congolese and Malagasy. They all committed themselves to form a good number of young men who wanted to follow Christ, on the footsteps of St. Louis Marie Grignon de Montfort.

This rich inheritance is entrusted to us. May it produce good and abundant fruits. Let us be like our valiant missionaries, to whom we express our gratitude. The merit is theirs.

Brother Augustin Diouf

St. Gabriel’s Solidarity in Ouroos and in Katacodi (Guinea Conakry)

Ever since 2006, the Association Saint-Gabriel Solidarité has been giving aid to Ouroos. The aids have been very diverse: tuition for hundreds of students; complement to teachers’ salaries, generator, assistance for canteen meals, canteen room, animal husbandry, gardens, fence, construction of 3 classrooms, local for teachers, teaching materials, furniture, etc.

During his visit, Bro. Robert Bauvineau, had some very meaningful words to explain such solidarity: “Building walls, building a school, is done in a short time. It takes years to build a man. In order to do this, we can rely on three elements: Faith in the individual; Hope in the future; Affectionate love and encouraging words for the child”.

In Katacodi, it is a school that we inaugurate: “The third phase was the mobilization for Katacodi. In 2015, Bro. Alphonse had told me about his great project and, in connection with the Provincial Authorities, asked us to participate in the future construction. (...) To inaugurate this Institution is to continue the mission of the Congregation of the Brothers of St. Gabriel; A mission it has been accomplishing for two centuries; A mission consisting in teaching, educating, and evangelizing.
thus promoting the growth of children and youth. Every child, every young person, is called to be born to himself with the help of his formators”.

Twinning
Saturday, 16 February 2019, was a twinning day for Collège Saint Gabriel of Thiès and Collège Sacré-Coeur of Dakar. These were very intense moments of fraternity and new perspectives of interaction for the teachers, the students, and their parents. When invited to speak, the two Directors and two representatives of the Staff of the two Institutions insisted on the importance of fraternity to be lived on a daily basis in an educational Institution. It is well known that the quality of teaching-learning, coupled with a fraternal atmosphere in the educational community, is a springboard to excellence.

Bro. Rémy N’DONG
CÔTE D’IVOIRE (Abidjan), Day of Consecrated Life
And when the Festival becomes Ivorian, it gives a day filled with life, a fraternal atmosphere, and a multicultural dimension rich in diversity...

On Sunday, 3rd February 2019, the Union of Consecrated Persons of the Archdiocese of Abidjan met in the St. John Bosco Parish, in Atiékoua, to celebrate the day of consecrated life. The activities began around 9 a.m., with the enthusiastic arrival of the members of 47 Congregations. We could see joy on every face. For some of the participants, it was an occasion to meet well-known friends while, for others, it was the joy of
seeing that so many people like them had consecrated their lives to God. After the Mass that was presided over by the Parish Priest and embellished by songs and dances, we met around a table filled with a variety of dishes. When the meal was over, we could digest in a relaxing atmosphere thanks to the musical performances of a “Zouglou” traditional artist and of some religious men and women. The atmosphere was not due only to these performances. In fact, from Madagascar to Burkina Faso (the country of the Honest Men), we landed on the Ivory Coast with breathtaking” dances. Bro. Jos Marie SERME

Finally!... A Residence for Manga!

The mission of the Brothers of St. Gabriel in Manga began in September 2009. It will soon be ten years since the Brothers who founded that mission trampled the ground of the Mossis, the main ethnic group of that region of the Central-South. The objective of that foundation was not only to have a male religious presence in this small Diocese of Burkina Faso; It was also to insure the management and animation of the existing Catholic College. This College, now authorized and recognized under the name of Lycée privé Saint-Gabriel (St. Gabriel’s Private High School), is the main field of apostolate and mission of the Brothers, who thus remain faithful to their charism of education and formation of children and youth in school circles.

After a hearty welcome, in 2009, the Brothers were housed on the property of the Cathedral, in a room that had formerly served as a presbytery for the White Fathers, the founders of the Manga mission. Every working day, from Monday to Saturday, the Brothers had to travel a distance of almost 2 kilometers to go to school, that is, 4 kilometers back and forth. This was a difficult task, considering the condition of the road and the means of transportation. A presence near the Institution was necessary for more efficiency in our work. The land was bought some time ago, but the construction work of the Brothers’ residence was slow to start. That work was supposed to begin immediately after the construction of the Dédougou residence which was completed in 2015.

During this month of February, we are delighted to see that the construction work of the long-awaited residence is finally beginning. According to the contract, the work will take five (5) months, and we hope to enter the residence, at the latest, in July. The presence of the Brothers in the Manga land will thus be made more real, visible, and possibly, definitive.

Brother Patrice Mbengue
PERPETUAL PROFESSIONS in SENEGAL
Brothers Overflowing with Trinitarian Love

29 December 2018.

After a long and serious preparation by all of us, everything was ready to accompany our two Brothers who would say “Yes” to the Lord in St. Mary Magdalene’s Chapel, in Ndiagamba.

Sitting on donkeys, our two Brothers, Alphonse and Barnabé, were accompanied by a large and joyful crowd all the way from the family property to the chapel. It looked like “the triumphant entry into Jerusalem”. Why not? Our Brothers, however, did not go there to be crucified as Christ was, but simply to say “yes” to the Lord. We know, though, that when we give our word, we are called to obey to the end.

Such obedience often goes to the gift of our life for our Brothers, whom we love. Let us say that our two Brothers went there to give their lives to God, for his greatest glory, and for the salvation of the world.

Useless to say that the chapel was not big enough for all people present there. So much could be said concerning those nice people coming from so many different places: Dakar, Mbour, Mbodiène, Ngohé, Djilas... and, of course, Ourous! You may not believe this, but it is a real fact: the white garb of the religious (Brothers, Sisters and Priests) was a subject of contemplation and admiration from all the participants.

It is with Bro. Jean Marie THIOR’s beautiful song, “You who are called, get up and follow Jesus Christ, who gives everything and does not take anything away from you...”, and at the rhythm of Tam-Tams and dances that the Mass began.

After the Professed Brothers had been called, and after their dialogue with the Provincial Superior, expressing their profound desire to dedicate themselves to God for their whole life, the Vicar General, who was the main celebrant, gave us a beautiful homily. Here are some extracts...
He thanked the Brothers of St. Gabriel: “Brothers, today, you give me the opportunity to express my gratitude and my appreciation on behalf of our Church and on behalf of all my colleagues who have had the opportunity to benefit from the knowledge, generosity, spirit of faith, and Christian witness of your Brothers. Religious life is invited to express, in its varied forms, the charity of God, in the language of our time. (...) Bro. Alphonse NDAW, Bro. Barnabé SARR, I entrust you to St. Louis Grignon de Montfort, so that he may always keep you attentive to his intuition, to his call, and to the mission that was entrusted to him. I know that he will entrust you to Mary’s maternal tenderness, and pray to her as he always did: “O Mother of Mercy, grant me the grace to obtain the Lord’s true wisdom, and to be one of those you love, teach, guide, nourish and protect as your children”. Fr. Gérard DIENE, Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Dakar

After their consecration, the two Brothers had a word of thanks for everyone in the assembly. It is then that the expression “Brothers Overflowing with Trinitarian Love” was mentioned. Remember that, from now on, they are responsible for pouring Trinitarian Love wherever they go and in all that they do. Thanks!

Bro. Dominique Diouf

Provincial Superior’s Message (extracts)

Religious men and women, living the Evangelical Counsels, are gifts of God to his Church, through the Spirit. They contribute to manifest the mystery and mission of the Church through the many charisms of spiritual and apostolic life given to them by the Holy Spirit. They thus contribute to the renewal of society. Concerning the Brothers of St. Gabriel, their charism is the education of children and youth. They are thus involved in building a better world, because youth is the future. Their work consists in helping young people to have a good knowledge of their religion, a good education, and all possible professional qualifications so that they can have a decent life. Thus, Bro. Alphonse NDAW, after years of teaching in René Merceron School, in Mbour, went to Europe for several years, to study in important auto mechanics schools. He is now teaching in the mechanical auto section of St. Montfort Centre, in Medina, Dakar.
Bro. Barnabé SARR, after studying pedagogy and completing his Teaching Diploma, is now in Cardinal Sarah’s native region, in Guinea Conakry. There, he is Director of a boarding school and teaches in the school.

All of this is for the advent of God’s Kingdom and for the greater glory of God. As St. Irénée said: “The glory of God is man fully alive”. May the Lord help our two Brothers and may He strengthen them in their mission.

Thanks to all of you. Thanks to the choir. Thanks to the Parish Council. Thanks to the entire village and to the Parish and its Pastors. Thanks for your kind attention.  

Bro. Jean-Marie NDOUR, Provincial Superior.

DIVING INTO SOCIO-PASTORAL ACTIVITIES

“The Church is ever anxious that the Good News be proclaimed to the poor. With your Brothers, you will seek out what is most urgent for the fulfilment of this task. Near you, or in far-away countries, they await your fraternal love and your help, to make them conscious of their human dignity, to free them from oppression of every kind, to dispel their ignorance, to lighten their spiritual distress, to satisfy their longing for a hope of salvation. Their condition is also a light from Christ, which reveals to you your own situation before God” (Rule of Life, no. 64).

This article of our Rule of Life is a good expression of my commitment in socio-pastoral ministry in Ahuntsic, here, in Montreal. The time I took to see where I should get involved seemed a little long; in fact, it was beneficial. During that time, Providence opened my eyes and taught me patience. I then found a place where I can truly realize myself.
On the eve of the feast of St. Joseph, I was invited by Mr. François Godbout (the person in-charge of social-pastoral ministry in Ahuntsic) for a community meal at the “SNAC” (Service of Nutrition and Community Action), on Laverdure Street. He then invited me to be a Volunteer at the “SNAC” and the “CLAC” (Housing Committee in Ahuntsic-Cartierville).

The SNAC and the CLAC are two community non-profit organizations. The SNAC’s mission is to provide food services to residents of Ahuntsic who have an income below poverty line, so that they can eat properly. It distributes food rations, free of charge, to any resident of the neighborhood who is certified to be in need. It also prepares community meals, comprising soup, main course, dessert, tea or coffee, on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. All residents of the neighborhood, without distinction, can come to have a meal costing only 4,00$ for low-income people, and 6,00$ for those who have a better income and who can thus contribute to the work done by the SNAC.

As for the CLAC, it defends the rights of tenants, and promotes social housing. It organizes workshops for tenants, informing them of their rights and duties, of possible remedial procedures, and of ways of dealing with rent increases. Every first Wednesday of the month, the activists’ committee meets to share on a topic related to social housing.

Apart from the office-bearers, the service is made flexible in its structures thanks to the network of volunteers who give their time for their brothers and sisters in need. They thus give a testimony of solidarity, sharing and love.

My commitment in the SNAC and in the CLAC made me meditate on the text of the Multiplication of the Loaves, as narrated in John 6:1-13. Yes! God always needs our contribution (our talents, our know-how, our time) to help others. If one refuses to bring his share, the Lord cannot do anything, because He has no hands, except ours, to serve our brothers and sisters. It is our contribution that He multiplies, so that the rest be redistributed to all those in need, and so that nothing be wasted. This is why He asks the disciples: “To gather whatever is left, so that nothing be wasted” (Jn 6:12). Even today, Jesus asks each one of us: “How many loaves do you have?”, so that He can nourish all those around us. We can question ourselves: What do I do with the rest (with what is left) of my five barley breads and my two fish (my talents, my know-how, my time)? This is an opportunity for us to pull ourselves together and to nourish a spirit of collective responsibility, in an effort to be more open to the needs of others, and in an effort “to love with our heart and hands”.

Let us fight the spirit of greed, individualism and avarice, as Pope Francis pointed out, on 8 July 2013, at the Mass in Lampedusa, Italy: “The culture of comfort, which makes us think only of ourselves, makes us insensitive to the cries of other people, makes us live in soap bubbles which, however lovely, are insubstantial; they offer a fleeting and empty illusion which results in indifference to others; indeed, it even leads to the globalization of indifference”.

Every one of us is called to advance with confidence out of his security circle (cf. Lk 5:1-11), and out of the prison of his avarice. The inequalities we are experiencing are certainly the work of our egoism and of our cupidity. If we root ourselves in love, charity, and universal brotherhood, our vision of others will surely change. The more we consider others as “persons”, that is, as “ourselves”, the more we will love them for who they are, that is, “human persons”, and not for what they possess.

I am happy to give some of my time to all those people I meet at the SNAC every Wednesday and Friday. It is, for me, a way to show the human warmth contained in a smile and in free service; a way of restoring confidence and dignity into others. I would even say that my two days of service at the SNAC are my best days of the week. I am proud to serve Jesus in these people, because they are the sacrament of Christ (cf. Mt 25:31-46). As in Cana, through my love for others, I can change their daily water into a wine of novelty and confidence. I admire what is so well said on the
Website of Quebec’s Federation for Volunteer Centres: “To volunteer is a verb that we like to use. It expresses new models of social commitment. People who dare to volunteer have a real impact on the community and they are the true cornerstones of community organizations”.

Jean-Claude MUSEMA, (Intercultural Community of Canada)

RANCHI (Gabriellite-Ranchi, volume XXVII, no 12, March 2019)

BRO. C.M. JOSEPH, A PROPHET OF OUR TIME (1936-2019)

A GOOD TEACHER: He did not teach what he did not practice. He respected and highlighted the dignity of teachers and co-workers irrespective of their position. He inculcated the Gospel values of truthfulness, punctuality, honesty, respect, innovations..., without mincing words.

A FORMATOR: He was a Formator of Novices at St. Gabriel’s Novitiate Sitagarha, Hazaribagh for many years starting from 1968. He introduced progressive way forming the Novices. He gave them freedom and responsibility to grow.

PROVINCIAL SUPERIOR OF PROVINCE OF RANCHI: He was an authentic leader of the province. He reorganized the spiritual formation of the Province. He was characterized by honesty and integrity. He also expected the Brothers in the same measure. He was instrumental in articulating the accountability in financial matters and keeping the accounts regularly and systematically. He used to quote Gandhiji saying “if you want to see the change Be the change.

REVIVAL OF ST. ROBERT BOY’ MIDDLE SCHOOL, HAZARIBAGH. Bro. C.M. Joseph has given a new life to this Middle School. It was in a dysfunctional stage. He took up the challenge to revive it. The atmosphere changed more admissions to school and interestingly he told us that at the end of the first year there was balance of Rupees one thousand.

CHARISM OF THE FOUNDER RE-DISCOVERED: In 1974 he took up the challenge on him after a long serious reflection. He decided to go to their midst to be part of their struggle to change the situation. He along with two other Brothers formed the community. They chose the Village Pauta as their Mission station. Many Bishops, Priests and Religious congregations came to learn from the Pauta Mission and started such missions in their own respective places. (extracts from Bro. Jacob Panjikaran)

BRO. C.M JOSEPH’S LAST E-MAIL...

Dear Bro. Johnson,
Congratulations!
As I expected, you have managed to bring out the News Bulletin beautifully in a new format. I am ready to give any help that I can. With renewed appreciation,
Bro. C.M. Joseph

(This e-mail was sent a few days before his death)

SACRED HEART NOVITIATE, Yercaud
On 7 January Bro. Yesudass from St. Paul’s congregation came and took classes on the theme Mass Media & Communication. We learnt how to communicate and influence people. It was very effective way to spread the Good News of Jesus through T.V., Internet, mobiles and magazines. We were told that through media, we can spread the Good News or Bad News, depending on, how we use this Media.

From 16 to 22 January Rev. Bro. George P.J. the Provincial Superior of Yercaud gave a seminar on values and community life. In this he taught us how to live in the community and how to handle the problems in different situations. Brother shared some of his life experiences how he handled in a positive way. Also he taught us how to handle when other people are angry with us by speaking politely. Bro. Emanuel from Delhi Province visited our community on 21 to 23 Jan. It was
a good opportunity to know about the time management. We see in our life sometimes we forget
time and we miss many things. We need to set time in our life to be successful.
Jan 13th to 15th, we celebrated and prepared Pongal according to the customs of Tamil Nadu. (Bipin Barla, 2nd Novice)

Montfort School, Konbir Noatoli  (Bro.Zephrenius)
This year we had 35 students who received cash award for the International Olympiad conducted by St. Paul's High School, Hyderabad. One of them, Nishsant Lakra from Montfort hostel received Rs. 4000/-. We appreciated and encouraged him to continue his hard work. On 20 February, we had organized staff Picnic. It was the most enjoyable and memorable day of the year.

Cambridge School, Cuttack  (Bro. Herman Lakra)
The students of Montfort School, Lachragarh arrived on 2 February at Cambridge School for an educational tour to Bhubaneswar, Puri and Konark. They were accompanied by an able guide Bro. NichodimTete along with other teachers. It was a joyful and fun-filled stay for them at Cuttack.

School Staff Picnic : On 8 February, they visited the Nandankanan Botanical garden. Joy was boundless for all while strolling in the mist of scenic beauty, loaded with varieties of flowers, numerous medicinal plants, attractive Butterfly Park, lovely Rose Garden, awesome cactus garden.

St. Montfort’s School, Kolkata.  (Bro.Johnson V. George)

Seasons are a powerful force in our lives. They affect the activities we do, the foods we eat, the clothes we wear and quite often, the moods we are in. The winter’s chill starts giving way to the summer and the weather is already flipped in Kolkata. During the last week of February we received heavy rainfall for 4 days. After the rain, most part of the school ground has turned into lush green. We try to keep the grass evergreen.

Picnicking is a staple activity of socializing and energizing.

The construction work of the school building is at its last stage. Roof casting of the third floor is over and second floor is getting ready to accommodate the students in the new academic session. Meanwhile we have applied for a heavy transformer to withstand the power supply for the future.

Montfort Home, Patna  (Bro. Mike Jathrome)
MMH had organized Annual Sports Day on 14 Feb. and Mother-Child Activity on 16 Feb. 2019. It was a very lively programme. Mothers and children exhibited their creativities and talents. Winners were given dinner sets and Tea cup sets as prizes.
We are a community with multiple mission involvements. While in the technical side the mission is going on as usual within the available space, the school is progressing fast, in leaps and bounds. We hope to start the new academic year in April, 2019, in the new school building which is expected to be at least partially, ready by then. The numerical strength of the school is poised to go up from the present 950 to 1400. This is including the pre-school section, and the school will have reached standard VIII by the new academic year. The Principal, Bro. Jaypal Reddy is at it, 24h/7.

Montfort Technical Centre (MTC). The main group in this section is the Spoken English cum Computer students. It is a course designed to give working level of competence both in English and Computer to the rural, post matric, students. The feedback that we have been receiving from those who did this course here in the previous years is very positive. The 3-months driving cum maintenance has a steady flow of students; we are planning to add more skills to it for those who are interested, so as to make it a more substantial training programme. Dedicated personnel and innovative programmes are needed to rejuvenate this section of MTC as an education centre for the less privileged of the society.

ASSOCIATES. A training programme for the Associates has been initiated inside the MTC. It is a mission in which Brothers-Associates-Collaborators can work as a committed team towards realizing the Gospel Dream of humanity becoming a fraternal community of the children of God. Bro. Paulose Mekkunnel, is trying to work out the future of this mission.

Another mission: Kamabandh Mission may be considered as an extension mission of MTC. Bro. Abraham has been working for this mission for quite a few years now, and the result is beginning to show up. A new building of 3 class room size has been built, the compound wall has been erected, residential teachers, including a Religious Sister, are in place, a solar system for electricity is in the process of installation and the
number of students are slowly increasing. The latest innovation will be the installation of Smart Boards in the classrooms. MTC-Community, Hazaribag is a growing and evolving mission; all are welcome to come and be part of it.

Montfort Vidy Deep, Ranchi (Bro. Jashwant Ekka)
Two of our candidates are writing the Intermediate Board Exams. Bro. Placy is trying his best to train the candidates to speak in English. Bro. Jashwant Ekka is taking class on Montfort’s Life and gives Reading practice to Candidates. Bro. Vincent Madhanu is busy giving Volleyball coaching every day. At present we have 13 Candidates; 7 in the First year, 4 in the Second year and 2 in the Third year.

St. Joseph's School, Konbir Naotoli (Sushil Toppo)
St Joseph's school has now become a Board Exam center. Due to the Board Exam, classes are suspended. Now the campus is so beautiful and wonderful to see with colourful flowers. The mango garden also has full of flowers. We hope to get a bumper crop this year. Construction of the new college building is in progress. It is amazing to see an uneducated 67 year old simple village man as a centering engineer. His regular practice, hard work and ardent desire, make him an expert. Our college students admired his perfection and got motivated to do regular practice and hard work in their studies.

NEWS:
☑ 16 of February 2019 was the red letter day for the Nawatanr Community as we celebrated Bro. Subhod's Silver Jubilee in the community level. 31 Brothers from different sectors gathered for the programme.
☑ On 2 of February 2019, we the Novices of St. Gabriel's house, Sitagarh, were admitted into the Canonical Year of the novitiate. All the Novices were sent to Varanasi for 10 days of Ashram experience, on 10 to 22 February 2019. We enjoyed the journey. As we entered the Matridham Ashram, we could feel the silence and prayerful atmosphere. along with us, the pre-novices of TOR fathers and Novices of Cluny sisters were also there for the experience. (Priyanshu, Novice from Province of Delhi)
A picture is worth a thousand words

Francis of Assisi with the Sultan of Egypt in 1219.

February 2019, Pope François with an Iman.

Montfort, Delhi

On 14th July, a special programme was organized for felicitating the overall toppers and subject toppers of classes X and XII. These achievers were given mementos and certificates of appreciation in front of their parents. In the option Commerce, Ishaan Sharma, 489/500 with 97.8% ; in Sciences, Shivam Bansal 478/500, with 95.6%. In Grade X, Bhargavi Gupta and Chavi Jindal 490/500 with 98%. Congratulations.

A group of 8 students and 3 teachers from Richmond College, Galle, Sri Lanka were in Montfort School Delhi for an exchange programme from 22nd to 31st of October. On 26th October a welcome assembly was conducted in their honour. They had interactions with our teachers and students. They had a taste of Indian culture and cuisines and did a lot of shopping.

Montfort School, Delhi was awarded: Certificate of Achievement Awards by Education Today in the category of Individual Attention to Students. We also received School Excellence Awards 2018-19 the category of Best CBSE School/ Community & Collaboration/ Sports Education/ Co-Curricular Activities from Brainfeed Magazine; by CBCI Office for Education and Culture, New Delhi, by presenting us “The Pride of the Catholic Church” award.

Montfort, Roorkee by Mrs Lizy Philip

Roorkee was the proud recipient of the award for its exemplary contributions in the field of education for the year 2018-19. According to the survey conducted to rank the CBSE schools, our school ranked 20th in India, 1st in Uttarakhand and 1st in Roorkee. This prestigious award has certainly boosted the zeal and zest of each and every Montfortian. An interschool quiz competition was organized for the students of class V. Fifteen schools from in and around Roorkee participated in it but only 6 schools qualified for the final round. The topic for the science symposium was ‘Frontiers in Biotherapeutics’. The participating teams made elaborate power point presentations. The symposium was chaired by Dr. Partha Roy (Prof.) Biotechnology Dept. I.I.T, Roorkee.

Silver Jubilee of Montfort, Mandla

Inter-School Football Tournament for Boys in which Jawaharlal Navodaya bagged 1st position and Montfort School secured 2nd position. Montfort School secured the 1st place in the Inter-School Cricket Tournament for Girls. The Jubilee thanksgiving Mass was organized on 13th December. The Bishop who was the main Celebrant appreciated the dedicated services of the Brothers for the
cause of Education. During the Jubilee Cultural program, three employees were felicitated and honored for their long years of service in our institution.

**St. Charles', Sardhana by Bro. Praphiul Kerketta.**

On 21st Dec. we had the combined Christmas gathering along with boarders, candidates and workers. Fr. Pakianathan inspired the children with powerful and inspiring message of Christmas. And we distributed the Christmas gifts and cake to all the boarders, candidates and workers.

On 26th Jan. we celebrated the 70th Republic Day. The students of 1998-1999 batch organized the program in honour of all the Brothers and teachers who were instrumental in shaping their future. It is for the first time in the history of St. Charles Inter College that former students came back to express their gratitude and pay their respects to the Brothers and teachers of past and present.

**St. Montfort, Banea by Mr Mahipal Xaxa, teacher.**

The local Block President was the chief guest and gave away the prizes to the winners of a Sports’ competition. He praised the school management for producing well disciplined students. This school being one among the cleanest village schools in Chhattisgarh impressed him very much.

**Montfort, Ambikapur by Bro. Gabriel Lakra.**

Due to the G.S.T. the “Montfort Vocational Training Centre” had to be closed down. The hostel of the M.V.T.C. was renovated and the boarding boys are lodged there. At present the strength of the boarders is 36 in all. The demand is for more. Bro. Manoj Hembrom is looking after the boarding.

Another thing could be of interest to the Brothers is the construction of a well furnished shed for the school buses; a beautiful parking space for cycles is coming and a life size statue of Montfort will be posted also.

**Montfort Bhawan, Sardhana by Bro. T.T. Mathew.**

Month of January has been extremely cold here. Bro. Joseph Gabriel braved the chilly breeze. Bro. Mathias found it unbearable at times.

Next year ten candidates are supposed to join the pre-novitiate. So we can take in only 10 new boys for the next academic year.

In the first week of December Bro. Balla Francis was given farewell and he left for France to join the International community. We thank him for his valuable services here last six months. We really miss his presence and contribution.

**St. Gabriel’s, Jabalpur by Bro. Libin Joy.**

**New Venture :** The school has established a new robotic lab known as ATAL TINKERING LAB sponsored by the Central Government to the tune of Rs. 12 lakhs. Its purpose is to develop a scientific temper as well as cultivate the spirit of curiosity and creativity in the students. This was possible due to the persistent efforts of the Principal Bro. Joy Joseph.
On 31st January the Montfort Associates, thirty in number assembled to celebrate the birthday of Montfort. A short reflection on Montfort as a Mystic was shared by Bro. Emmanuel P.J.; many of them shared their experiences and reflections subsequent to the last meeting. They would continue to work on the Action Plan of visiting families in difficulties.

On 2nd February School gave farewell to Mrs. Anju Bhattacharya and Mrs. Shubra Mukherjee, through a well-organized function. An unusual function well represented by quite a number of ex-students by surprise. Mrs. Anju’s words said a lot when she said, “I Came empty handed but now I am leaving with hearts and hand full”. Both these Teachers served the Institution for the past forty years.

Eachinkadu Novitiate, by Rajan and Binod, Novices.

We celebrated the Pongal festival with the traditional gaiety. We had a special prayer service for farmers, cattle and for all the nature. We prepared Pongal in a meaningful way and served it with love to all. Our Brothers from the south had organized the schedule of the day meticulously. We had a lot of fun games. They were very thrilling games of southern states.

St. Charles' Lwanga School, Port Moresby, PNG by Bro. P.T. Joseph.

The Golden Jubilee of the Montfort Brothers’ arrival (1968) was celebrated in a grand scale at St. Gabriel’s Technical Secondary School, Kiunga on 2nd, 3rd and 4th September, 2018. The Superior General was here along with Brothers from Canada, Singapore and India. Congratulations to Bro. Sevak Gabriel for this well organized program.

Our school was the topper in the country for Grade 10 and secured 4th position in grade – 12 exams. One of our Grade-12 students, JOHN KAWAGLE secured the 1st Rank at the National Level. Due to the good results, the Principal is having a tough time during the enrolment.

Sr. Kiran Ekka will be replacing Sr. Valentina D’Souza in the school. We are grateful to Sr. Valentina for her seven years of dedicated service to the school.

St. Gabriel’s, Kiunga by Bro. Johnson TC

Bro. Gabriel after serving the institution for the last ten valuable years at Kiunga St. Gabriel’s technical Secondary School, left for Port Moresby and then proceeded to India. All the people, teachers and students felt that his going was a great loss for the people of Kiunga. They expressed their heartfelt sincerity and love for the great service he has done to the people of western province of Papua New Guinea.

The agricultural school for the early school leavers- Emmaus farm also resumed for the academic year 2019. Bro. Lucianus is busy in enrolling the new students and they will stay in the boarding for 1 academic year and get trained in basic cash crop cultivation, garden making, fishery, poultry, etc. Every year around 30 students get trained. Most of them get job in the agricultural department.

JUBILEE:

GOLDEN JUBILEE OF FIRST PROFESSION (1968-2018)

for Brothers Patras Kuju and Philip Thadathil.

The feast was held at Montfort School Community, Lucknow.
50 years in Papua, New-Guinea.

25 years, SILVER JUBILEE, Montfort School, Madla (1993-2018)
Hello! 1973 – 2019, Good bye!

The Province of Malaysia-Singapore was established in 1973 and after 46 years, we closed the door to become the District of Southeast Asia, attached to the new Province of Bengaluru. As said Bro. Thomas Paul, the BULLETIN’s Editor, "There is no word I could ever express to thank all contributors to make this Bulletin a success."

And more: "This ministry entrusted to me is so great that it had become part of me. I feel that part of me is being cut away and died. Sad indeed! But it is time to say goodbye, just like what the Preacher said, “To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: A time to be born, a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted; A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up (Ecc. 3:1-3). The new District of Southeast Asia, will have a bigger geographical area (Singapore, Malaysia, the Philippines and Myanmar) and will be part of the new Province of Bengaluru.

Once again, thank you to all contributors! Thank you all readers! (Bro. Thomas Paul)

Province of Malaysia-Singapore Last Gathering

The Brothers in the Province of Malaysia-Singapore gathered for the last time as a Province in their recollection on 8th to 10th March, 2019 at Kluang, Johor. Though not all the Brothers were able to attend due to age and health, the recollection was an avenue for the Brothers to meet and to be enriched in their spiritual life.

New District of Southeast Asia (DSEA) The following are the District Leadership Team:
District Superior: Bro. Dominic Yeo-Koh (Singapore) – also one of the Provincial Councillors
District Councillors: Bro. Arul Rayan (Philippines)
               Bro. Arul Amal (Philippines)
               Bro. Peter Kolandaisamy (Malaysia)
An International Mission (Singaporeans, Malaysians, Filipinos, Indians) but the same and unique Mission: EDUCATION.

Hello! District of Southeast Asia and Province of Bengaluru!
as an individual and then how to work as team to move their craft in the desired direction. We are positive the lessons learnt through this activity will initiate the boys into the Montfortian family; by presenting them a school tie which symbolically represents the start of their journey, they were now real members of Montfort. **Values in action.** On 26th January, representatives from each class went out to the Hougang neighbourhood to deliver the Chinese New Year hampers prepared by their classes. Our boys were accompanied by grassroots members of Crest and Vale RC. The session ended with the students delivering the hampers to the homes of the residents and speaking with the people. **Parents’ extravaganza.** We hosted more than 500 parents in our annual Parents Extravaganza. There were many engaging and useful workshops and talks by industry experts on a range of topics, from understanding the changing nature of teenagers to how teenage boys feel.

**MONTFORT JUNIOR SCHOOL, Singapore** by MJS

Ash Wednesday opened with Mass for Catholic students, celebrated by Friar Rowland Yeo, OFM, the first hearing-impaired priest in S.E. Asia and one of less than 30 in the whole world. He could only lip-read while the teachers were teaching and when the teachers turned away to face the board, he did not know what was being taught. When we look around us and see people different from us, we must show respect and consideration for their differences as life is very challenging for them.

**ASSUMPTION ENGLISH SCHOOL, Singapore** by Mrs Wendy Chan

We began 2019 with an inaugural start of the new school year Mass on 8 January. The whole school, Catholics and non-Catholics alike, came together for the first time with a common objective: to pray and ask God for blessings for the students, teachers and all who work in the school. During this Eucharistic Celebration, we also prayed specially for the new staff and the Secondary One students that they may find a community that welcomes them.

**ASSUMPTION PATHWAY SCHOOL, Singapore**, by Jenken Hoon

Teo Zhixian was an APS student who completed his ITE Skills Certificate (ISC) in Culinary Skills with an exceptional grade of 3.7 out of 4. In his educational journey, he overcame various obstacles: in primary school he couldn’t read and spell in English. He felt hopeless when he failed his PSLE twice and APS was a beacon of hope. When Second Minister for Education, Mrs Indranee Rajah mentioned about Zhixian during her parliamentary speech, he was shocked and yet at the same time,
proud and happy about being recognised by her. He hopes to have his own food business and to help the needy by offering them work in his company. He is currently pursuing a Nitec in Asian Culinary Arts at ITE College West.

**Korea Food Service Science High School Visit 2019.** A group of energetic and passionate teachers and students from the Korea Food Service Science High School (KFSSHS) came over to APS for a learning visit from Mon 18 Feb 2019 till Fri 22 Feb 2019. High School based in South Korea specialises in Commercial Cookery and Tourism Service. They adopt a combined University Study and On the Job Training for their curriculum. This year, the students were attached to the Year 4 cohort in Baking Practices and Culinary Skills. The Korean students revealed their culinary finesse by making Chicken stew as well as Tteokbokki for us.

In February, MeToYou visited Changkat Changi Secondary School for our outreach efforts in spreading our knowledge about Excessive Gaming. We set up 4 booths during the students’ canteen period where we share with the youths: a) what Excessive Gaming is, b) the impacts it brings onto youths who spent too long playing games, c) how to spot youths who are highly engaged in their games, and d) how to help themselves and/or others who may be facing with such difficulties. MeToYou incorporated fun and learning into one with our various forms of activities to engage the students in their understanding and internalizing of the topic. Many students grew curious to our booths, and left with new knowledge and prizes as a token of their participation.

**MONTFORT BOYS’ TOWN,** Shah Alam by Arulandam S. Montfort Boys’ Town celebrates its 60th anniversary this year. We give thanks to God for all these years and rejoicing with all the staff, students, donors and benefactors. Ponggal Celebration reminds us of the God’s blessings for good harvest. It is always a multi-racial event. All students were given
a chance to experience on how to boil rice with sugar and milk which makes as ‘ponggal’.

Another exciting event was a ‘kabadi’ game. They played this game in projecting team work as well.
MONTFORT Youth CENTRE, Melaka by Mrs Santhiyiah

PONGAL 2019. MYC held its Pongal celebration on 14 January 2019, a day earlier, joined by all the staff and boys of MYC. Pongal means to ‘overflow’, hence the pot with milk has to boil over to symbolise prosperity and abundance. Five pots were used to make “Ven Pongal” or also known as sweet rice, and the rice was offered to honour the ‘Sun God’ with a short prayer.

Visit from CIMB. CIMB Bank Foundation has been kind enough to fund Montfort Youth Centre’s Motor Mechanic Department to purchase some equipment. One of the purchased equipment was a 4-post alignment machine and it was officially launched by the Vice-President of CIMB. THANKS

Exchange.
3 March 2019 – Exchange of Memorandum between The Inter-Board of Governors and The Canossian Sisters. It was to mark the collaboration between the Brothers of St. Gabriel and the Canossian Daughters of Charity in the service of the youth at Montfort Youth Centre

MYANMAR by Mr Kapaul Mue

There were 44 students for ALL Weekend English Programme (from October 2018 – February 2019). ALL awarded a certificate to each child who completed the course successfully on February 27, 2019. The students performed their performances and enjoyed the snacks served by ALL staff at the end of the ceremony.

Summer Holiday Computer and English Programme (SHECP) This programme was launched with eighteen staff, about forty Computer learners and more than two hundred and thirty English learners.
Opening of a New Computer Room at ALL

More children are interested in computer and ALL is receiving more computer learners each year. So, ALL decided to extend ALL Computer Programme. Bros. John Albert and Dominic Yeo Koh, and ALL staff did their best to raise the fund for the New Computer Room. ALL staff witnessed many kind students’ parents who were generous to contribute as much as they could. In addition, ALL staff felt very-touched to see some of ALL Ex-students in making the New Computer Classroom.

Montfortian Associates from Kinarut, Sabah. The Associates had their annual retreat from the 22nd March and concluded with the Consecration during the Sunday mass; Bro. John Albert, the out-going Provincial Superior facilitated the three days’ retreat sessions. The term of office of the current office bearers would be ending soon and they would be having their annual general meeting on the 12th April, 2019 to elect the new office bearers. Meanwhile, in Singapore, the Montfortian Associates had elected their new Office Bearers for the Term 2019-2022 (three years).

Malaysian Institutions’ Inter-Board Meeting.
The main agenda for the meeting was to discuss about the Technical and Vocational Education Trainings (TVET) Programme in the Malaysian Institutions. In the key note address of Bro. Arul Rayan (SG), from the Philippines, said that the TVET is rapidly changing in the technical training landscape in Asia. Bro. Arul Rayan, who hails from India had been a missionary in the Philippines for many years and his doctoral thesis was based on TVET. His research covered a wide geographical area including Malaysia and Singapore. The meeting also discussed on Montfortian Pedagogy – Inclusive Education for 21st Century. This paper was presented by Bro. Dominic Yeo-Koh (SG), the Montfortian-Gabriellite School Supervisor in Singapore.

Bro John Albert (SG), the then Provincial Superior, presented the topic on Collaborative Leadership for management of Montfort TVET, Malaysia.
Golden Jubilee of Bro. T. J. John by Staff, Montfort Valley School

Bro. John, a man with a vision & mission, is someone who belongs entirely to the Lord with an undivided heart. He has found God in the schools he was missioned as a teacher, bursar, warden, procurator and superior. Most of all, he was delighted in finding God in the Children he met. He has done so many good works in teaching & healing. The call to give and bring life to others comes in different forms – but the responsibility to respond with love is always there. Through his prayer, reflection and contemplation, he became more aware of God’s presence and goodness in everyone and everything around him. Sometimes I allowed my heart to drink in his presence, his love and his supporting nature. He always stands with us, with an elder brother’s love & care. My heart is filled with happiness & pride, and all that I can say is that, “Dear Brother, Your life has borne great fruit”

Christmas is a festival, commemorating the birth of Jesus Christ, observed as a religious and cultural celebration among billions of people around the world. The staff of our school, celebrated this Christmas focusing on the theme “Joy of Giving”. Each faculty member was given a star each to be placed near the crib. The staff then sang carols in Tamil, Malayalam, Kannada, Hindi and English praising the Almighty and thanking Him for the blessings showered upon them.

Farewell: Bidding Adieu to “SONNET”. A sonnet is a poem in a specific form, 14 verses. The term “SONNET” was coined for our Grade 12 batch as they are 14 in number and resembles the same rhyme and structure as in poetry. The farewell was organised by Grade 11 students, who gave their best wishes to their seniors.

Green School Project: In the year 2016-2017 the school was awarded the “Orange certificate” which indicated the campus 50% green and in 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 the school was awarded the “YELLOW CERTIFICATE” which indicated the campus 70% green.

SAMPURNA MONTFORT COLLEGE by Bro. George Padikara

Celebrating the International Mother Language Day This day is celebrated every year on the 21st of February. It originated as a linguistic movement and later came to be endorsed by UNESCO with the overall objective to promote linguistic diversity and multilingual education.
The celebration of language created a platform to celebrate various forms of linguistic expression like poetry, art, songs, film and music. Poems were recited in Sanskrit, Hindi and Haryanvi. Students performed songs in Tamil, Malayalam. The plethora of regional languages presented definitely marked the richness of our country's linguistic and cultural diversity.

**Vipassana Meditation Workshop:** A workshop on Vipassana meditation was conducted in Sampurna Montfort College on the 2nd of February. This was directed by Dr. Advait Kulkarni, Neurophysician at Columbia Asia Hospital, and his team. Vipassana meditation is an ancient Buddhist meditation technique. Vipassana means “insight” into reality and the technique aims for total eradication of mental impurities, resulting in highest form of happiness leading to full liberation. It is an observation-based, self-exploratory journey that directs attention to physical sensation of the body and mind. All who participated reported that it was a refreshing and relaxing technique.

**Montfort Vidyasagar CBSE School, Belagola by Bro. K.M. Joseph**

**Health Check up.** It is said that health is wealth & healthy children will become builders of a strong society. A health check up programme was organized in our school premises,

**Good News Welfare Society, Kalghatgi by Bro. Niju Thomas**

**Grahini training Centre** has organized to instill moral values. Regional Bank managers were invited to give basic knowledge on banking practices for two days with practical inputs. Parents’ meetings were held to impart training to the parents.

**Republic Day, 26th January.** The morning assembly and hoisting the Indian Tricolor. A Bicycle Rally was organised by the Eco Club, to spread awareness to promote the safeguarding of our environment for a smarter, greener planet. Grades 4 to 8 bicycled along a pre-planned route with guidance from the Chikkajala Police Dept.

**MONTFORT SCHOOL, Chinnakanal by Bro. Francis Xaviour**

**PONGAL.** The festival of harvest was celebrated on 12th January in a festive mood. The programme highlighted the importance of farmers and their dedication towards feeding
mankind. Pongal was prepared by the parents and the teachers. When the milk overflowed from the new earthen pots, everyone shouted “Pongalopongal”. Games were conducted for parents and students. Pongal and sugarcane were distributed to all.

Montfort Valley School, Murickumthotty by Bro. Joy Tecknath

A New House for our Ayah. Long cherished dream of having a home for one of our Ayahs got materialized when the Province of Yercaud extended its financial assistance in completing her unfinished house. Due to heavy rain and land slide, many houses of our area were affected.

Some more houses. Some families will get new houses (6 houses) constructed with the financial assistance from Hyderabad Province; currently the construction works are in full swing.

ST.MARY’s H.S.S., A.N. Mangalam by Bro. Louis Alex

Annual Day. The Guest of Honour was highly inspired by the programme presented by the students. He appreciated the efforts and team work of the staff and the management. The Guest of Honor released the new book written by our students namely “Mariyalin Nooru Mootugal”. The book contains 100 poems written by our students. Around 5000 people witnessed the colourful programme. It was well appreciated by the Brothers, Fathers, past students and parents.

Retirement Function: On 15th February 2019 St. Mary’s had a retirement function for Mrs. P. Paul Rosalind Jeyanthi, M.A., B.Ed. for her 28 years of committed service. A Red carpet welcome was given to the teacher and her family members.

Montfort Matric. Hr. Sec. School, St. Thomas Mount by Bro. K.K. Thomas

Pongal: A grand Pongal celebration was held at our School. The Department of Tamil had animated the programme. They had prepared the students to perform a cultural extravaganza of Song, Dance & Drama. The programme started with the Thamizh Thai Vazhthu, Lighting of the Kuthuvilakku, followed by the Prayer dance. The students presented Thirukural in the form of recitation mixed with dance and skit. The conclusion with Kanum Pongal or Uzhavar Thirunal. Antowyn Edilbert of Std 6 presented a very informative speech. Staff members set the Pongal Pot and prepared Sakarai Pongal. The programme was a grand success. The Principal gave his Pongal message and also appreciated the students and staff for putting up a wonderful show.
The Students of all the classes came in their traditional Tamil attire to add more relevance to the day. A bullock cart ride in School during the Pongal celebrations

Montfort Technical Institute, St. Thomas Mount

Meditation. Every Wednesday we start the day with a half hour of meditation conducted by Heart fullness Institute. On Wednesday 20th February 2019 the meditation was followed by a one hour session on self motivation which was very useful for our students.

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Friday 1st and Saturday 2nd March 2019, Rev. Bro. Paul Raj and Bro. Jayabalant conducted a two day seminar for our students. The sessions on Personality Development, Spoken English and How to attend an Interview were both very interesting and useful.

Montfort Community Development Society (MCDS) by Bro. Joseph Louis

Pongal. Our Special Children and Youth along with their parents participated in the Pongal Celebrations held at their respective centres.

Entrepreneurship. Mothers of MCDS were given ten days of training in Entrepreneurship programme in making Cloth bags and Organic Soaps to encourage environment friendly effort and they have started earning a decent income. Clinic On Wheels. MCDS Clinic on Wheels reached out to 7140 beneficiaries from Monday to Saturday during the quarter ending March 2019.

St.Joseph’s Hr. Sec. School, Susaigiri by Bro. A. Britto Lourduammy

Blessing of the Centenary Building. A long cherished dream became a reality on 18th February 2019. We thank God for those who helped, guided and walked with us to put up this beautiful infrastructure. On March 14th, the Provincial Superior and his council laid the foundation stone for the new classroom block (the English Medium Sections) and the new Hostel Building.
Montfort A. I. Hr. Sec. School, Yercaud  by Bro. Soosai Alagaram
MAAY 2019. This year, the Montfort Alumni Association of Yercaud (MAAY) was hosted by the Montfort Alumni of Karnataka (MAK). Gathered in a Resort they had Fellowship and Entertainment Session. The next day morning, we had the Eucharist celebrated, followed by the AGBM Meeting and grand lunch.

SCAW project. The Interactors of Montfort rendered a helping hand to the Rotarians of Yercaud in the SCAW (Sleeping Children Around the World) project. Nearly 650 students were provided with school and bed-kits, etc. Though it was a tiring day for our students, their enthusiastic and systematic work was highly appreciated.

FIRST COMMUNION and CONFIRMATION. 31st January is a Holy Day to receive the First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Six of our students received the Sacrament of Communion and eleven of our students received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

93 years old: On 12th February, the Brothers and Members of the Staff gathered in the Library at 11 a.m. to felicitate Rev. Bro. Wilfred on his 93rd birthday.

Montfort School, ICSE, Yercaud  by Bro. Augustine Novello
Announcement of the theme for 2019-20
Every teacher was asked to think of a suitable theme for the coming year. The selected theme is “Be the best of what you are”. On 16th of March the new admission process began. The School Management has made necessary arrangements in for online payment of school fees for the present as well as new students in collaboration with SBI Bank, Yercaud.
Montfort Boys' Town, Suva by Bro. Jim Thekkam

A Tractor. We have managed to raise funds through Leadership Fiji in collaboration with New Zealand High commission to purchase a tractor with farm implements. The fund raising drive started last year in August and was able to accomplish the mission in March, 2019. Many thanks.

First year students
The new intake of students for this year was 75, of which, four of them have decided to discontinue the study program at Montfort Boys' Town. We have five volunteer teachers teaching subjects such as English, Computer Literacy, Applied Mathematics, Financial Literacy, Entrepreneurial Skills, etc. Of course, we need to pay an honorarium to all these teachers. This effort is to make the trainees marketable in the industry sector.

A Piece of land. One of the benefactors of Boy' Town has donated 8 acres of flat land in Navua, approximately 20 kilometers away from Boy' Town to plant root crops for two years for the students.

St. Gabriel's House, Sitagarha by Joackim Lourduraj

Community Experience: The Novices were sent to our respective Provinces for our community experience on 3rd December 2018. It lasted throughout December 2018. It was a welcome experience. On reaching back, we all had a very meaningful sharing on our experiences.

Canonical year. 2nd February 2019, was a remarkable day for us. 18 Novices representing the 8 Provinces in India, were admitted to the Canonical year of the Novitiate.

Sacred Heart Novitiate, Eachinkadu by Prince A.

Seminar in communication. At this present era where in everything is communication. The five days seminar on media communication was highly constructive. Bro. Jesudass paid meticulous attention in outlining the power and influence of media in the present scenario. In short the core of this seminar was to become mindful of the usage of media and to use it for a better cause.

Values. Bro. George P.J. also conducted a session on Values and the five most important values, we the 2017-19 batch of Eachinkadu Novices identified, and have decided to practice for the rest of our lives are: 1. Faith in God, 2. Love, 3. Commitment, 4. Respect , 5. Acceptance

Music Class: As religious we are expected to have a gist of knowledge on all fields. One of those dimensions could be music. In order to make us past masters of musical instruments Bro. John Xavier generously spent his time in elucidating the musical notes very clearly. He is just phenomenal in his teaching. We learnt to write the musical notes. Even though the sessions were short it created an unquenchable thirst for music.

Intercultural Community CANADA. Bro. Jean-François Bonang (Sénégal) has got his visa and was able to reach Canada, becoming part of the Intercultural Community. He is now improving the English language along with Bro, Jean-Claude Musema (Kinshasa).
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