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## MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

*Dear Staff Members, Students and Friends of Montfort,*

Seventeen years ago on 20<sup>th</sup> June 1999, Montfort Youth Training Centre opened its doors to the first batch of Trainees, and thus began its education journey to reach out to youths in Sabah and Sarawak. It has been an exciting journey, made possible and meaningful by the gift of many Donors, Benefactors and Friends of Montfort who repeatedly give their financial support, their time and energy to help raise Montfort to where she is standing today.

Our Chairman and Board of Governors continue to play an active role in steering the Institution in the right direction. My heartiest congratulations to our Chairman, Tan Sri Bernard Giluk Dompok, on his appointment as Malaysia's very first Ambassador to the Holy See.

We will be holding our 10th Annual Montfort Charity Golf Tournament on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2016. Under the capable leadership of our Board Member, Mr. Willie Wong and his dedicated Organising Committee and ably assisted by Datuk Henry Goh, we are deeply encouraged by the responses of the Donors and Supporters who continue to support us. With your involvement and investment in Montfort, we are enabled to continue providing for the Youths' education and formation. On behalf of our youths, I thank you and thank God for the gift of you all.

On 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2016, we commemorated the Tercentenary of the Death of our Founder, St. Louis Marie Grignon de Montfort, and the Origin of the Brothers of St. Gabriel. As you will read from the pages that follow, we had various activities to mark the milestone meaningfully.

To the Trainees of Batch 16 who graduated on 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2016, my congratulations to you for having successfully completed your two-year training programme in Montfort. Most of you have testified that the Programme was so tough that you almost dropped out. But through your determination and perseverance, you crossed the finishing line to claim the victory of success. You have exemplified the Montfortian spirit, "Do the Best, Give the Best, Be the Best". As you begin the new phase of your life, I can only quote what one of our former Graduates had shared, "After graduation, there are only two roads to take – either you take the Montfort road or you fall back to your old ways". The responsibility is yours.

As I end my term of offices as Director of MYTC and Provincial Superior at the end of this month, I take this opportunity to record my thanks and appreciation to all the Brothers of St. Gabriel in our Province, the Board of Governors, the Management Committee and all the Staff Members of MYTC for journeying closely with me, through thick and thin, in the building and sustenance of our mission in Sabah. To our Friends and Benefactors, my deepest appreciation and thanksgiving to God for the gift of each one of you who have been journeying with Montfort over the past 17 years. Because of you all, we can receive another 100 new Trainees at our main campus in Kinarut. Together, we *Build Youth Build Nation*. MYTC is now in good hands and well positioned for the laity to play a more vital role. I will be heading back to Melaka and will take a one-year of Sabbatical Leave.

God bless you all.

*Bro Francis Chua sg*



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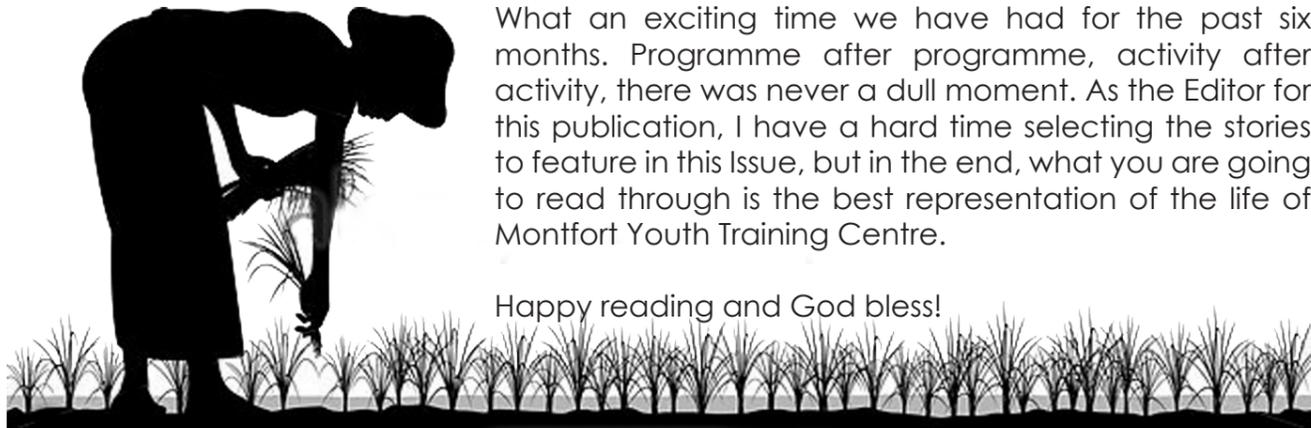
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# Editorial

Greetings of Peace and Joy to all of you!

What an exciting time we have had for the past six months. Programme after programme, activity after activity, there was never a dull moment. As the Editor for this publication, I have a hard time selecting the stories to feature in this Issue, but in the end, what you are going to read through is the best representation of the life of Montfort Youth Training Centre.

Happy reading and God bless!



## Ambassador To the Holy See

**H**is Excellency Tan Sri Bernard Dompok, the Chairman of MYTC Board of Governors, was appointed as the Malaysia's inaugural ambassador to the Holy See on 17th March 2016. To celebrate the significant appointment, the Institution organised a Thanksgiving Mass and dinner on 3rd April 2016.



Bro Francis Chua in his congratulatory speech shared with the guests who were mostly from the Mandani Clan that Tan Sri played the pivotal role in initiating the Montfort mission in Sabah and in the establishment of Montfort Youth Training Centre. The Trainees put up several performances including a poem delivered in both English and Kadazan as a recognition of Tan Sri Bernard's advocacy for the teaching of Kadazandusun language in the schools.



Tan Sri Bernard & Puan Sri Diana with Board Members and their spouses

# VISITS BY FOUNDATIONS

**O**n 12th April 2016, Datuk Chin Chee Kee, the Chairman of Kinabalu Foundation, together with Datuk Vincent Shia, the Director of the Foundation, and Mr. Chang Shee Shyun, the Assistant Executive Secretary, paid their annual visit to our Centre. They presented the 2016 grant of RM50,000 to Bro. Francis Xavier Gasper in the presence of the Management, Staff and Trainees.



In his address to the Trainees, Datuk Chin commended the Trainees for their good command of English and reminded them that discipline, determination and perseverance are needed to succeed in life. He said that Kinabalu Foundation has been supporting Montfort since 2005 and because the Foundation believes in the Montfort Programme, the Board has decided to increase its annual grant from RM30,000 to RM50,000.

**T**he Malaysian Community Education Foundation (MCEF) represented by Ms. Shanti Periasamy, the Head of Project, Ms. Sumathi Sankaran, Associate Grant/HR and Ms. Yamunaa Sivalingam, the Admin Assistant, visited Sabah from 19th to 24th April 2016. To welcome them, the Trainees put up a cultural performance showcasing their creative talents.

Besides Montfort, they also visited other beneficiaries, namely St. Teresa's Hostel in Kota Marudu, Mother of Divine Grace Hostel in Kota Belud and Asrama Butitin Nabawan. The visit was to enable them to better



understand the various missions they support, including Montfort.

The Management and some of the Staff took some time off to accompany the visitors to Kota Marudu, Kota Belud and Nabawan and at the same time, to build relationship with fellow social workers in the educative field.

## OUTREACH CAMP *at Kg. Mandalipau*

The Students Affairs Department organised an outreach camp for 72 Senior Trainees at Kg. Mandalipau from 11th to 13th March 2016 as part of the departmental bonding session. On the second day of the Camp, the Trainees went to St. Dominic Savio's Chapel and did community services to clear the debris from the construction of the chapel as well as visiting some of the elderly folks to share some food with them. In the same evening, the Trainees had a fellowship dinner and campfire with the villagers from the kampong.

At the same time, the Junior Trainees had their camping at the Tampasak Farm and did similar community services to clear the orchard and harvest the fruits and the fish.

Part of the camping is to educate the Trainees on water conservation as they have to fetch the water from the river for their cooking and drinking.



*Cleaning food at the river*



*Gotong-royong to harvest fruits*



*Sharing food with inai*

## Enrichment Talk Series For School Leavers

A series of Enrichment Talks was organised to prepare the graduating Trainees for the "life after Montfort". These talks touched on the expectation and demands on working life as well as challenges of being a young independent adult.

The Enrichment Talks were kicked off on 29th February 2016 with Datin Renuka Raja Gopal giving a talk on Self Confidence and Self Esteem while Mr. Thomas Ting touched on Planning Financially for Life. Both facilitators were from the Lion Clubs. Rev. Fr. Peter Abbas gave a talk on the drug abuse and its pitfalls, while Mr. Derek and Mrs. Beatrice Chong, a husband-and-wife team, rounded off the series with a topic on the beauty and responsibilities of Boy & Girl Relationship.



The General Studies Department also conducted a Mock Interview together with Fr. Frederick Mah, the SDC Manager to prepare the Trainees for job interviews. Other talks conducted in-house included Work Ethics, Money Management and Budgeting, Savings and Statutory Contributions (EPF, Socso & Income Tax) which were given by Bro Francis Chua and the Management Committee.

The Trainees commented that the talks were very enriching and useful. They helped them to gain the perspective and an understanding of life out there in the world. They urged the Management to continue giving such talks to future School Leavers.

## Holy Week & Easter Celebration

The Church's most solemn week of the year was observed at the Campus with the communities coming from as far as Kota Kinabalu and Papar. Rev. Fr. Vinai Boonlue, a visiting priest from the Jesuits Community in Chiangmai, Thailand, animated throughout the Holy Week.

The Holy Week began with the Palm Sunday procession into St. Paul's Chapel enacting Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. The procession into the Chapel took on the local flavour with Murut Warriors dancing to the beats of gongs and 'kulintangan'. For the first time, women and children along with the prefects were included for the washing of the feet on Maundy Thursday celebration.

Good Friday began with the Stations of Cross around the campus in the morning while The Passion Service was held in the Open Hall to accommodate the large congregation who came as early as 12:30pm. That evening, the Trainees watched the movie, the Passion of Christ. The Easter Vigil celebration ended with the Easter Barbeque for the Trainees together with the Brothers and Staff.



*Washing of the feet on Maundy Thursday*



*Station of the Cross on Good Friday*

## New Life In the Risen Lord

After journeying for two years, a total of thirty-five Trainees were confirmed by Archbishop John Wong on 26th January 2016 at St. Augustine's Church in Kinarut while another eleven of them received the initiating sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation on 26th March 2016 during the Easter Vigil presided by Rev. Fr Eric Jerome at the same church.



*George Barnardus receiving the Sacrament of Baptism (left) and newly baptised Trainees receiving their candles from godfathers (right) during Easter Vigil Celebration.*



*Offertory Dance (right) during Easter Vigil*



*Easter Vigil - Service of Light*

# Tercentenary Celebration



On 29th February 2016, Montfort Youth Training Centre launched the Tercentenary Celebration to mark the 300th year of the death of Saint Louis Marie de Montfort and the Founding of the Brothers of Saint Gabriel with the theme, "It is the Spirit that gives Life" taken from John 6:63. This quote fully embodied the spirit of Montfort that is still moving in the institutions that were founded in his name. Montfort who only lived 43 years and died 300 years ago continues to inspire many men and women to reach out to neglected people.

## The Thematic Study Day

On the 4th of April 2016, ten groups comprising Brothers, Staff and Students came for the day to study and reflect on some of Montfort's quotes, and to better understand and capture the spirit of Montfort. The groups later convened at the Open Hall to share their inspirations gotten from the study. The Staff and Students at San Damiano Boys' Hostel in Kiulu and St. Mary's Youth Hostel in Sandakan also held the similar Study Day in their respective Hostels.



*Thematic Study Day*

## The Triduum

The Brothers, Staff and Students began the Triduum on the 8th April 2016 with Bro. Gasper reflecting on the Eternal Wisdom. The Celebration continued on the second day with Praise & Worship joined by the Lay Associates, former Staff and past Trainees. This was immediately followed by Testimonials given by the representatives from the current and past Trainees, Staff, Lay Associates and Brothers on how Montfort had inspired and transformed their lives. The second day of the Triduum ended with the Living Rosary in the evening, echoing the Founder's call to devotion to Jesus through Mary.



The Living Rosary is a recitation of the Holy Rosary around the campus. Instead of the usual rosary prayer beads, the graduating Trainees made and planted lanterns around the campus forming a gigantic rosary. Each lantern represented a bead and each of the graduating Trainees led the congregation in the prayer. The slight drizzle in the early part of the evening did not dampen the spirit for the Montfortian family.



*The Living Rosary*

## The Celebratory Mass & Dinner

The Tercentenary Celebration climaxed on 10th April 2016 with a Eucharistic Celebration presided by Rev Monsignor Primus Jouil. The Mass began with a procession and grand entrance of the thematic banners which ten study groups had earlier designed. In his homily, Monsignor Primus invited the congregation to reflect on the useful life that comes from the source of grace which transformed people. He added that Montfort is that source of grace and inspiration which transformed the Youth to be useful persons. Earlier, the congregation had the Novena to Our Lady during which Mother Mary was crowned with three crowns of Wisdom, Power and Excellence.



*Crowning of Mother Mary*



*Procession into the chapel*



*Monsignor Primus Jouil presided the Eucharistic Celebration*



*Play on Montfort by the Trainees*



*Cutting of the Tercentenary Cake by Brothers joined by Board Members and Religious*

Bro. Francis Chua, in his welcoming address, related the early days of the Brothers of St. Gabriel in Sabah and of Montfort Youth Training Centre. He thanked Benefactors and Friends who have helped the Institution to grow to where it is today. Special mentions were made of Tan Sri Bernard Dompok who first invited the Brothers to come to Sabah, the Light of Jesus Christ Covenant Community who assisted the Brothers in the setting up of Montfort Youth Training Centre, the Daughters of St. Paul who helped with the Brothers' Community and to Archbishop Emeritus John Lee who opened the door of the Archdiocese to the Gabrielite Brothers.

YBhg Datuk Margaret Fung, a Member of the Board of Governors, recalled how she got involved in the Institution from the early days of 1999 when the Institution just started. She thanked all the Friends of Montfort especially those who have been helping in the Open House of which she was and is the Organising Chairperson.

The guests were entertained by the Students including those from San Damiano Boys Hostel and St. Mary's Youth Hostel who made the trip to join in the celebration.

## May Obstacle Race

The Students Affairs Department held its annual May Obstacles Race for the Trainees on 2nd May 2016, supported by the Staff Club. San Damiano Boys' Hostel, Kiulu and St. Mary's Youth Hostel, Sandakan also sent their contingents comprising prefects to participate in the event.

A total of twelve stations were set up in Kinarut Campus by immediate past Prefects assisted by the current Prefects. These stations helped the participants to overcome their limitations and fears while developing their determination, confidence, trust and courage. They also taught the Students to persevere in the face of difficulties, to work together as a team, to solve problems creatively and to support each other to face challenges.



Commando Trail



Rope Bridge



Free Fall



Bamboo Bridge



Margarine Hill



Giant Wall

The May Obstacles Race was won by Mark House with a time of 2 hours 15 minutes, followed by John House who finished the Race in 2 hours 26 minutes. The third placing went to Francis House who returned with a time of 2 hours 34 minutes.



Monkey Bar

## THE ALPHA COURSE

For the first time, the Management organised the Alpha Course for 72 of the Senior Trainees. The Course was conducted by the Alpha Team of Light of Jesus Christ Covenant Community led by Mr. Bonaventure Naun. The Course was delivered over a period of one month in the evenings of April.



Group activities during the Alpha Session (In lesson Sin, we learn that sin is like missing a target, like how the paper planes we made did not fly to our target - left)



The Trainees expressed their gratitude to the Management for organising the Course, saying that it helped them to learn and develop a deeper understanding about God's love. This brought them closer to Him. The Course also taught them to read the Bible regularly and to pray with trust in God.

During the Course, the Trainees were encouraged to write personal letters to God, pouring out their hearts to Him. In view of Mother's Day, the Trainees were also encouraged to write letters to their mothers and this was participated earnestly.

## School Leavers' Retreat

A total of sixty-six Leavers participated in the Retreat held in Bundu Tuhan Retreat Centre. The Management organised the Retreat to enable the Leavers begin a new Life in the Spirit and to strengthen them to embark on the next phase of their life after Montfort.

The Retreat, conducted by Bro. Francis Chua and assisted by the Management Committee, with the theme "We are One with Montfort's Spirit", encouraged the Retreatants to open their doors to Jesus Christ and allow Him to touch, heal and transform them. The Retreatants were later steered to look deeper into their lives before they joined Montfort, leading to a review of their two-year programme with Montfort. In preparing the Retreatants for reconciliation, Mr. Frederick Mah led them to reflect on the story of the Samaritan Woman while Mr. Vincent Wong touched on the Johari Window with Bro. Francis on the Prodigal Son. The Retreatants realised the many wrongs they did in their past lives and the wrong attitudes they had. They began to understand and experience the love that God has for each and every one of them through the Brothers, Management and Staff. The day of reconciliation ended with a simple rite of seeking each other's forgiveness. Through proxies, the Retreatants also had the opportunities to ask for forgiveness from and to forgive their parents. Many of the Retreatants testified that they were healed of their pains and hurts through the session.



Renewed with faith, hope and love, the Retreatants were exhorted to take risk for God in their new life as graduates of Montfort. The Retreat ended with the commissioning of the Retreatants to bring forth the Good News they have received to their families and the new communities they will be joining in their workplaces.

Together we Achieve!

# BATCH 16 GRADUATION DAY

A total of seventy-two (72) Trainees graduated on 21st May 2016 in front of their proud parents who arrived as early as 7:30am and came from as far as Kuching, Sarawak. Among the 72 graduates were 20 Mechanics, 18 Welders, 16 Carpenters and 18 Air-Conditioning Technicians. The happy occasion was officiated by Yang Amat Arif Tan Sri Richard Malanjum, the Chief Justice of Sabah and Sarawak and a former Member of the Board of Governors.



The Graduates singing their theme song, "We Are One"



Arrival of Police representative from the district of Papar



Denny Lutin receiving his scroll of Montfort Certificate from Tan Sri Richard Malanjum



Lee Guan Ching receiving his Recognition as HQ Prefect from YBhg Datuk Margaret Fung



Vercelli Eusebius receiving his Recognition as Head Prefect from YBhg Datuk Henry Goh

Bro. Francis Chua in his address said, "Each year the Brothers, Staff, and Graduating Class and their parents look forward, with thanksgiving to God, to this day. It is always a happy coincident that the graduation falls on the month of Ka'amatan. As we celebrate Ka'amatan, we remember the harvest and of the hard work of planting the padi. Just as the farmers harvested

the padi after months of hard labour, here in Montfort with your support and investment in our Trainees, we too harvest the fruits in them."

Tan Sri Richard Malanjum, in his speech, urged the graduates to remember Montfort when they leave and become successful. He urged them to give back to the Institution whenever the Institution calls.

Earlier in April, eleven Trainees from Batch 16 had sat for

the Malaysian University English Test (MUET). Fifteen of the Welding Graduates had successfully obtained a pass in their Pipe Welding 6G Certification from The Welding Institute (TWI).

A majority of the Graduates had managed to secure employment with established companies based in Labuan, Peninsula Malaysia and Sabah under Montfort Job Placement Scheme while a few of them expressed their intentions to

look for jobs themselves or pursue further studies in other institutions.

The Best Trainee of the Batch Award went to Nexron Petrus who is from the Refrigeration & Air-conditioning Mechanics Department. Nexron, starting with Form 2 education, managed to attain Terampil Cemerlang in his SKM Level 2 and among the top scorers in Level 3 examination. He was one of the eleven Trainees selected to go for Malaysian

University English Test (MUET). Nexron is also the Head Prefect incharge of Paul House.

Emmanuel Lisius and Melvin Ambrose, both from Automotive Department, received the Overall Outstanding HQ Prefect and Overall Outstanding Head Prefect Awards respectively for their commendable leadership shown in their one-year service rendered.

Nexron Petrus and Emmanuel Lisius were also chosen to give testimonies on their journey and transformation.



Welcoming the Guest-of-Honour



Arrival of the graduates family members



Arrival of the Montfort Benefactors

# Extracts From The Graduates' Testimonies

## Nexron Petrus, Batch 16 Refrigeration & Air-conditioning Mechanics (Domestic)

Montfort emphasises on speaking in English. "What??" That was my first reaction. But I was determined; and because of that and my daily practice, I can now speak and write in English. We have English classes and I participated in the class actively. When we had homework, I finished them on time. When I do not understand, I asked. My classmates laughed at me when I started to speak in English but I took it positively as a challenge. I am proud to say that I was selected to sit for the Malaysian University English Test (MUET) 2016 together with ten of my classmates. This is the very first time that Montfort attempted to do this and I believe we have done well. I have no doubt at all and with confidence that I say to you – it is Montfort Youth Training Centre that brings me to my fullest potential.

The next challenge that came to me in Montfort was when I got appointed to be the Head Prefect of Paul House. Now my responsibility became heavier. I not only have to worry about myself but I now have to take care of twenty-two other Trainees in my house. I have to make sure there is discipline in Paul House, ensure the dormitory is clean, and the compound is well kept. It is like having and taking care of a family and home of my own. Being a Head Prefect had taught me responsibilities which I know will prepare me well for my future.

Besides skills, the most important thing I have learnt through our character and spiritual formation is knowing God. .... Every night before I go to sleep, I prayed to God asking him to strengthen my faith. I prayed that I would also be ready to face the challenges that come my way. From my prayer, belief and hope, my faith grows stronger every day. I felt it so strongly that I felt nothing could shake it.

I know that saying the word THANK YOU is not enough but I cannot find any other word that can adequately express my gratitude to you all. I am happy to share with you that I have received a job offer and will start work with an established aircon servicing company in Kota Kinabalu where I will put all my skills I have learnt to good use.

Nexron (left) & Emmanuel (right)

## Emmanuel Lisius, Batch 16 Motor Mechanics

In Montfort we cannot hold any pocket money. Whatever we need be it toiletries or little luxuries like soft drinks, maggi mee or snacks, we can 'buy' them using our merit points which we have to earn. We earn the merit points by doing our daily house chores and by following the programme like keeping discipline, time management and speaking in English! We even have to earn enough merit points to 'pay' for our semester holiday breaks. Each day of holiday costs us 5 merit points! Each holiday break, we have to have at least 60 merit points to go home. Otherwise we will get detained for the days we could not pay for!! All these working, earning and buying had taught me to budget and use my merit points wisely.



Montfort Programme is so hard that I almost gave up once. Thanks to God that the Brothers and the Management did not give up on me. They continued to be there to guide me. There is no other Institution like Montfort. I gained a lot of good values here, for example the values of 5Rs. What are they, you may ask? They are the values of being Responsible, being Reliable, being Respectable, to Respond and to build good Relationship. It is very easy to remember and it is very easy to bring with you wherever you go. These are the values that helped me a lot in my personal growth and character development. When I was appointed as HQ Prefect in-charge of Discipline, it is these values that helped me to carry out my duties and to overcome whatever difficulties I encountered.

Through all these experiences, Montfort transformed me in my character and spiritual growth. Without this transformation, I am still an old version of myself – going through life without purpose, hating myself, blaming others and putting on a strong ego. It would be very difficult for me to transform all by myself because of the many bad situations I have to overcome, but now I know that with God, "nothing is impossible."

I want to repay to Montfort and to all the good Benefactors by living a good and upright life from here on.

# BATCH 17 LEADERSHIP TRAINING CAMP

A total of fifty Trainees were selected to undergo five days' leadership training camp from 26th February to 1st March 2016. The camp was of two-parts. The first part was held at the Outbound Sabah (OBS) ground while the second part was held in the campus itself. During their attachment with OBS, the participants were led through a series of activities to build up their team spirit, teamwork, communication, confidence and courage. Upon completion of OBS programme, the Trainees were transferred back to the campus to



Receiving certificate of participation from OBS

begin the second part which was the in-house training conducted by Brother Director, Bro. Francis Chua, together with Mr. Frederick Mah, the SDC Manager and Ms. Marcella Tiong, PAF Manager. The participants were given input on leadership skills and communication skills. They were 'thrown' out of their dormitory to build their own shelter to enhance their survival skill and resilience. They were also taught collective responsibility for each other. Activities such as Tent Building, Making Puzzles, Blindfold



Teamwork activities

Treasure Hunt and Freefall taught them to use resources and solving problem creatively.

The leadership training camp is part of Montfort's Residential Care Programme to select and appoint student leaders as prefects.



Applying observation & creative problem solving skills in the puzzle



Taking stock of what they had learnt at the end of their training

## Batch 17 Prefects' Installation

On 3rd May 2016, during the May General Assembly, twenty-eight Trainees were installed as new Prefects of Montfort Youth Training Centre, taking over the leadership from Batch 16 Prefectorial Board. The Installation took place in the presence of the Brothers, Management, Staff, retiring Prefects, and Trainees.

Bro. Francis Chua, Brother Director, in his earlier message during the assembly, maintained that discipline is a very important aspect in life. Without discipline, life becomes messy. Discipline starts young and an example of this can be seen by an act of parents disciplining their children to prevent something bad from happening to the children. Similarly with the Prefects, discipline starts with them first. If the Prefects themselves failed to discipline themselves, they have no moral standing to enforce rules and instil discipline in other Trainees.

Cyprian Julaidi from Automotive took over the HQ Prefect – Discipline from Emmanuel Lisius, and headed Batch 17 Prefectorial Board (2016 – 2017).



Receiving Prefect Medal from Bro Director



Commissioned to take up their new duties as prefects



Pledging to serve with fairness & honour

## BATCH 17 FIRST YEAR RETREAT AND EVALUATION



The Management took 84 of Batch 17 Trainees to Bundu Tuhan for three days' retreat and evaluation from 4th to 6th June 2016. The Retreat was to enable the Trainees to reflect on their lives and evaluate their first year training, so as to prepare them for their second year as Senior Trainees.

The Retreat took the Trainees to discover God in oneself, the families and other people, and to review the effectiveness of their first year's character formation. During the evaluation session, the Trainees had the opportunity to meet the Management to assess the effectiveness of their technical skill training and learning processes. They were also encouraged to voice out their hopes and aspiration for more effective learning process.

*Doing evaluation on their 1st year training (right above), Automotive Trainees' meeting with the Management (right)*

*Commissioning to go forth to their 2nd year training as Seniors*



## BATCH 18 ADMISSION

On 18th June 2016, Montfort Youth Training Centre opened its door to receive 100 new Trainees for 2016 – 2018 batch. The new Trainees, coming from as far as Johor and Sarawak, made their way to the campus together with their families as early as the day before the Admission Day. After rising from their siesta, the new Trainees were initiated into Montfort Programme by heading out for a 5km jog, thus beginning the week-long orientation that took them through the residential care programme and workshop training.



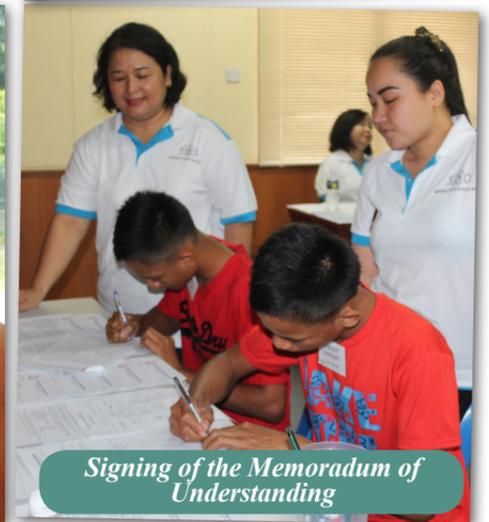
*Briefing by SDC Manager*



*Arrival of new Trainees with the parents*



*Getting haircut on Admission Day*



*Signing of the Memorandum of Understanding*

## BAKING CLASSES

Like a dream coming true, the baking classes finally took off in early March with a group of eleven boys signing up for the lessons. The classes was conducted every Tuesday evenings after the evening prayer by Mr. Marcdilin Gombanol Marcus Josue, a pastry chef with Fook Yuen Restaurant. The boys learnt how to bake cupcakes, pizzas, swiss rolls, buns, cakes, muffins and other pastries which would be served as morning tea on Wednesdays. Many of the Trainees, as a result of this experience, expressed their interests to pursue this skill further and make it their career option after they have graduated from Montfort.



*Mr Banol as affectionately known (3rd from left) with his apprentices*



*Albert Kiyun with the freshly baked cupcakes*

# SAN DAMIANO BOYS' HOSTEL KIULU

## 2015 ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE OF THE BOARDERS

Out of ten Boarders who sat for the PT3 examination in October 2015, nine of them passed. Three of them also managed to secure a place in the government technical schools in Labuan and Kota Kinabalu. The best student was Jack Oswald who had obtained 4As and 3Bs.

Of the six Boarders who sat for the SPM examination, two of them continue their Form 6 education, four pursue their higher education at local colleges and another two go to skills colleges to study music and agriculture respectively.



Jack (above right) comes from Kg. Lobos, Bundu Tuhan in Kundasang. He was appointed to be the Prefect in-charge of Food & Beverage in 2015 and he represented the school at the state level in the debate competition held on 29th April 2016. He is also the school presentative in the chess competition. Jack speaks good English, the trait he has picked up from his stay at San Damiano Boys' Hostel. Jack has been with the Hostel since he was in Form One. His ambition is to become a teacher.

## ORIENTATION WEEK



*Learning morning exercise routine*

The Staff organised an orientation week for twelve new Boarders from the 4th to the 9th of January 2016. The orientation was to help the new Boarders to settle into the Montfortian communitarian lifestyle. Charles Dave Joa, the HQ Prefect in-charge of Discipline, led the senior Boarders to assist in the orientation through the various activities including the tough morning exercises. As the Hostel was facing drought season, the new Boarders were also taught to conserve water by washing their bed sheets at the river behind the Hostel.



## HIKING TO BUKIT BOROMBON



The Hostel organised a hiking to Bukit Borombon on 20th February 2016 at the nearby village. The objective of the exercise was to help the Boarders to build their endurance, stamina and determination to accomplish the challenge of completing the hike. The hiking also helped the Boarders to build their team spirit and to foster relationship with each other. It took the Boarders one hour to reach the peak of Bukit Borombon. At the end of their hike, the Boarders understood the Montfort's slogan, "I Must, I Can!"

## VISIT BY KUOK FOUNDATION

Ms. Sharon Teoh from Kuok Foundation Berhad paid a private visit to Montfort Youth Training Centre on 23rd to 25th January 2016. She also visited San Damiano Boys' Hostel in Kiulu. This is the first time a representative from the Foundation visited the Centre. She was accompanied by another staff, Ms. Cynne Wong. During the short visit, she spoke with the Grantees and encouraged them to study hard and aim for brighter future.



*Ms. Sharon congratulating Charles Ova for his achievement in his studies*

## EDUCATIONAL VISIT

To encourage and motivate the Boarders to keep up their good academic results, the Hostel organised an educational visit to Kota Kinabalu International Airport (KKIA) for ten of the best students. They were given a tour around the airport and exposed to the back scenes of the daily operations of the airport. They were briefed on the check-in procedures of the passengers. In addition, the Staff from Dragon



Airlines gave a talk on the prospective job opportunities in the airline industry. Not only did the selected Boarders did well in their academic results but they also speak good English.



## GOOD FRIDAY



*The Station of the Cross during Good Friday*

The Boarders joined in the congregation of St. Joseph's Parish, Kiulu, for the Stations of the Cross on 25th March 2016. They took turns to carry the Cross during the prayer.

## EASTER CONCERT



*Easter Concert*

Three Boarders – Rayner Raimi, Rainley David and Melvin Vincent – performed a play on "Resurrection of Jesus" during the Easter Concert held on 7th May 2016. The Concert was organised by Young Catholic Students Group under the supervision of the Sisters and the parish catechists.

## MONTH OF ROSARY

The Staff and the Boarders gathered nightly at the Prayer Room to recite the Holy Rosary to mark the Month of Rosary. During the prayer, the Staff led the Boarders to reflect on the life of Jesus and how each Mystery of the Rosary would assist them in their daily life.



*Prayer in the Chapel during the Month of Rosary*

# ST. MARY'S YOUTH HOSTEL, SANDAKAN

## PT3 TOP PERFORMER

**G**len Albert Yong emerged as the top scorer among the twelve Boarders who sat for the 2015 PT3 Examination when he obtained 5As and 1B. He was also among the top scorers in the District of Sandakan. Glen entered St. Mary's Youth Hostel when he was in Form 2. He said that his stay at the Hostel helped him to excel in his academic studies. He aims to become a pilot and strives to continue doing well in his academic studies. Glen was appointed the HQ Leader when he was in Form 3 and continued to lead the Student Leader Body today.



Glen Albert Yong received an award from Datuk Seah Foundation for his excellent result recently

Besides Glen (above left), two other Boarders, Dellian Joeshon (above right) and Eldrick Ashly, also did well with 3As each. Dellian also did well in his Annual School Sports Day where he was awarded the Best Sportsman Award for B Male Category for winning 5 gold medals.

## ORIENTATION WEEK

**13** new Boarders were received and welcomed to the Hostel on 31st December 2015. To initiate the new Boarders into the lifestyle and assimilate them into the routines of the daily programme, the Staff organised an Orientation Day on the 9th of January 2016. Ice breaking and mini obstacle race were held to initiate all the Boarders into a new communitarian relationship.



## OUTREACH TO PAITAN

**O**n 16th March 2016, a group of 13 Senior Boarders accompanied by Students Affairs Officer, Dieler Stevens, went to Paitan at the invitation of the Yayasan Taiwan Buddhist Tzu Chi Malaysia. During the visit, the Boarders helped out in the community services of washing the hair of primary school children, and distributing hampers of food and stationery to more than 200 people including children. From the experience, the Boarders learnt to appreciate what they received, to be humble and to love each other.



## NEW CATECHUMEN AT THE HOSTEL

**C**hung Kian Loong received the Sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation on Easter Vigil on 27th March 2016. He took on the name of Ignatius. Meanwhile, the Boarders were given a series of sessions on the Easter Triduum to prepare them for the Easter Celebration.



Mr. Vincent Wong giving a talk on Easter Triduum (right) and Ignatius Chung receiving a congratulatory card on his reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation (left)

## TENNIS CLINIC

**T**he Junior Tennis Association organised a weekly one-hour tennis clinic sessions for the Boarders. The clinic, started on 3rd April 2016, was conducted by a coach from Manoharan Junior Tennis Academy. A total of 27 Boarders signed up for the clinic.



## VISIT BY BIG BROTHERS FROM KINARUT CAMPUS

**O**n 17th April 2016, the Boarders were honoured and happy to receive their big brothers from the Kinarut Campus who were on their way back to the Campus after the field trip to Lahad Datu. The big brothers comprised prefects were accompanied by the Management Committee led by Bro. Director, Bro. Francis. They had a simple fellowship lunch at the Upper Floor, joined by the Advisory Members, Mr. Raymond Wong and Ms. Susanna Hon.



## MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION

**T**he Boarders marked the special day on 8th May 2016 with a talk given by Mr. Vincent Wong, the Manager, and a special prayer session for the mothers. The Boarders took the opportunity to call home and wished their mothers well. In his talk, Mr. Vincent Wong urged the Boarders to appreciate and treasure their mothers for the sacrifices they had made for them. The Boarders expressed their love for their mothers by creating their own special Mother's Day card and wrote poems of appreciation and love.



# Mandalipau Project - Construction of St. Dominic Savio Chapel

With the grace and blessing from God, the construction of St. Dominic Savio Chapel was completed in time for the Holy Week and Easter Celebration on 27th March 2016.

In the true Montfortian Spirit, the Chapel was built and furnished with the love offerings from Friends of Montfort and Donors who contributed in cash and in-kind such as floor tiles, concrete ready mix, roofing, Mother Mary's statue and Corpus. The Trainees from MYTC's Carpentry Workshop built 24 units of pews, a wooden cross, a tabernacle, priestly chairs, a rostrum, an altar and a stand for Mother Mary's statue. Indeed, "Together We Achieve!"



*Carpentry Trainees assembling the pew*



*The new Chapel*

The project came about a year ago when the community leaders from Kg. Mandalipau approached Montfort to help build a community hall next to the existing chapel. After surveying and upon further discussion with the parish priest, Rev. Fr. Thomas Yip and the community leaders, it was decided to leave the existing chapel and turn it into the community hall. Instead a new Chapel would be constructed to serve 200 families in and around eight (8) villages in Kg. Mandalipau.

The new St. Dominic Savio Chapel was blessed and dedicated by Archbishop John Wong on 11th June 2016 in the presence of Friends of Montfort, Donors and Benefactors.



*Archbishop John Wong during the Chapel Blessing*



*Bro Gasper received memento from Parish Priest, Fr Thomas Yip*

## A COMMUNITY PROJECT CONSTRUCTION OF ST DOMINIC SAVIO CHAPEL

**In gratitude & thanksgiving to God for the following Donors who made it possible to build St. Dominic Savio Chapel**

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*11<sup>th</sup> June 2016, Chapel Blessing by Most Rev John Wong Soo Kau, DD Archbishop of Kota Kinabalu*