

Dear Fathers,

October 2017

Greetings to you all

Here are few information regarding our Province.

PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY IN December 2017:

The provincial council in consultation with the General Administration had planned to convene the Assembly this year. I am happy to inform you that Fr. Wismic the Vicar General and Fr. Rozario Menzes the General Counsellor will be present for the Assembly which will be held on **6th and 7th December 2017** at Maria Bhavan, I request all the confreres of our Province to be present without fail. It is an important moment for us to be together and share our views and to strengthen our Fraternal communion. Kindly mark it in your diary and book your travel tickets in advance. The schedule for the Assembly is also prepared by the Assembly committee, kindly find it in the attachment. All the communities and confreres in pastoral mission are requested to present a brief report of their activities. We prefer to have it presented in power point for Documentations and web uploading. Those who need any help can approach my Secretary.

FINAL PROFESSION AND DIACONATE: Our Six brothers who had under gone PPP course in France are back in India. Their Final profession will be on the **8th December 2017** and they will be ordained Deacons on the 10th December 2017 at Guru Mandir by Most Rev. K. William the Bishop of Mysore.

Prayer life: Our mission and our consecrated life can be vibrant only when it draws strength from the spiritual life. I hear that there are communities preoccupied with their ministries and their responsibilities at the same time we cannot neglect our prayer life. Let us make the renewal of prayer the first priority of our mission. Archbishop Justin Welby says *"If we want to see things changed, it starts with prayer. God's created community is perfectly designed for its time and place. It comes from Christians seeking Christ."* Renewal of prayer can result not just in personal transformation, but whole community and the province too.

Annual Retreat: Can.276/4 says that the Clerics are equally bound to make time for spiritual retreats according to the precepts of particular law. Due to the forth coming Assembly and the Final vows celebrations and our financial constraints the council has recommended that the Annual retreat for this year 2017 can be made personal and I request all the confreres to be faithful to this spiritual responsibility. The Attappady Retreat center in Kerala is spiritually enriching one and worth attending. The schedule for the year 2017 English retreat is from 10-15th December 2017. Kindly contact Fr. Joji for further details.

We hope to have the annual retreat in the year 2018 at our own house perhaps at the Novitiate house where the new extension work is going on and it will be ready by next year.

The New Grotto at Guru Mandir was inaugurated on the 12th October 2017. It was a remarkable moment for us Montfortians as it portrays the spirituality of Montfort. It attracts people from all Faith. I wish to congratulate the Staff of Guru Mandir for their hard work and successful completion of the beautiful Grotto. The photos are uploaded in our Website: montfortindia.com.

Marian Centre: It is really a revival of the activities of the Marian Centre at Maria Bhavan in the form of organizing summer courses and seminars periodically in collaboration with Dharmaram College. It provides an opportunity to reflect and live the Spirit of Mary.

Hearty Condolences to Fr. Norbert Lobo who has lost his younger sister Mrs. Isabel on 11th September 2017 in Canada. We offer our prayerful support to him and the bereaved family.

We also offer our prayers for our Fr. Cletus and his family members who lost his beloved mother Mrs. Kannimarial in the month of August 2017, we also support him in this moment of sadness and May our Lord give him the strength to accept this grief.

Maria Bhavan Annex (Study house/Hostel project): I had sent a mail in the month of May 2017 asking for your opinion with regard to the Maria Bhavan Hostel project in view of our self-sufficiency. As you know in the Joint venture company demanded 76% in the total share of the construction. This plan was rejected by the previous General Administration and asked us to start a project without losing the land. It is also supported by the New General Administration too. The finance committee and the Provincial council in India has had more than six rounds of consultations and we have accessed nearly Five Architects and Engineers. I am happy to inform you that we are working on the modalities and making some progress. Once again I appeal to you to provide us if you have any constructive suggestions or observations, however we would discuss in detail during our Forth coming Assembly to come to a final consensus.

*THE IMPORTANCE OF GOOD PEOPLE IN OUR LIFE IS JUST LIKE THE
IMPORTANCE OF HEART BEATS... IT IS NOT VISIBLE BUT SILENTLY SUPPORTS
OUR LIFE...*

GOD BLESS YOU

MICHAEL SMM