



Provincial Superior writes



Dear Brothers,

In this Eastertide, I take this opportunity to wish you and all our readers a BLESSED EASTER! May the Risen Lord brings us from Darkness into the Light, and that our lives may be transformed into the radiance of his wonderful light. May the grace of Easter restore your life into the light of Truth.

I was particularly struck by the Magnificat Antiphon of Wednesday of Easter Week 2 which states: "The man who lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God." This antiphon is very significant for us as we reflect further on the theme of the upcoming 31st General Chapter: "Authentic Leaders for a Greater Brotherhood."



In this light it is so important for us to live by the truth. In this we know that we as individual do not possess the whole truth but possibly a part of the truth. Thus in stating the truth we need to be keep in mind that we can only express a part of the truth. Being truthful in our dealings with each other is of utmost importance for us to live a life of greater brotherhood. Often we are expressing a portion of the truth and tended to impose it on others as though it is the only truth. A sense of awareness of our own limited view of the truth humbles us to seek out the truth in the others too.

By living not in the truth we are actually living in darkness. It is the truth that will enlighten us and thus it is important to live the truth in us and to seek out the truth in others. I often observe that many of us, if not all, tended to present the politically right statement but it may not be the truth. Some time a good reason may not be the true reason why we do certain things. More often than not, we will tell others what is a good reason but that may not be the true reason for our action. To be authentic leaders requires from us the need to present the truth as it comes to us. The temptation is for us to be politically right in what we say and we tended not to speak the truth.

My own observation shows that we, me included, tended to say what we think others like to hear but not what is the honest statement. Articulating the truth takes a lot of courage on our part. To state the truth and to stand by it requires tremendous courage. This is so as we have to live with the consequence of living the truth in our life. Jesus lived and died for the truth, such that Pontius Pilate asked him: "What is the truth?" Thus the call towards authenticity in our life is of utmost relevance for our Christian living.

The tendency to not speak the truth is very prevalent our day to day interaction with others. Often I find myself speaking to others what I would think they would like to hear or what is better sounding for them. Sometimes I may tend to cover my true motivation in stating a fact by way of sarcasm or some jokes. Sometimes I may speak in illusive ways such that decoding is needed to decipher the truth of my statement. Thus an authentic leader is one who can articulate the truth and to stand by it. The truth does not need our defense but needs us to proclaim it. Living in the truth of our life is to live in light and thus as stated in the antiphon, what we do will be done in God.

BLESSED EASTER to you!

Bro. Dominic Yeo Koh
Provincial Superior



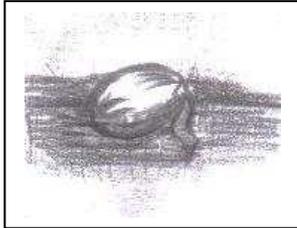


The Director of Montfort Youth Training Centre

writes. ~ Bro. Francis Chua



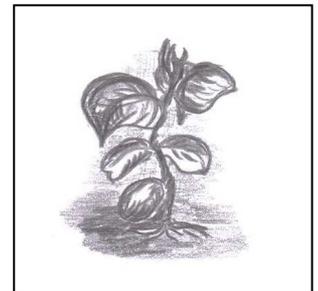
The tree is growing!



The beginning of Montfort Youth Training Centre has a history. It is about a seed that you and I have planted. Soon the seed broke through the ground and young shoot sprouted. While the young shoot continues to grow, it is apparent that more water and nutrients are needed. We cast wide our net to enlist more partnership. As the young tree grows, so is the Montfort's community. Twelve years later, that seed is now a tree, grown but not quite fully grown. The Montfort's community also grows. Today the tree bears fruits that are desirable and much sought after by many.

It is the story of the Montfort Youth Training Centre. It is also the story of you, the Brothers, Staff, donors, benefactors, friends and public-at-large. I want to take this occasion to thank you all, who are so generous and supportive, ever ready to respond whenever we call on you. May I take this opportunity to congratulate you for giving life to this Montfort Institution that produce qualified skilled workers as welders, carpenters, mechanics, tailors, and most of all, disciplined citizens with good moral values.

Yet it is not finished. The tree is growing and another branch in our Rural Youth Development Programme (San Damiano Boys Hostel) has sprouted. As such, it requires more water and nutrients to continue its harvest. For without them, it



Once again, I invite you to be our Partners to give life and a better future to the less fortunate Youth in our society. Come; let us fulfill our Social Responsibility to build up Youth for the growth of our Nation.

Montfort Youth Training Centre (MYTC) in Sabah

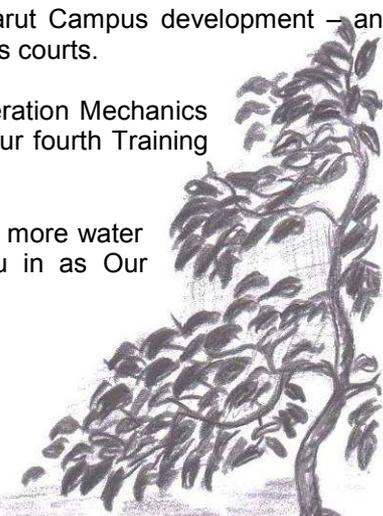
MYTC was set up in June 1999 with two pioneering Brothers of St. Gabriel from Shah Alam's Montfort Boys Town and four Staff. Under the makeshift facility on a 1.1-acre site in Penampang, the Brothers began the quest with 15 boys Trainees. Since then, many Youth from the rural and interiors of Sabah passed through the doors as qualified welders, mechanics, carpenters and tailors.

An overwhelming demand in admission led MYTC to embark on the Kinarut Campus development. After almost 10 years in the humble set-up, the Brothers, Staff and the boys Trainees moved into their new residence sited on a 10.86-acre comprising Residential Campus that can accommodate 200 boys Trainees, and a Skill Development Campus. The girls Trainees took over the occupancy of the premises in Penampang. Today, we have 120 boys Trainees and 30 girls Trainees in our student roll. On 28th May 2011, we will graduate 52 boys Trainees and 11 girls Trainees.

Due to lack of building fund, we have to shelve Phase III of our Kinarut Campus development – an Administrative Block cum Multipurpose Hall that doubled as indoor games courts.

Lastly but not least, we are starting another new skill course in Refrigeration Mechanics and Air Cond Repairs for 2012 intake. To this aim, we need to equip our fourth Training Workshop and engage necessary Instructors.

So, while the tree has grown and has begun to produce fruits, we need more water and nutrients to meet its continuous growth. We hope to count you in as Our Partners in this land that promises so much yielding!



**"Those Whom the World Neglects,
Must Move You the Most"
St. Louis Marie de Montfort**



News from Montfort Youth Training Centre and St. Gabriel's Fraternity, Sabah.



There were many events happened within the past two months of March and April. We would like to share with all the readers in picture form of the events. There's a common saying that, "A picture tells a thousand stories."



The Patronal Feastday of the Annunciation was celebrated with a simple lunch among the Brothers and staff. It was an honour to have the presence of Bro. Dominic Yeo-Koh, the Provincial Superior on that day.



Search-In Camp was organized on the 25th to 27th March 2011. The attendance was quite encouraging in spite of the minimum publicity. It was the second time organized by the Brothers in Sabah. The first camp was held in 2001 at Penampang Campus.



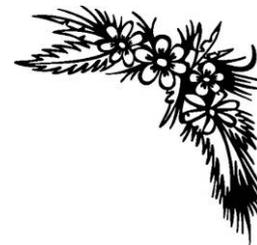
On 12 March, Bros Thomas and Kamusius had the opportunity to meet the youth of St. Theresa, Tambunan and to speak about the programme at MYTC.



The newly selected prefects training was held on 12th to 13th March, at OBS Annex.

7 April 2011, Donation from Datuk Chin of Kinabalu Foundation was received by the Director of MYTC.





The Brothers visited Mr. Chai Lian Fatt, a former student of MBT at his vegetables farm at Tambunan on 8 April 2011.



The Foot Washing on Holy Thursday

The Easter Triduum was celebrated with grandeur and colourful event of St Louis Marie De Montfort's feast. The Easter Triduum celebration was made possible with the presence of Fr. Ramon (SMM) from the Philippines. The Feastday triduum was facilitated by our own Bro. Raj. MYTC and the Brothers on the fraternity were very grateful towards both of them. During the feastday of Montfort, the Archbishop of Kota Kinabalu, Most Reverend Datuk John Lee was the main celebrant. Frs. Jalius and Ramon (SMM) con-celebrated the mass.



Veneration of the Cross



The Way of the Cross on Good Friday

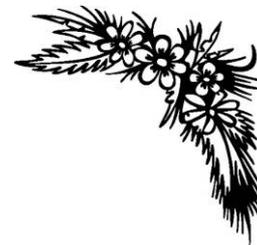


Light refreshment was served after the Easter Vigil Mass



Fr. Ramon (SMM), shared the life of Montfort during the feastday





"Montfort Cry" by the girls during the feastday.



The simple reception



Montfort's life on stage by the students

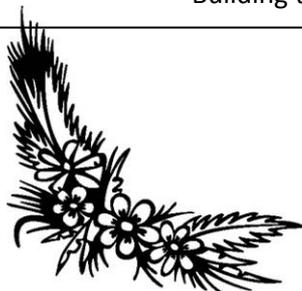
The month of April was concluded with an out door camping activities at Kuala Penyu from 29th April to 1st May. All the students spent three days and two nights camping by the sea side. Some of the students were like "fried prawns" because of sun burnt. Tired were they upon returning to the campus but none the less, they had enjoyed all the activities during the camping. The instructors from all the workshops were also involved in the camping.



Building the tent

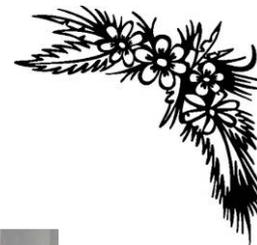


The girls rummaging from their package





New Faces in Montfort Youth Training Centre

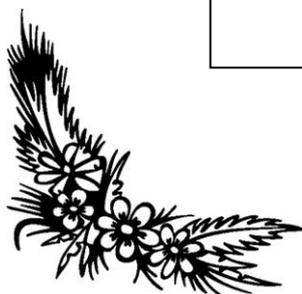


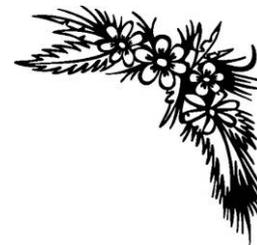
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Mr. Sergius (Workshop Production), Mr. Jasley (Student Affairs Office), Ms. Marcella (Public Affairs), Ms. Adeline (Accounts)

(Bottom: L-R)
Mr. John (Motor Mechanics), Mr. Thomas (Carpentry), Mr. Victor (Kitchen), Ms. Catherine (Kitchen)



Congratulations to
Mr. Jeremiah (Welding Dept) and Ms. Cornelia (Acc. Dept)
on their wedding day. (2 Feb 2011)





The Brothers were grateful for the visit of Mill Hill Missionary Fr. Mathew Carpenter and Poor Clare Sr. Annunciata on 7 February 2011.



Fr. Carpenter is a missionary in China.



Sr. Annunciata was a Franciscan Sister of the Immaculate Conception for 25 years before she decided to join the Cloistered Poor Clares in England. Prior to joining the cloister, she was at San Damiano, Kiulu.

