



BROTHERS OF ST GABRIEL

"Labor Omnia Vincit"



**All who recite the Rosary are my children, and brothers
and sisters of my only son Jesus Christ.**

(Our Lady of Fatima)



Provincial Superior's Message

Bro John Albert Arul Devanesan fsg

Dear Brothers, Sisters, Board of Governors,
Benefactors, Montfort Associates, Friends of Montfort,
Staffs, Students and Trainees,

Greetings to all of you!

“ALL THAT SPRINGS TO LIFE IN YOU, O LORD, YOUR GLORY SINGS.”

We are invited to take life seriously and become aware of the movements that is affecting us and shaping us. Our lives are passing through many events at a tremendous speed, some events motivates us while some may deplete us.

What should be **kept in focus** in the midst of these hustles and bustles of daily living?

Focus on our FAITH and its Vision. We need to constantly return to our “Source Life – GOD”

If our daily life is springing to life in God, then, we have reasons to thank, reasons to praise, reasons to sing and reasons to cry in hope.

Every event or happening becomes embraced in the Love of God.

The inward journey, outward journey and upward journey keeps unfolding with clarity and conviction.

We are in a world filled with tensions and conflict for which we have no solution but we need to keep springing to life.

We can offer the world a path of life that is stronger than death. Not that we are superhuman beings who do not feel pain or discouragement. Instead we are witnessing to fortitude and resilience in suffering.

Are we condoning to our oppressors, certainly not. We are confronting our own fears and anxieties. We keep testifying to the inner reality of lively faith and courageous hope.

Are we causing irritation to the people who believe in the power of their muscles, yes we are. We simply cannot plug the natural force of the inner spring within us from showering the face of the earth, softening it and enlivening the seeds of truth to flower everywhere.

In joy we cry out, “ALL THAT SPRINGS TO LIFE IN YOU, O LORD, YOUR GLORY SINGS”.

Rejoice my friends that we are God's Presence Bearers.



APS Assumption Pathway School Singapore

By Cecilia Nathen

A School of the Montfort Brothers of St. Gabriel

A number of Catholic activities for staff and students took place in the second quarter of this year.



APS staff and students at the Founder's Day Mass



Stations of the Cross session at the Montfort Room

The Founder's Day Mass was held at the school hall of Assumption English School (AES) on Friday, 28 April 2017. This is the first year, since AES moved back to its renewed premises, that Founder's Day Mass is celebrated on a large scale among APS, AES and Boys' Town. Our Catholic students also helped out by running a games stall during the Feast Day celebration at Church of St Joseph (Bukit Timah) on Sunday, 7 May 2017. Since the completion of the Montfort Room at the beginning of this year, formation sessions have been held for both students and staff. Sessions includes Stations of the Cross and an introduction to meditation.



Session on an Introduction to Meditation



Running a games stall at Church of St Joseph (Bukit Timah) during their Feast Day celebration



APS staff from the Desktop Publishing & Design department explaining the course curriculum to the Bros Prem and Vasanth.

Two Montfort brothers from India were in APS in April for a 2-day visit. The Montfort brothers also run Industrial Training Institutes in India. Both Brother Prem Sagar and Brother Vasanth Kumar, who were from the Province of Pune, spent time with some of our staff to learn more about our vocational education at APS.

The Love & Gratitude Charity Concert on Saturday, 6 May 2017 was a huge success. This fundraising event has provided a new learning experience for our students who were on duty that night. The funds raised will certainly value-add to the School's programmes and initiatives in the years to come. We are extremely grateful to Goh Lee Hiang Memorial Fund and to Mr Christopher Chng for the generous support given to our School.



Tay Eng Soon Awardee, Nooralijah bte Mohamed Abdul Jalil receiving her award from Guest of Honour,

We are very proud of our graduate, Nooralijah bte Mohamed Abdul Jalil from our Desktop Publishing & Design course, who received the prestigious Tay Eng Soon Award during this year's Graduation ceremony. Nooralijah was the President of our Student Council and had taken part in many community activities while at APS. She is currently pursuing her Nitec in Visual Communication at the Institute of Technical Education, College Central.

the winner for APS Got Talent in 2015 and came to the Top 20 finalist for Anugerah 2017, a popular singing competition organised by Suria Channel, Mediacorp. Fatihah was an active performer in APS and has participated in many school and community events and competitions.

The School was also happy to see ex-student Siti Fatihah coming back to perform for us during our Graduation ceremony. Fatihah was

Ex-student Siti Fatihah performing at the Graduation ceremony



Come next year, APS would have been serving the Montfortian education mission for ten years! We've already had several batches of graduands since its inception and we are now placing efforts into engaging the alumni to be part of our growing community of school partners. Our alumni partners coming on board will be a testimony to our students, of their potential to be active contributors to both community and society. Whether it is excellence in one's chosen vocational career, like Nooralijah, or pursuing a passion, like Siti Fatihah, APS is always gratified when our graduates become living examples to other students, that success can be achieved through hard work and perseverance.



Montfort Junior School (MJS), Singapore

By Ng Li Yi



Washing of the Feet during Holy Week

Our Catholic students and their parents came together to experience the humility and service in washing one another's feet. They watched movie scenes of Jesus washing the feet of His disciples at the Lord's Supper and in small groups, discussed what Jesus was teaching His disciples. Some profound sharing came forth, even from the younger students, such as 'we should be humble; even when we do well, we should not boast about it'. The prospect of 'playing' with water on a

school-day was exciting and they could hardly wait to start the act of washing feet! It was a moving experience for the facilitators to watch how tenderly the boys went about the task, emulating the way Jesus did it in the movie scenes.

Easter Craft-Work

To celebrate Easter, the students used their recesses to work on sun-catcher crosses, which were then strung across the canteen to twirl in the breeze and catch the sunlight streaming in. This symbolises the empty tomb of Jesus who rose from the dead.



Commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima



To commemorate the feast day and 100th anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima, Catholic teachers, parents and students, guests of honour- Brother Dominic Yeo-Koh, Brother John Albert, and SMC Chairman James Cher came together to pray the Glorious Mysteries of the Holy Rosary, ending with a prayer to Our Lady of Fatima. Upon finishing prayers, a helium-filled balloon rosary was released to float above the school courtyard, amid much applause and excited shouting. The non-Catholic students all crowded along the corridors to watch the extremely loud praying

and much anticipated release of the balloon rosary. Those watching from the corridors commented that the presence of God was palpable when the prayers were going on.

Virtual Reality in Social Studies pilot



Imagine going on three learning journeys within an hour of a Social Studies lesson with just the click of a button! By using virtual reality in the classroom, such immersive learning experiences were brought into the classroom instead of bringing pupils on a half-day school trip.

Our teachers conducted lessons on “Architecture in Singapore” and “Farming in Singapore”. Our pupils were astonished as they first put on the VR goggles. They were engaged as the virtual guide shared the history and learning points within the VR video.

101th Founder’s Day



Saturday, 22 April 2107 saw the Montfort community gather together to celebrate Montfort Schools’ 101st Founder’s Day. The theme ‘Forward into the Next Century’, signals the commitment to continue to make Montfort Schools relevant for the future. Mr Tan Lye Huat, former Vice-Chairman of our schools School Management Committee, who shared how Montfort had shaped his life was the Guest of Honor for the event. The celebration included our award and prize giving ceremony as well as performances. The two combined performances by the both schools, the impressive Wushu and amazing Dance items truly showed the One Montfort Spirit.



Montfort Secondary School (MSS), Singapore

By Priya Prasad

Aesthetics Co-Curricular Activities' Achievements

Our aesthetics groups have worked hard the last few months to prepare for the 2017 Singapore Youth Festival Arts Presentation and have returned with stellar results! This journey, built timeless camaraderie amongst the students and every student grew to become a resilient individual who aimed for excellence in every endeavour.



Military Band

The Military Band performs in various school events and public performances throughout the year and drew an audience of about 500 people in their last annual concert, In-Sync 2016. With diligence and relentless dedication, the band achieved a Certificate of Distinction in the Singapore Youth Festival 2017 Arts Presentation for Band (Concert) for their stellar performance.

Chorale

Montfort's Chorale has actively participated in various events, providing opportunities for the members to gain stage exposure and confidence. With the focus to cultivate life-long appreciation of the Arts, the team has spent much time and effort through enrichment classes to improve choral skills. With this dedication and passion, the team was able to achieve a Certificate of Distinction in the Singapore Youth Festival 2017 Arts Presentation for Choir three years in a row!



Drama

The Drama Club focuses on character and social development. Students not only learn to appreciate and demonstrate drama and production-related skills, but also develop empathy for others when they discuss social issues and present them through plays and presentation. As a team, the students work seamlessly and with phenomenal cohesion to meet the strenuous requirements of every performance. The team's efforts and relentless strive for excellence was rewarded with

the Certificate of Distinction in the Singapore Youth Festival 2017 Arts Presentation for Drama.



School Management Committee Appreciation Dinner

An appreciation dinner was held at “The Art” (Assumption Restaurant for Training) on 5 May 2017 to thank 3 outstanding Montfortian gentlemen for their loyal and dedicated services to their alma mater. Mr Chua Cher Cher Choon, Mr Tan Lye Huat and Mr Gabriel Teo served the School Management Committee (SMC) for more than 20 years until they stepped down this year. Each of the 3 gentlemen led by example on living a life of a servant-leader. Despite their professional and family commitments, they stepped forward to serve in the SMC. In doing so, they supported Montfort in the school management and also spearheaded the fundraising projects in their tenures. The appreciation dinner was attended by members of the SMC, Montfort Alumni, Principals and Vice-Principals of MJS and MSS, Bro Dominic Yeo-Koh and Bro John Albert of Montfort Brothers of Saint Gabriel - Singapore, as well as Mr Lim Boon Heng (the Honorary Life President of the Montfort Alumni). It was an evening of great food and Montfortian comradeship! *(Text and pictures adapted from Montfort Alumni-Singapore)*



Boys' Town



By Trevor Chan



Boys serving at Willing Hearts

On 22 April 2017, 7 boys spent 2 days at Willing Hearts to learn about service. Willing Hearts is a soup kitchen run by volunteers as the kitchen prepares and distributes 5,000 meals daily over 40 locations in Singapore.

Not only did the boys learn how to prepare and pack food, they also got to learn about the beneficiaries of Willing Hearts. The boys were actively involved in the operations and showed enthusiasm in their willingness to lend a helping hand.

(Pic: Our boys hard at work and dedicated to the tasks on hand.)

Boys' Town Adventure Centre

Boys' Town received the Certificate of Statutory Completion in April to begin running the Adventure programme. So far several groups of students, companies and members of the public have scaled the high walls, abseiled the 15m tower and climbed the indoor bouldering wall. The adventure centre has conducted over 16 programmes and has reached out to over 800 people through talks, conferences and workshops. In the coming months, the centre aims to connect with more clients and especially youth at risks to benefit through the elements of adventure.



A corporate programme using bouldering wall to conduct their conflict management workshop.



Boys' Town Fostering Services Event

Throughout the year, Boys' Town Fostering Service (BTFS) continuously engages and educates members of the public through roadshows, community-based events and corporate lunch talks. As part of the outreach efforts to spread awareness of fostering to families in the heartlands, BTFS held a recent roadshow at Bedok Mall from the 5th to the 11th of April. During the roadshow, the BTFS' team engaged 794 individuals and met 10 prospective foster parents and 17 volunteers.



Boys' Town Flag Day

Boys' Town successfully conducted our annual nation-wide Flag Day on 31 May reaching out to the public all over Singapore. We received heartwarming support from several schools and the public who volunteered to carry our tins to help raise funds to support our programmes. We are grateful to all who have given their generous support to further our cause. Our staff issuing Flag Day tins to the volunteers at the Jurong East centre.

Boys' Town Celebrates Aidilfitri



Assistant Director Dr. Roland Yeow (left) and Chaplain Mr Wilson Chew clad in their best for the season



Abundance of food to satisfy the hungry stomach

A simple lunch reception was organized by the staff of Boy's Town on the 28th June, to mark the Aidilfitri (end of fasting month for the Moslems). It is in solidarity with the Moslems staff that the celebration was held. It is also a sign of unity and harmony of the multi-religious and multi-cultural Singaporeans. *Selamat Hari Raya* to all Moslem brothers and sisters.

MeToYou

A Programme by MontfortCare

By Justin Tan



MeToYou Cyber Care is a Cyber Wellness Programme for youth aged 12 to 18. Our aim is to improve the lives of youth and their surrounding systems who are facing challenges associated with the cyber world. We believe in working with parents because parents are in the best position to support their children and hence we started the P.R.E.P. Parents' Support Group.

P.R.E.P. stands for ***Pathological Internet Addiction, Reconnecting with Effective Parenting***. As the name suggests, the aim of our parent support group is to prepare and equip parents to better manage their children in this cyber age. In P.R.E.P., we will be exploring what Internet addiction is and how parents can engage and connect with their youths. Through P.R.E.P. we also hope to impart and exchange effective parenting tips and skills and at the same time providing a safe and supportive environment for parents to share and learn.

Our 5th round of P.R.E.P. kicked off on 12th January 2017. This run of P.R.E.P welcomed a total of 6 participants. They came to the sessions with hearts full of questions on their children's gaming behaviours and what can be done for them. Psychoeducation on the functions of gaming helped parents to understand the needs of the youths beyond the game playing. Youth developmental stages were also introduced to parents, helping them realise that their parenting challenges are commonplace and in part a result of their youth's need for more autonomy and relationships out of the family. Many other topics were also covered by the MeToYou facilitators over the course of the programme.

Sharing also came from parent participants, and we appreciate the openness they showed during this run. Sharing with respect and receiving with an open mind, one parent experienced a particularly enriching session as the group collectively tackled a current challenge with her child that she was struggling with. Through the discussion, she was able to gain valuable knowledge from other parents who had faced similar situations and gave feedback that she was greatly encouraged by their displays of empathy.

All our participants were evidently very heartened to hear from each other and they found solace in, sought advice from and bonded with one another throughout the 4 sessions of P.R.E.P. It has indeed been a fruitful journey for both the parents and MeToYou caseworkers and we look forward in anticipation for the next P.R.E.P. sessions



Assumption English School (AES), Singapore

By Mr Quek Ser Hiang



Student Leaders' march-in led by the Student Council's incoming President Ayu Permata Halim Mendoza (left) and outgoing President, Trina Ng Hai Ling.



CCA Leaders receiving their badges from our Subject Head, Physical Education, Mr Khau Lip Sing.

as Ayu received her appointment with a calm and yet determined resolute to lead the school with a shared vision and purpose.

The student leaders then took the Student Leaders' Pledge to honour their roles as individuals in service to the school and community, before leading Assumptionites in singing the school song. Through this simple, but momentous ceremony, our student leaders have begun their journey to carry out their duties and responsibilities to the best of their abilities.

STUDENT LEADERS' INVESTITURE 2017

The Student Leaders' Investiture was held on Thursday, 6 April 2017. This year's Investiture was unlike the previous years in that all newly-elected student leaders from various classes, Co-Curricular Activities (CCAs) and the Student Council were inaugurated in a formal ceremony. It was also an occasion to thank and bid farewell to the graduating cohort of leaders who had served the school well.

Marching in to the grand instrumental piece, 'Chariots of Fire', and to the loud cheers of their peers and teachers, the student leaders walked down the red carpet with pride. The march-in was led by Trina Ng Hai Ling, the outgoing President of the Student Council, alongside Ayu Permata Halim Mendoza, the incoming President of the Student Council, followed by the Councillors, CCA Leaders and Class Chairpersons.

In the ceremony, every student leader received a leader's badge as a mark of prestige. It also serves to give recognition to our student leaders as they carry out their duties. The highest accolade was awarded to the Student Councillors, who represent the apex of a student's leadership journey in the school.

The Investiture reached its climax with the handover of the flag from Trina to Ayu, symbolising a new realm of leadership roles and duties. It was indeed a symbolic moment for all –



The handover of the school flag signifies the handing over of duties from the outgoing President to the incoming President of the Student Council.



The student leaders taking the Student Leaders' Pledge, led by President of Student Council 2017, Ayu Permata Halim Mendoza.



The Assumption Family Portrait - student leaders with the school leaders.

AES FOUNDER'S DAY & PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY

On Friday, 28 April 2017, Assumption English School celebrated our Founder's Day with the Montfort's Feast Day Mass, followed by the annual Prize-Giving Ceremony. The students and staff gathered as a family to celebrate Montfort's Feast Day Mass. The Mass was celebrated by Father Edmund Chong, the Parish Priest of St Joseph Church, Bukit Timah. The celebration allowed all Assumptionites to give thanks to our founder, St Louis Marie de Montfort, for the blessings the school has received, and for his strong guiding principles which formed the foundation of our educators in



nurturing our students to becoming young men and women of character and learning in the Montfortian Spirit of Charity and Love.

At the annual Prize-Giving Ceremony, the school celebrated the academic and co-curricular achievements of Assumptionites with Mr Richard Tan, our Guest-of-Honour and Treasurer of the School Management Committee. Graduates from the school who attained academic excellence in 2016 were also invited to receive their accolades on stage and more importantly, to share and inspire their juniors with their success stories.

Each year, the presentation of the Emmanuel Leadership Award and the Vincent Award of Excellence forms the highlight of the entire ceremony. The Emmanuel Leadership Award recognises the Assumptionite who has exhibited strong leadership qualities and outstanding character in the service of the school and community. The recipient of this prestigious Award is Daniel Gerard Joseph, from the graduating class of 2016.



The Vincent Award of Excellence, the highest honour in all of AES, recognises holistic excellence and is presented to the most outstanding student who has excelled in all aspects of a student's school life. The recipient of this Award is Saw Ern Ern, an Assumptionite who exemplifies the school's vision and values, and is a role model to our students.

The ceremony was a proud moment for all the award recipients who have worked diligently to achieve their goals. The ceremony not only celebrated success, but also served as an encouragement to all Assumptionites to keep the spirit of learning alive, and to continue seeking excellence in all that they do.



Montfort Boys' Town, Shah Alam

By Arulannandam S

Montfort Feast Day 28th April 2017 - Feast Day 2017 with a theme "Journeying in the Holistic Education of St. Louis Marie De Montfort"

Celebrating this Feast every year is always a new experience of our founder has so much to give us though he passed away over 300 years ago. Reaching out to the needy ones is an unexplainable involvement which brings about hope and joy to the giver and the receiver.

In preparation for the Feast we had a half a day session related to some of the values of Montfort took place on the 10 April 2017. The session was facilitated by Bro. Mark and Bro. Robin D.

The different units came up with skits and songs which expressed the values from the input that they had gained.

Triduum was held from 25.04.17 till 27.04.17. Three different persons shared their encounter and knowledge based on the theme.



His Eminence Soter Cardinal Fernandes presiding the Eucharistic Celebration



Bro. KM Joseph presenting the drawing "Gandhi" to His Eminence.

On the actual feast day, we started with the Eucharistic celebration after which we had the Lion Dance followed by half a day outdoor eco-friendly event. Our first Malaysian Cardinal, His Eminence Soter Cardinal Fernandes and Emeritus Archbishop Murphy Pakiam were our invited guests. Some religious group members were also present for the occasion. We were also blessed with the presence of Bro. KM Joseph, Assistant General in our midst during the celebration. He presented a drawing to His Eminence as a token of appreciation. The Drawing "Gandhi" was drawn by MBT Staff, Miss Mary Ann. All present were impressed with the celebration as this was the first time the Feast day was celebrated in the morning and it was an open air function.

News in Pictures



Montfort Alumni Day on 1st May 2017. Many former students turned up on that day and had assembly in the hall where Bro. Robin addressed them. They had a fun time having tele-match with all our present students.



Open House 2017 – Open house carnival was held on 7th May 2017. Big thanks to the ex-students from Cameron Highlands who donated vegetables and flowers. Huge crowd turn up to support this annual event and it was a successful event.



Graduation 2017 – graduation ceremony was held on 14th May 2017. Total of 149 boys and 50 girls graduated in their respective discipline. Mr. Chand Bhandari was the Guest of Honor and wished all graduate a progressive working life.



Friendly football matches with Alam Mega Team. Pix above showed the Mega Alam team.



Friendly basketball match with church group



The Stations of the Cross during Good Friday



Montfort Youth Centre, Melaka

By Ms. Laura and Ms. Theresa

JOB INTERVIEW FOR SCHOOL LEAVERS

50 students will be graduating on 18 June 2017 and some had sought MYC to help them look for jobs. Three days of interview sessions were held for different employers to interview the students. All those who attended the interview were employed! We congratulate them and thank the employers for their trust in our holistic education.

VISITING SUNDAY 1

The first Visiting Sunday of the year was held on 2nd April, and was well attended by parents/guardians who came early in the morning, eager to meet the students. Armed with food brought from home, they stayed to have a meal together after meeting up with Bro. Peter K and MYC staff.

15th OPEN HOUSE CHARITY CARNIVAL

It was a colourful carnival with huge crowds turning up at MYC 15th Open House Charity Carnival on the 21st May 2017. There were 52 stalls of food, drinks, games etc. The Thrift Shop had an over flowing of clothes and bric-a-bracs donated by the public. There were fresh vegetables donated by MYC ex-student delivered all the way from Cameron Highlands. MYC bakery boys were selling bread, cakes and cookies they had baked. The entertainers on stage were mesmerizing the crowd who were seated in the hall savouring the food sold at different stalls. Children and adults tried out the games and even took the Tram ride which was set up by students from the Motor Mechanics Department. It was an eventful day full of happenings in the spirit of charity at every stall.



CIMB FOUNDATION

On the 26th May, the CIMB Foundation visited MYC and donated an amount of RM52,500.00 worth of IT equipment for the Computer Maintenance Department. The Regional Director, Pn. Rabi'ah and associates of CIMB visited MYC for the ribbon-cutting ceremony. They were touched by how the mission was run and Pn. Rabi'ah specially requested for the school song to be sung. We thank CIMB Foundation for sharing their love.

VISITORS FROM AROUND THE GLOBE



Bro. KM Joseph, Assistant General, was in MYC from 29th April to 1st May for a visit. It was his maiden visit to the Province of Singapore-Malaysia. He is also the International Commissioner of Education.



On the 3rd to 7th May, two Brothers from Pune Province, India visited MYC. Bro. Prem Sagar (2nd from left) from Fatima Industrial Training Centre (ITC), Kazipet, Telangana and Bro. Vasanth Kumar (4th from left) from Montfort Private Industrial Training Institute, Corlin, Tiswadi, Goa.



20th March, 2017: Visitors from Montfort Technical Institute, Aklan, Phillipines. The delegates were led by Bro. John Britto (6th from left). The Provincial Director for Technical Training, Dr Julius Romero (8th from left – standing at the back) was among the delegates.

Thank you for visiting us at MYC and the exchange of knowledge and experiences were awesome. Hope to meet again someday.



CRIME PREVENTION TALK

Through the kindness of Mr. Lawrence Prosper, MYC Board member, DSP V. Gunasegaran, Head of Crime Prevention and Officers from the Police Department were at MYC to give a talk on Community Crime Prevention to the staff and students of MYC on the 23rd May. The Officers provided shocking statistics and created great awareness to all present.

WORKSHOP SKILLS COMPETITION



Skills competition was held from 29th May to 6th June for students' in their respective workshops. The mechanics competed in engine top overhaul, the computer technicians competed in Photoshop and Website Design, the electrical students in General Maintenance did 3 Phase Motor Control System while the welders competed in shielded metal arc welding (SMAW). The basic criteria for the competition were safety, neatness, handling of tools, thinking skills and of course, time. The General Studies Department

rowed along. Students competed in storytelling and in Malaysia states competition. Congratulations to all for the competitive spirit!

GRADUATION DAY 2017



18 June – Batch 15 students armed themselves with a big grin as they march to the stage to receive their certificates and awards. It was a great honour to have Managing Director of Bosch Malaysia, Mr. Simon Song to officiate the event. Graduation is an important milestone which had motivated these 50 youths in their learning journey at MYC. We thank the Brothers, educators, teachers and staff who had inspired and motivated them to reach their goals. As in the words of Eleanor Roosevelt: “The future belongs to

those who believe in the beauty of their dreams”; had truly echoed the theme of Batch 15 Graduation Day: “Dream It Possible”. To our graduates, well done and congratulations!

Mission in Myanmar

by Mr. Shane Linn Htet

Students' performance

Normally, the students learning English have to show their talent and performance once a week. As usual, the students showed their talent and performance, gathering in a classroom. Tr. Martino, Tr. Bernard, Tr. Angela, Tr. Yamon and Tr. Ko Shane joyed their students' performance and so did Bro Dominic as a special guest. After the students' performance, Bro Dominic encouraged the students and Tr. Bernard gave feedback on the students' performance. Finally Tr. Martino said conclusion speech.



Getting together for a chit-chat

On the day the students' showed their performance, Bro Dominic and ALL-teachers got together for a chit-chat in the staff room for about 20 minutes. Bro Dominic asked the teachers how they found their teaching. The volunteer teachers told Bro Dominic about their feeling and difficulties during Summer Holiday English Programme (SHEP). Bro Dominic gave them some advice them.



Mr. Martino announced the meeting of ALL-staff to do evaluation on SHEP on the next day.

ALL-staff Meeting to evaluate 2017 SHEP and to plan for 2018 SHEP



There was a staff meeting at 9 A.M. on Friday. Firstly, they said opening prayer. In the meeting, Bro Dominic explained PIE (Planning, Implementing and Evaluating). Then Bro. Dominic and teachers evaluated 2017 SHEP and read students' feedback. After reading students' feedback, they divided the feedback into 3 categories: Strength, Weakness and Suggestion and put the facts from students' feedback into the related categories.

Then they discussed about weakness first and took notes for the solutions that Bro Dominic suggested. After about, they discussed about strength. The meeting got to an end around 1 P.M. At about 1:30 pm, they had lunch together. The meeting was led by Mr. Martino. Minutes of the meeting was taken by Mr. Shane.

Exam and Closing ceremony

The final exam was brought to Starter students on June 1, 2017 (Thursday). Bernard, a main teacher of Starter class, asked Ko Shane the help with speaking test. So, Ko Shane examined the students' speaking skills. On June 2, 2017 (Friday), Beginner and Elementary students had to sit for the final exam. After the final exam, all the students from Starter, Beginner and Elementary celebrated farewell party. Firstly, Tr. Martino said opening speech. Then the students showed their talent and performance. They sang and did the role-plays. After that Tr. Martino promoted the new English and Computer courses to the students and invited those who would like to be teachers and then he encouraged the students to make progress. Finally, they took group photos and had fried noodles together.



Teacher Training



The ten-day teacher training program was successfully finished. In the second week, the trainees had to do lesson plans of 20 minute-teaching practicum one by one. After each trainee's teaching, other trainees and trainer gave him/her feedback pointing out their strength and weakness. Before the feedback, each one had to reflect and wrote the reflection in the Performance-Appraisal. By Friday, trainees were given a two-hour test. The trainees who did all assignment, passed exam and participated full ten days will be given a certificate in the first week of the new English and Computer course on Friday's Performance.

Teaching activity

MONTFORTIAN EDUCATION CHARTER (MEC) MALAYSIA by Theresa Sia

Melaka: In response to the call for the Education Commission to hold an inter-institution meeting for the Malaysian Sector during the 2nd Provincial Council meeting held on 29-30 November 2016 at Montfort Centre, Singapore, the Montfortian Education Commission Chairman, Bro. Peter K, initiated the MEC Malaysia from 4-6 April 2017 at the Good Shepherd Seminary, Malacca.

The 3-day session was conducted by Bro. Dominic Yeo Koh (sg), Supervisor of Schools, Singapore. The session was attended by 21 key personnel and Brothers from the 3 Institutions in Malaysia i.e. Montfort Boys Town (including Montfort Girls Campus), Montfort Youth Training Centre and Montfort Youth Centre. Bro. Dominic shared on how the schools in Singapore have started to put into action the Dimensions of Montfortian Education. As time goes by, our environment change, so do our needs, said Bro. Dominic. We have to follow the sign of the times. Giving the technical skills as an example, Bro. Dominic said that if we hold on to the old school, our students will be left jobless. We have to adapt to the present situation and learn the fast changing technologies or we will lose out in our educative mission.

Later, the participants were divided into mixed-groups for sharing and then to their respective Institutions for sharing on the various Dimensions. During the activity session, the groups acted out while others sang the values of the specific Dimension given. It was fun and everyone enjoyed it. A

more serious discussion followed with deeper discussion on how the various Dimensions would be implemented in their respective Institutions. From the sharing by the 3 Institutions, it was realised that all the Montfort Institutions are in actual fact already practicing most of the values. The Charter has given a jump-start to strengthen these values. An in depth study has to be done at the Institution level in order to implement the Dimensions fully and to get all stakeholders involve.



News in Pictures



Singapore: The three institutions (Assumption English School, Assumption Pathway School and Boys' Town) in Boys' Town Campus celebrated the Feast day of St. Louis Marie de Montfort on 28 April. The celebration was hosted by Assumption English School. Fr. Edmund Chong, the Parish Priest presided the mass.



Singapore: Congratulations to Mr. Paul Molina, our former Aspirant, who tied his knot with Ms. Kimberly Jean Bertulfo on 29 April 2017. May Love always reigns in their hearts and be an example for all married couples.



Singapore: In April, we were blessed for the visit of Bro. KM Joseph (Assistant General) to our province in and also Bro. Prem and Bro. Vasanth from Pune Province who did their study tour in our province.



Sabah: Catholic Staff and Montfortian Associates Spiritual Formation on 15-17 May. It was facilitated by Ms. Ana Marie Fondevilla and Ms. Fe Habijan. Both are members of the *Friends of Wisdom* (Associates of the Daughters of Wisdom) in the Philippines.



Singapore: The first Annual Retreat and Renewal of Consecration of the Montfortian Associates (MAM) was held on 19-21 May. The retreat was facilitated by Ms Ana and Ms Fe. Eleven (11) MAM made their renwas of Consecratio. Their lively interaction with MAM and invaluable input are most appreciated. (Pic: Ms Geneveive Chye, the President of the MAM Singapore renewing her Consecration)



The Blessings of the Heritage Building

Singapore: The Heritage building was blessed on the 8th June, 2017. It went under renovation works and was completed recently. Now, it housed the Heritage Room, Brothers Quarters, Hostels, Montfort Care and also the Adventure Park training facilities and equipment.

The Wisdom Chapel Blessing

Singapore: The Wisdom Chapel was blessed on the 8th June, 2017. The chapel is part of the the Brothers' Quarters in the Heritage Building. A community of Brothers used to stay at Montfort Centre (just a stone-throw away) until the Heritage Building was renovated and they moved-in in April 2017.



Memorandum of Understanding

Shah Alam: The Memorandum of Understanding (Renewal) between the Cannosians Daughters of Charity and the Brothers of St. Gabriel was signed on the 20th June for the Girls Programme at Montfort Boys' Town, Shah Alam. The Cannosians Sisters and the Brothers of St. Gabriel had been in partnership since the Girls programme started in 2001.

