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Provincial's Message

Companions on this journey.....

Fraternal greetings from Villa Montfort, Prattiur, Trichy.

"**Sangamam**" is more than a magazine—it is the very heartbeat of our Province and each Brother. It weaves together our stories, dreams, struggles, and hopes. Within its pages, we discover inspiration, fraternal bonds, and a renewed call to our shared mission.

As we gather once again for Sangamam, we pause to reflect on a journey marked by passion, dedication and teamwork. A heartfelt word of gratitude goes to the **outgoing team** led by Bro. Soosai Raj.S

Your remarkable commitment has left a legacy of excellence and unforgettable memories. Every event, each detail and every smile bore witness to your hard work. Your contribution will always be cherished and celebrated. You have set the bar high and built a strong foundation for the future.

Now, as we turn a new page, we warmly welcome the **incoming Sangamam team** under the leadership of Bro. Jacob Innaci .D With fresh enthusiasm and creative vision, the journey continues. You step into significant shoes, but we have full confidence in your talent and dedication. This is your time to create, lead and to inspire. Together, let's build something even more vibrant and memorable. May challenges become opportunities for innovation and collaboration. You have the wholehearted support of everyone who came before you. Sangamam is more than an event—it's a family endeavour. Let's honour our past while shaping a brighter future. Here is the new beginnings and the promise of unforgettable milestones. A warm and fraternal welcome to the new team—**Sangamam is yours now!**

Our Montfortian charism, deeply rooted in total consecration to Jesus through Mary, calls us to be a prophetic witness of faith, hope and love in a world torn by pain, hatred, division and despair. Hope does not deny suffering, rather walks through it with faith. It sees beyond the brokenness to God's promise of healing. Every act of kindness rekindles hope in wounded hearts. Words of encouragement can uplift shattered spirits. Joy lived amidst trials inspires silent strength. Hope is rooted in love and love never fails. Be that hopeful presence where fear and doubt prevail. In Christ, we are called to be witnesses of hope always.

Montfortian embody humility, simplicity, and trust in Divine Providence. Our presence challenges society to embrace Gospel values with courage and joy. We serve the marginalized, upholding human dignity and fostering integral development. The Montfortian mission inspires interfaith dialogue and peaceful co-existence. Our prophetic role includes nurturing vocations and forming dedicated disciples. Across the globe, Montfortian continue to spread devotion to Mary as a sure path to Christ. Through prayer and action, we remain a vibrant prophetic voice for transformation.

On this solemn Feast of the Assumption, we rejoice in Mary's glorious entry into heaven. She is our model of faith, obedience and hope. Her life reminds us to trust unfailingly in God's promises. Let us, like Mary walk in humility and service. May her maternal care guide us through every trial and may our hearts rise in love and devotion to God. Wishing you peace, grace and abundant blessings from above. Happy Feast of the Assumption of Our Blessed Mother!

May each edition of **SANGAMAM** continue to awaken our Montfortian spirit and deepen our sense of belonging. Let us write, read and grow together—united in faith, steadfast in love.



Editorial Desk



Bro. Dr. Jacob Innaci.D

Greetings embraced with faith and prayers that radiate from the depth of my heart. I humbly extend my thoughts to you, my dear brothers.

"Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope, but do it with gentleness and reverence."

- 1 Peter 3:15

Bearer of Hope in a Shattered World

The world is shattered by injustice, poverty, war and despair, amidst presence of hope often seems like a distant dream. The daily news is filled with stories of conflict, natural disasters, systemic failures, and human suffering. Yet, amid this darkness, there are people who shine as quiet beacons – witnesses of hope who remind us, that goodness is still alive and possible.

Hope is the light that guides us when the road is dark. Hope is the deep expectation and desire for a positive outcome, especially in times of uncertainty and struggle. It lifts the heart, strengthens the spirit, and connects us to something greater than ourselves it's ultimately, to God.

Jesus Christ is the **ultimate witness of hope**. Through His suffering and resurrection, He showed that death is not the end but love is stronger than evil. We firmly believe that by uniting our daily sufferings to Christ we participate in His absolution work and become signs of hope for others.

Mary, the Mother of Jesus, is venerated as the **"Star of Hope"** {Pope Benedict XVI}. Mary's **"YES"** to God in times of uncertainty and precariousness. Her faith beneath the Cross and her presence with the early Church at Pentecost made her a powerful symbol of hope in trials. There are numerous both famous and unknown, who served as witnesses of hope in a broken world.

Think of **Malala Yousafzai**, who turned her suffering into a global campaign for girls' education.

Consider **Nelson Mandela**, who emerged from 27 years of imprisonment not with bitterness, but with a vision for reconciliation.

Remember **Mother Teresa**, who chose to love the unloved in the slums of Kolkata, showing that dignity belongs to every human life. She radiated hope by serving the poorest of the poor.

Pope John Paul II, who lived through Nazism and Communism, continually preached, never afraid but his continual hardships summoned him to be a witness of hope among the believers.

In fact not all witnesses of hope wear areola. Some live quietly in neighborhoods and homes, bringing light into darkness through small acts of love. A teacher who believes in a struggling student. A nurse who holds the hand of a dying patient. A volunteer who feeds the hungry without recognition. A parent who chooses forgiveness instead of resentment. These are the unsung heroes of hope.

To be a witness of hope does not require extraordinary deeds. It requires presence, integrity and a heart open to others. It means lifting others up, standing for truth and choosing joy amid sorrow. In our communities, schools, workplaces and homes, we are called to plant **seeds of hope** where there is **doubt**, healing where there is **pain** and peace where there is **division**.

The world may be broken, but it is not beyond healing. Each of us has the power to be a witness of hope. Let us draw strength from one another and from our faith. Let our lives be a testimony, that hope is not only possible, it is already here, alive in every act of kindness and every heart that dares to care. Be a witness of hope by living it out amidst disparity and diversity and share that same hope with those who journey from **disappointment to fulfillment**, from **discouragement to optimism**, from **abandonment to acceptance**, and from **negligence to responsibility**.



ALL SAINTS' HR. SEC. SCHOOL

MUTTOM

Bro. ALEXIS IRUDAYARAJ

All Saints Higher Secondary School, Muttom is pleased to share a glimpse of the vibrant events that have recently taken place in our campus. These celebrations have not only underscored the importance of education but also highlighted the rich cultural and athletic talents of our students. From moments of spiritual reflection to expressions of patriotic pride, our school community has been alive with meaningful and memorable activities. Join us as we revisit some of these remarkable highlights.

Re-opening with Hope and Cheer: A Salute to the New Bloomers:

The school re-opened on 02nd June with a well-prepared environment and a supportive learning atmosphere, welcoming all students—including 26 new entrants to Class VI. Despite their initial struggles in reading both Tamil and English, these newcomers were warmly received with a floral welcome, even as some of their classmates found the transition challenging. As the famous saying goes, **"Education is not merely the acquisition of knowledge, but the shaping of character."** Guided by this vision, the learning journey continues with the aim of instilling in our students the core values essential to human life.

All Saints extends a warm welcome to Bro. Arockiaraj.

With gratitude to God and joyful hearts, we welcome Bro. Arockiaraj to All Saints, praying that his time with us will be filled with grace and growth.



A cheerful welcome to the new bloomers.

With open hearts and joyful spirits, All Saints extends a warm welcome to our new bloomers — the fresh faces stepping into our community with hope, curiosity and dreams. Just like blossoms in a vibrant garden, they bring new life, energy and promise to our institution.



As they begin their journey, we nurture them with love, guidance, and opportunities to grow in knowledge, character and faith. Together, we look forward to seeing them flourish, spreading their fragrance of kindness, enthusiasm and creativity in every corner of All Saints. May this new chapter be filled with learning, laughter and lasting friendships as our new bloomers become part of the ever-growing All Saints family.

All Saints applauds the remarkable achievement of the SSLC topper.

We take immense pride in celebrating the remarkable achievement of our school topper, whose dedication, discipline and perseverance have set an inspiring benchmark for all. With an outstanding academic performance, he has not only brought laurels to the school but also exemplified the true spirit of hard work and excellence.



Beyond academics, he has remained humble, focused and ever-willing to help peers—making him a true role model for the student community. This achievement is not just a personal victory but a reflection of consistent effort, unwavering commitment and the guidance of supportive teachers and parents.

Investiture ceremony:

"Leadership is the capacity to translate a vision into reality." –Warren Bennis.

The Investiture Ceremony was held with dignity, marking the official induction of the elected student leaders, who pledged to actively engage in and support all school activities. The Chief Guests conferred badges and sashes upon the leaders, adding significance to the occasion. The ceremony concluded with a sense of pride and purpose, as the new leaders were entrusted with their responsibilities and encouraged with best wishes for a successful tenure.

Kamarajars' Birthday and Kalvi Valarchi Naal: 15th July 25

We celebrated the birth anniversary of K. Kamaraj by observing Kalvi Valarchi Naal, a day dedicated to promoting educational growth and honoring the remarkable legacy of Kamaraj—a visionary leader who championed education for all in Tamil Nadu.

The event featured a range of student activities, including speeches, essay competitions and cultural programs, all centered around the theme of education and its transformative power.

The Chief Guest, Mrs. Mary Helen, delivered an inspiring speech on the theme "Time" and the three types of students, drawing from the Tamil phrase **"Kalam Pon Pondrathu."**

She emphasized the value of time and urged the students to embrace education with the same passion and purpose that Kamaraj envisioned.



Bro. Arockiaraj, the Guest of Honor, shared a motivating message on the importance of inner potential, reminding students that "one should never judge a book by its cover."

He encouraged them to aim high and strive to become outstanding contributors to society, even amidst today's competitive world.



The celebration was a meaningful tribute to Kamaraj's enduring vision re-inforcing the importance of knowledge, learning and character formation in building a brighter future for every student.

All saints congratulates the elocution winner:

All Saints proudly applauds the remarkable achievement of our elocution winner, whose eloquence, confidence and clarity of expression captured the hearts of the audience and the admiration of the judges. This victory is not only a testament to the student's hard work and dedication but also a reflection of the nurturing environment and encouragement provided at All Saints.

Conclusion:

The Investiture Ceremony and Kalvi Valarchi Naal celebration emphasized the importance of student leadership in advancing educational goals. The programs concluded with a motivating call to sustain progress in education and to embrace a vision for the future. Both occasions served to inspire students, honor achievements and foster continued educational growth.



மாண்ட்போர்த்துவ கல்விச் சேவை !

கமுகுமலை

அருட்சகோ. வஞ்சமன்

மாணவர்களை மதிப்பதில்தான் கல்வியின் இரகசியம் அமைந்துள்ளது என்பார் எம்ர்சன். அத்தகைய கல்வியை மாண்ட்போர்த்துவ சிந்தனையோடு தூத்துக்குடி மாவட்டம் கமுகுமலையில் கடந்த 43 ஆண்டுகளாக புனித கபிரியேல் சகோதரர்கள் கல்விப்பணியாற்றி வருகின்றனர். தீப்பெட்டித் தொழில் மற்றும் பருவ மழையை எதிர்நோக்கிய விவசாயம் இவற்றையே பெரும்பாலும் சார்ந்து வாழும் பொருளாதார சூழலில் பின்தங்கிய குடும்பங்களைச் சார்ந்த மாணவர்களுக்கு கலை, இலக்கியம், விளையாட்டு, கலாச்சாரம், பண்பாடு இவற்றோடு சமகால வாழ்வியல் சூழல்களை எதிர்கொள்ளும் திறனோடு வர்த்தகமற்ற கல்வியை வழங்கி வருகின்றது எம் ஆர்.சி.சுசைமேல்நிலைப்பள்ளி.



தற்போது சுமார் 1027 மாணவர்கள் எம்ப்ள்ளியில் பயின்று வருகின்றனர். இப்புதிய கல்வியாண்டில் (2025-2026) மாணவர்களை மகிழ்ச்சியுடன் வரவேற்கும் விதமாக 02.06.2025 அன்று காலை கலைநிகழ்ச்சிகளோடு வழிபாட்டுக் கூட்டம் நடத்தப்பட்டது. அதில் எம் பள்ளித் தலைமையாசிரியரும், ஆசிரியர்களும் மாணவர்களை மகிழ்ச்சியுடன் வரவேற்றனர்.



20.06.2025 அன்று தமிழ் இலக்கிய மன்றத் தொடக்கவிழா நிகழ்ந்தது. அதில் சிறப்பு விருந்தினராக சங்கை வே.சங்கர்ராம் கலந்து கொண்டு சிறப்புரை ஆற்றினார். மாணவர்கள் கலை நிகழ்வுகளை வழங்கினர்.

மாணவர் பதவி ஏற்பு விழா 27.06.2025 அன்று நடைபெற்றது. அதில் கமுகுமலை பாரத ஸ்டேட் வங்கி மேலாளர் திருமதி. வினுஸ் கலந்து கொண்டு பதவியேற்கும் மாணவர்களை உறுதிமொழி ஏற்கச் செய்து தொடர்ந்து தலைமை பண்பு குறித்து உரையாற்றினார்.



15.07.2025 அன்று மேனாள் தமிழக முதல்வர் கு.காமராஜ் அவர்களின் பிறந்த நாளை கல்வி வளர்ச்சி நாளாகச் சிறப்பிக்க வேண்டி அரசு கூறியதின்படி காமராஜர் அவர்களின் திரு உருவப்



படத்திற்கு தலைமையாசிரியர் அவர்கள் மாலை அணிவித்து மரியாதை செய்தார். அதனைத் தொடர்ந்து அனைத்து ஆசிரியர்களும் இணைந்து மலர் தூவி அஞ்சலி செலுத்தினர். மாணவர்கள் அவரை குறித்து உரையாற்றினர்.



02.08.2025 அன்று எம் பள்ளியில் விளையாட்டு விழா நடைபெற்றது. அவ்வமயம் பாளை தூய சவேரியார் மேல்நிலைப்பள்ளியின் தாளாளர் அருட்தந்தை ஆல்பர்ட் ஜோசப் அவர்கள் வந்திருந்து தலைமையேற்றார்.

மேலும் தூத்துக்குடி மாவட்ட உடற்கல்வி ஆய்வாளர் முனைவர் எஸ்.கண்ணதாசன் அவர்கள் சிறப்பு விருந்தினராகக் கலந்து கொண்டு மாணவர்களை வாழ்த்தி சிறப்புரையாற்றினார்.

மேலும் கிராமப்புற மாணவர்களின் ஆங்கில



மொழி குறித்த அச்சத்தை அகற்றும் விதமாக காலை வழிபாட்டுக் கூட்டம் ஆங்கிலத்தில் நடத்தப்படுகிறது. அரசுப் பொதுத் தேர்வு எழுதவிருக்கும் மாணவர்கட்கு காலை மற்றும் மாலை வேளைகளில் சிறப்பு வகுப்புகள் நடைபெறுகின்றன.

அனைத்து மாணவர்கட்கும் அரசு மருத்துவர்களால் மருத்துவ பரிசோதனை செய்யப்பட்டு உரிய ஆலோசனை வழங்கப்பட்டது.

இவ்வாண்டு 32 ஆசிரியர்கள் மற்றும் 2 அலுவலகப் பணியாளர்கள் பணியாற்றி வருகின்றனர். தலைமைச் சகோதரர் அருட்சகோ. பெஞ்சமின் அவர்களின் வழிகாட்டுதலில் பள்ளி சிறப்புடன் நடைபெற்று வருகின்றது.



ST. STANISLAUS HIGH SCHOOL

SATTUR

BRO. DR. JAMES WILLIAM

"Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today." - Malcolm

Education is the foundation of our lives. without it, we lack direction and purpose. It is through education that we gain knowledge, develop our character and find our place in the world. Enrolling in school is the first step toward receiving a formal education. For most individuals, school is their initial learning environment, shaping their values and aspirations. Similarly, at St. Stanislaus Higher Secondary School, Sattur, we are committed to nurturing a sense of responsibility and dedication among our students-encouraging them to walk with confidence, ready to embrace leadership roles and reach the heights of success.

Investiture Ceremony:

The investiture ceremony for the academic year 2025-2026 was held with grandeur to mark the beginning of the new school year. The event commenced with the lighting of the traditional Lamp of Knowledge, followed by the soulful rendition of the school prayer. The solemn occasion witnessed young leaders stepping forward with determination to take on the mantle of leadership and responsibility. To qualify for leadership positions, students delivered inspiring speeches before the entire

school community. A democratic election process followed, resulting in the formation of the student council for 2025-2026.

As the chief guest conferred the flags and badges to the newly elected Head Boy, Head Girl, Sports Captains and House Captains, pride filled the air. It was a moment of honor for the students and proud occasion for their parents.

The Chief Guest spoke on the importance of leadership, the legacy of the school and the role of young leaders in upholding its values. He motivated the students to persevere through challenges and emphasized the significance of student leadership in academics and sports. The event concluded with the National Anthem, sung with pride and unity.

Educational Development Day:

To commemorate the birth anniversary of Thiru Kamarajar, former Chief Minister of TamilNadu school organized Educational Development Day on 15th July. The event began with a prayer song performed by the school choir. A teacher welcomed the gathering and the event was presided over by a distinguished guest who delivered a presidential address highlighting the importance of educational development. As a mark of respect, a portrait of Thiru. K.Kamarajar was unveiled.

A speech was delivered by Miss. Malarvizhi, one of our students, reflecting on the values and contributions of Kamarajar. The event also featured vibrant cultural performances by junior students. A senior teacher proposed the vote of thanks and the event concluded with the national Anthem.

Educational Tour:

Educational tours are a vital component of holistic learning. Unlike traditional classroom settings, these tours provide a dynamic and engaging experience. They offer students the opportunity to explore new cultures, environments and perspectives, fostering a broader understanding of the world. By visiting historical landmarks, museums, research institutions and factories, students can connect theoretical knowledge with real-world applications. This experience also helps them develop essential life skills such as adaptability, teamwork, problem solving and effective communication.

Handwriting Class:

In an age dominated by digital communication, good handwriting may seem less significant-but it remains an important skill. From completing official documents to writing heartfelt notes, neat handwriting makes a lasting impression.

Recognizing its reverence, we conducted English Hand writing classes in mid-July, led by Bro. Y. Joseph. The session emphasized the link between handwriting and clear communication, reinforcing its importance in daily life and academics.

Our Achievements And Initiatives:

- Achieved 100% academic excellence in both Grade 10th & 12th Board Exams.
- On-campus medical facilities for student well-being.
- Activity- based learning Visual classrooms for enhanced engagement.
- Educational trips organized according to grade levels.
- CCTV surveillance ensuring safety and discipline across the campus.

At St. Stanislaus Higher Secondary School, Sattur, we continue to inspire and empower our students through meaningful education, responsible leadership and a strong foundation of values.



*"Education is not preparation for life;
Education is life itself."*
- John Dewey

MONTFORT INTEGRAL ECO FARM

NALANDULLAH BRO. MARIANNAN

"CULTIVATING THE LAND, CULTIVATING HOPE"

Dear Friends,

Warm greetings and best wishes from **Montfort Integral Eco Farm**, Nalandhulla. It gives me great joy to share with you the latest happenings and milestones at our farm.

We are delighted to announce that we have reached the 10,000 mark in planting a diverse variety of fruit trees. The young saplings are thriving beautifully. The months of May, June, July and August are the most challenging for farming in our region, as strong winds sweep through the valley – our farm lies directly in the wind corridor of the Western Ghats, coupled with the scorching heat, this requires intensive irrigation to keep the plants healthy. Thankfully, this year we have sufficient water to meet the need. Typically, rainfall is absent during this period, leaving surrounding lands parched and dry, but our farm remains a lush green oasis. A generous neighbour who operates a 75-acre quarry and channels surplus water into our land, aiding our irrigation efforts.

Our orchard is growing steadily:

- ❖ 1,750 lemon trees—healthy and expected to yield within a year.
- ❖ 1,400 mango trees—two more seasons before harvest.
- ❖ 800 guava trees—already producing, with another 4,500 saplings set to yield in eight months.
- ❖ 220 dragon fruit pillars—just beginning to produce, though on a small scale.
- ❖ 1,400 coconut saplings—healthy and progressing well.
- ❖ 400 gooseberries plants—ready to produce in the coming season.
- ❖ 150 jackfruit trees—planted along the lake bund, expected to yield in one or two years.

We are also working on product marketing strategies to ensure a stable and sustainable market, as the local market remains unpredictable.

Alongside fruit cultivation, we also grow seasonal crops such as millet, maize, groundnut and tapioca. These crops are labor-intensive and prone to pests, making profits modest, though we have avoided losses. Some of these are cultivated as intercrops.

This year, we cultivated three acres of groundnut, producing a large quantity of fodder for our goats. We are currently rearing 25 healthy goat kids in a newly constructed shed, with plans to expand the herd in the near future.

We have been blessed with visits from several distinguished guests, including **Rt. Rev. Justin, Bishop of Jaffna; Rt. Rev. Antonisamy Savarimuthu, Bishop of Palayamkottai and now Archbishop of Madurai and Bros. Thomas Montfort, Jerry, and Mathew Pannathanath**. The parish youth from Kalugumalai joined us for a one-day retreat and the Brothers of the Southern Sector held their recollection here.

We remain deeply grateful for the presence of all our visitors, as we believe each one leaves behind a positive imprint that nurtures our growth and well-being.



ST. JAMES HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL PALAKURICHI Bro. ISSAC .Y

*"I SOUGHT LITTLE FROM GOD, YET HE GAVE ME IN ABUNDANCE —
SUCH IS HIS BOUNDLESS LOVE FOR US."*

Blessings filled greetings from St. James Community, Palakurichi.

It is our joy to reach you once again through Sangamam and share the latest happenings from St. James School. We, the Brothers, are delighted to unfold our life experiences, mission and vision for the academic year 2025–2026.

Our community this year consists of four young vibrant Brothers, wholeheartedly dedicating our lives to the welfare of rural children and the simple folk of our village. We are deeply grateful to God for His countless graces, boundless blessings and guiding light over the past academic year. A special joy was the remarkable achievement of 100% pass rate in the 12th standard—a feat accomplished after many years—which has significantly boosted our school strength, now standing at 1,100 students.

We began the academic year with renewed enthusiasm, fresh hopes and firm commitment. The students were welcomed warmly, provided with essential learning materials and distributed government-issued free textbooks and notebooks. We strove to create an environment in which they can cultivate life skills, a positive attitude and the pursuit of knowledge both inside and beyond the classroom.

St. James Festival:

Our parish joyfully celebrated the St. James Festival with a ten-days of Novena. On 13th July, a solemn grand Mass was held on our school campus followed by the exposition and procession of the Blessed Sacrament from the school to the church. The faithful gathered in large numbers to participate and receive blessings. The evening was steeped in hope, inspiration and the palpable presence of the Divine.

Investiture Ceremony:

"The pessimist complains about the wind, the optimist expects it to change, but the leader adjusts the sails." – John C. Maxwell

In the spirit of fostering leadership among our young prodigies, the Investiture Ceremony was conducted with dignity and pride. Our Chief Guest, Bro. Jesu Raja, Principal of Montfort CBSE School, Manaparai, administered the ceremony and delivered an inspiring address on true leadership.

Karmaveerar Kamaraj's Birthday:

On 15th July marked the celebration of the birth anniversary of the late Chief Minister K. Kamaraj, observed as Education Development Day. Our Headmaster Bro. Isaac, shared a memorable message, recalling how Kamaraj himself laid the

foundation stone for our school's classroom extension in 1958. The Students honored his legacy through speeches, cultural programs, and presentations, taking home not only happy memories but also inspiration to serve society.

Tobacco-Free Zone:

Recognizing tobacco use as one of the leading preventable causes of death and disease, our school has embraced the Government of India's Tobacco-Free Educational Institutions initiative. Through awareness programs, we are confident of cultivating a healthy, addiction-free environment, contributing to a stronger and healthier India.

Academic Excellence:

Excellence in academics remains the hallmark of St. James School. Our recent Class 10th and 12th results are a testament to the dedication of our teachers, the encouragement of parents and the determination of our students. While proud of our achievements, we aim higher—striving for the **Number One Position**.

To this end, extra coaching classes, weekly assessments, and motivational sessions have been introduced to give our board examinees an added edge.

Sports and Games:

The sporting spirit of St. James shone brightly this year. At the zonal level, our school emerged overall champions—excelling in football and basketball for both boys and girls, making us the undisputed champions of the zone.

Final Thoughts:

Many milestones have been crossed, and many more await us. At St. James School, our mission is to mold young minds into balanced, confident individuals brimming with zeal and guided by noble values. In the words of **Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru: "The children of today will make the India of tomorrow.** The way we bring them up will determine the future of the country." As we step forward we, the Brothers—pledge to nurture curiosity, foster inclusivity and empower our students to be compassionate leaders of tomorrow.



MONTFORT HOME

PALAKURICHI

AKILESH (JUNIOR)

*"A good start lays the foundation
for great results"*

God's Blessings from Juniorate....

On 2nd June 2025, thirty Juniors, including six newcomers, began the academic year with the Rosary, prayers of gratitude, a welcome address and orientation by our Director, who also assigned responsibilities. The day concluded with general cleaning before school.

House divisions—Montfort and Gabriel—were formed the following weekend. Bro. John Xavier inspired us through value-based games, urging us to live as an authentic Montfortian. Sundays followed a balanced schedule of **prayer, Mass, study, work and recreation.**



In June, our Provincial Superior, **Bro. John Britto** and **Bro. Y. Joseph [Counsellor]** visited us.

Their talks deepened our understanding of Montfortian mission and inspired us through personal experiences.

We also completed our paddy harvest with the help of our dedicated domestic staff. On 22nd June, we mourned the passing of **Bro. V. C. Mani**, offering prayers at the

Provincial House. Early July brought the feast of **St. Benedict** celebrated at Puthanatham, and later the parish feast of **St. James, our patron.** We assisted in various parish activities and participated in the novena and feast-day Mass.



Sports training is a daily routine at 6:00 a.m., Juniors are actively competing and winning in zonal-level events. Spiritually, weekly Friday adoration and Saturday meditations led by Bro. John Xavier helps us to grow in faith. He also teaches music to enhance our praise of God.



Alongside spiritual growth, we enjoy house matches, celebrations and academic support from dedicated teachers.

We continue to live our motto: **"To Jesus through Mary"**, striving for spiritual, moral and physical growth in the way of **St. Montfort.**



SOCIAL ACTION CENTRE

AYAN PORUVAI

BRO. DR.CYRIAC PULICKAL

"AMBASSADOR OF HOPE IN A DIVIDED WORLD"

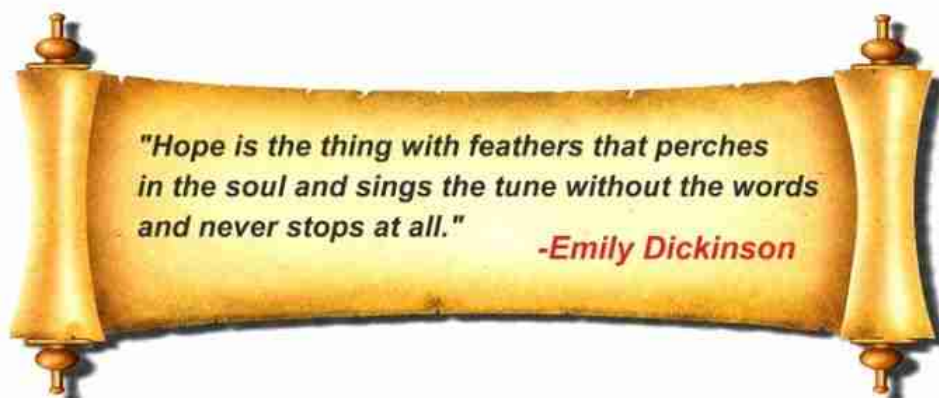
The path of life is strewn not only with roses and sweetness but also with thistles and thorns. It is filled with both innocence and love, yet also marked by conflict and cruelty. Why is this so? Because God our Creator, has designed it so—willed it so. Who are we to question His divine reasoning? Instead, we must humbly surrender our limited understanding to His infinite and eternal wisdom.

This world is a testing ground for humanity to prove its nobility. When circumstances are favorable, many can rise to greatness. But the true heroes are those who, in the face of unimaginable hostility and ill will, still manage to accomplish something profound for humanity. History stands as a witness—Malala Yousafzai, Mahatma Gandhi, Nelson Mandela and Martin Luther King Jr. have all proved this through their remarkable lives.

God, our ultimate mentor, is not content with ordinary champions; He seeks the strongest souls—those who can bear the heaviest crosses. In this, He did not even spare His own Son. Yet the crown of victory will always be worth the pain endured.

Saint Montfort chose the road less travelled, becoming a beacon of light and a steadfast symbol of hope in a broken world for generations. In today's socio-political climate, as disciples of Montfort, we must ask ourselves: How will we bear witness to truth and love amid a gloomy and hostile environment?

It is my personal mission to chart my own course with faith, courage and deep reflection—remaining steadfast in the goal of living out God's will in every step I take.



MONTFORT SCHOOL - CBSE

PALAKURICHI
BRO. ANTONY RAJ. A

Dear Readers of Sangamam;

With heartfelt greetings, we invite you to journey through the tapestry of our Montfortian family-a testament to dedication, unity and the pursuit of excellence. With these pages unfold the vibrant moments that have shaped our year, the fervor of our events, the joy of togetherness, the resilience of our values and the promise of a radiant tomorrow. This chronicle is not merely a record of activities-it is a tribute to learning, leadership, creativity and community spirit.

First Official Staff Meeting:

"Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, and working together is success." - Henry Ford

The academic year commenced in an atmosphere of anticipation and purpose. Our correspondent Bro. Issac, Bro. Antony raj {In-Charge} and principal Mrs. Deepa gathered with the staff, filling Montfort Hall with warmth and camaraderie. The meeting opened with a heartfelt prayer followed by Bro. Isaac's inspiring words on the power of teamwork. Bro. Antony encouraged all to embrace the year with optimism and shared valuable insights from the DEO meeting on RTI, ICC and POSCO Act -underscoring our role in shaping minds and character alike.

As the session concluded a renewed sense of unity and shared vision radiated through the hall, propelling the Montfortian family toward a year rich in growth, achievement and cherished memories.

Freshers' Day:

"Every new beginning comes from some other beginning's end." - Seneca

Montfort Hall came alive with colour, music and joy as we welcomed our newest members. The ceremonial lamp was lit, prayers offered and warm greetings extended by our in-charge and principal. The correspondent unveiled an enriched assembly programme to nurture holistic skills, setting an encouraging tone for the year. Smiles, applause and laughter marked a graceful beginning for our freshers.



Inauguration Of The Academic Year:

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." - Nelson Mandela

The grand inauguration, graced by our correspondent, Fr. Manickam {Parish Priest} and Bro. Panneer Selvam was a celebration of new milestones. The blessings of the newly built classrooms and the tender sight of our youngest learners tracing their first alphabets in yellow rice were poignant reminders of dreams taking flight.



School Election & Investiture:

"A genuine leader is not a searcher for consensus but a molder of consensus."

- Martin Luther King Jr.

Democracy came alive as students campaigned and voted for their leaders with fairness and enthusiasm. The investiture Ceremony honored these leaders elected leaders with a dignified procession, badge-pinning and an oath to serve with integrity. The chief Guest's stirring address inspired them to lead by example, embodying discipline, unity and vision.



Kamarajar Day & Competitions:

"You can never be overdressed or overeducated." - Oscar Wilde

"The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character-that is the goal of true education"- **Martin Luther King Jr.** Observed with reverence on 15th July, Kamarajar Day featured cultural performance and essays in English and Tamil celebrating his legacy. Vegetable carving, clay modelling and chess competitions further showcased our students' creativity, precision and strategic thinking.



Conclusion:

"Success is the sum of small efforts, repeated day in and day out."

- Robert Collier

As we prepare for upcoming examinations and sports day, the campus hums both academic focus and athletic energy. In balancing study with sport, our Montfortian family embodies perseverance, teamwork and the joy of striving together. With faith and determination, we look ahead to be victories in both mind and spirit.



புனித அந்தோணியார் மேல்நிலைப் பள்ளி

மஞ்சம்பட்டி, மணப்பாறை

S. அருளப்பன் - ஆங்கில பட்டதாரி ஆசிரியர்

பொன்விழா இது சிறப்புமிக்க 50ஆம் ஆண்டு விழா. பல ஆண்டுகால பயணம், கடின உழைப்பு, அர்ப்பணிப்பு மற்றும் வெற்றிகளைக் கொண்டாடும் தருணம் இது. கல்வி, விளையாட்டு, கலைகள், பண்பாடு மற்றும் ஒழுக்கம் இவை அனைத்திலும் எம் புனித அந்தோணியார் மேல்நிலைப்பள்ளிகளின் 50 ஆண்டுகால சாதனைகளை நினைவு கூறவும், எதிர்காலத்தை நோக்கி நம்பிக்கையுடன் பயணிக்கவும் ஒரு வாய்ப்பினை வழங்குகிறது இந்த பொன்விழா ஆண்டு.

“சிறந்த தொடக்கம் நம்பிக்கை யின் வெளிப்பாடு” என்ற கூற்றுக்கு இணங்க இறையருள், வளர்ச்சி, நன்றி உணர்வு என்ற கருப்பொருளை மையமாகக் கொண்டு ஜூன் திங்கள் இரண்டாம் நாளில், இறை நம்பிக்கையுடன் கூடிய நல்லொழுக்கம், கல்வியின் தரத்தை உயர்த்தும் என்று பொன்விழா ஆண்டின் முதல் தலைமை உரையில் எங்களின் புதிய தலைமை ஆசிரியர் அருட்சகோதரர் ஜேசுதாஸ் அவர்கள் வழிகாட்டி னார்கள்.

“வளமான எதிர்காலம் பெற இயற்கையை வளர்ப்போம்.”

“புவி நம் சொத்து அதை நாம் பின்வரும் சந்ததியினருக்காக காக்க வேண்டும்.”



“உயிர்பன்மயம் காத்தல் நம் கடமை” என்ற உறுதிமொழி தாக்கத்தை ஏற்படுத்திய நிகழ்வாக அமைந்தது. ஜூன் 5 உலக சுற்றுச் சூழல் தின விழா கொண்டாடப் பட்டது.



“போதை அது சாவின் பாதை, மேதையை அழிக்கும் போதை”. “மாணவா உன் திறமைகளை போதைக்குள் புதைக்காதே” என்று போதைக்கு எதிரான விழிப்புணர்வு நாளில் மணவை காவல்துறை ஆய்வாளர் திரு. சீனிபாபு அவர்களின் போதை விழிப்புணர்வு முழக்கம் சிறப்பான ஒரு போதை ஒழிப்பு நாளாக அமைந்தது. புனித அந்தோணியார் மேல்நிலைப்பள்ளியின் பாதுகாவலர் புதுமைகளின் நாயகன், எளியோரின் விடிவெள்ளி, புனித அந்தோணியார் திருவிழா நாளில் திரு. அருட்தந்தையர்கள் இணைந்து நிறைவேற்றிய திருப்பலி எம் பள்ளி மாணவர்கள், ஆசிரியர்கள், அருட்சகோதரர்கள் மற்றும் பெற்றோர்களின் நலன்களுக்கான இறையருளின் மலர்ச்சி.

“வழிஅறிந்து, வழிகாட்டி, தானும் அவ்வழி நடப்பவனே, உன்னத தலைவன்.” மாணவர் தலைவர் பதவியேற்பு விழா, அது தலைமை பண்பை வளர்த்தெடுக்கும்



சீரிய பாதை, கற்றலின் படிநிலை. அன்றைய சிறப்பு விருந்தினர் திரு. அசோக்குமார் மணப்பாறை குற்ற வியல் நீதிமன்ற நீதிபதியின் தலைமையுரையில் “மாணவர்களே உண்மையை பேசுங்கள், நேர்மையை பேணுங்கள், உங்களை உன்னத தலைவனாக வளர்த்தெடுக்கும் இப்பள்ளி. இப்பள்ளி மணவை மண்ணில் ஓர் மணி மகுடம்.”

“கல்வி உலகையே மாற்றும் ஆற்றல் மிகு ஆயுதம்.” கல்விக்கண் திறந்த கர்வீரர் காமராசரின் பிறந்தநாள் விழா



ஜூலை 15. கல்வி வளர்ச்சி நாளின் சிறப்பு விருந்தினர் வழக்கறிஞர் திரு. தமிழ்மணி ஆறுமுகம் அவர்கள், மாநிலத்தின் ஒட்டுமொத்த வளர்ச்சியில் மணப்பாறை நகர கல்வி வளர்ச்சியும் பெருந்தலைவர் காமராசரின் வாழ்க்கை வரலாறுகள் தொடர்பான தகவல்களோடு கழுகுப் பார்வையில் கருத்துக்களை முன் வைத்த விதம் மிகச் சிறப்பு.

“ விளையாடு - உன் பயிற்சியும் முயற்சியும் வெற்றிக்கு வழிகாட்டும்”. பொன்விழா ஆண்டை வெற்றிகளுடன் துவக்கிய எம் மாணவர்கள், மணப்பாறை குறு வட்டார அளவிலான கால்பந்தாட்ட

போட்டியில் ஜூனியர், சீனியர் பிரிவிலும், கைப்பந்தாட்ட போட்டி ஜூனியர், சீனியர் பிரிவிலும், பீச் வாலிபால் போட்டியில் ஜூனியர், சீனியர் பிரிவிலும் முதலிடம் பிடித்து பள்ளிக்குப் பெருமை சேர்த்துள்ளனர். தடகளப் போட்டிகளில் இந்த ஆண்டு 7 மாணவர்கள் குறு வட்டார அளவில் புதிய சாதனைகளையும்,



தடகளப் போட்டிகளில் ஒட்டுமொத்த சாம்பியன் பட்டத்தையும் பெற்று தனித்தன்மையுடன் திகழ்கின்றனர்.

இவ்வாண்டின் விளையாட்டு விழாவினை எம் பள்ளியின் நான்கு அணிகளும் தனித்தனியாக வெகுசிறப்பாக கொண்டாடி முடிந்தது.

பொன்விழா ஆண்டின் நல்ல துவக்கம் இவ்வாண்டில் இறையருளால் சாதனைகள் பல படைக்க வளர்ச்சி நோக்கி நன்றியுணர்வுடன் பயணிக்கிறோம்.



MONTFORT MATRIC HR. SEC. SCHOOL

MANAPPARAI, MANJAMPATTY

Mrs. Arul Mary J, P.G., Asst., Mrs. Jenisha T, K.G., Asst.,

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world".

- Our esteemed Montfort Matric Hr. Sec. School, Manjampatty re-opened after the summer holiday on 2nd June 2025. Our students and teachers entered the campus with renewed hopes, fresh ideas, and positive resolutions to make this academic year a bright chapter in our school's history.
- Bro. Principal, warmly welcomed everyone and inspired us with the lofty motto. **"This is my School, I must be proud of it and it must be proud of me"**

INVESTITURE CEREMONY

"Actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more"



- ❖ The Investiture Ceremony for the academic year 2025-2026 was held



on 20th June 2025 in our school premises with great solemnity and enthusiasm. The event marked the official installation of the newly elected school Pupil Leaders, Assistant SPLS, House Captains, Assistant House Captains, Club Captains and vice-captains, entrusting them with responsibilities towards the school community.

- ❖ The grant ceremony began with a Traditional escort, followed by the lighting of the lamp, a welcome address and other proceedings.
- ❖ We were honored to have **Mr. Karthikeyan, Manager of City Union Bank, Manapparai, as the chief guest and Mr. Saravana Kumar as the Guest of Honour.** In his inspiring speech, the chief guest highlighted the importance of leadership, discipline and service to the society.
- ❖ The highlight of the program was the badge- pinning and sash ceremony, during which the newly elected leaders proudly took the stage.
- ❖ They were administered the oath of office by Chief Guest, with the Principal and Guest of honour, promising to uphold the school values and discharge their duties with integrity.
- ❖ The ceremony motivated our young leaders to embrace their roles with enthusiasm and a commitment to excellence. The event concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks.

EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY & TAMIL LITERARY ASSOCIATION:

- On 15th July 2025, Our school celebrated educational development day along with the Tamil Literary Association inauguration. The day began with Kumbam Aarathy and lighting the lamp.



- The aim of Educational Development Day was to create awareness about the importance of continuous learning and holistic growth for both students and educators.



- A student portrayed K. Kamarajar and delivered a powerful speech on his virtues and achievements. Though, he ruled Tamil Nadu for nine years, he lived solely for the people, bringing remarkable reforms in society and education, including the pioneering mid-day meal scheme.



- This memorable celebration was combined with the Tamil Ilakkiya Mantram, where our students showcased their talents through riddles, speeches, poems and skits.

We were privileged to have **Mr. Navamani Sundaram**, Retired VAO and Secretary of Manavai Tamil Sangam as the chief guest. In his address, he praised kamarajar's contributions and highlighted the greatness of the Tamil language.



32nd ANNUAL SPORTS DAY:

"You just have to keep going and fighting for everything, and one day you'll get to where you want"- Naomi Osaka



- ✓ The school was divided into four houses: Montfort, John, Gabriel and Xavier. This year each house organized it's own mini sports meet, culminating in a grand combined celebration, where Montfort paired with John and Gabriel with Xavier, showcasing sportsmanship and unity. The day began with a colourful escort, Kumbam Aarathy and lighting of the lamp.
- ✓ Our chief guest was Mr. Selva Nagarathinam, IPS and the guest of honour Dr. Prabhakaran Tamilselvan, MBBS., IAPC., PGCPDH., a reputed Physician from Namakkal. We were also honored by the presence of distinguished special guests: Miss. Rajeshwari.V. common wealth Gold Medalist in power lifting, Manapparai, Mr.Tamilselvan, National Chess Champion, Manapparai and Mr. Balasubramanian, M.Sc., B.Ed., Block Resource Teacher Educator, Manapparai.
- ✓ The sports meet was formally declared - open by the Guest of honour along with our Respected Principal. The well-organized march-past was a visual delight.

- ✓ Throughout the day students participated enthusiastically in various events and won many prizes. The mega mass drill and House display were spectacular, reflecting the unity, dedication and teamwork of our Bro. Principal, teachers and the students.
- ✓ The grand celebration was witnessed by Fathers, Brothers, Sisters, Parents and well-wishers from Manapparai and beyond.
- ✓ A special highlight was the parents' events, where winners were also honored. Truly, our 32nd Annual Sports Meet brought immense pride and joy to all.
- ✓ **"Find something that you're truly passionate about, pursue it, set goals and commit yourself to excellence".**

- Chris Evert

Thank You



ST. JOHN'S FARM

MANAPPARAI

BRO. SELVIN ANTONY

*"The ultimate goal of farming is not the growing of crops,
but the cultivation and perfection of human beings".*

Greetings from Manapparai Farm,

Over the past year, we have planted nearly 1,000 hybrid coconut saplings and we are glad to share that they are growing well, with the aim of ensuring sustainable income for the future.



Last year, we entered into a partnership with Pothigai Clonal Nursery, Tirunelveli, to cultivate casuarina. A formal lease agreement was signed between our society and the company. Under this arrangement, we provide the land and water, while the entire investment is borne by the company. They have fenced the entire 65-acre campus at their own expense. The casuarina trees have now reached a height of 12-14 feet and will be ready for harvesting at the end of three years. The company will also take full responsibility for marketing.



So far, they have invested nearly Rs. 65 lakhs and have installed seven 7-HP submersible pumps for irrigation. The company is owned by an IAS officer from Tamil Nadu, currently serving in Bihar.

Looking ahead, there is immense scope for expanding into allied activities such as fish farming, rearing country chicken, cows and sheep. With proper planning and execution, we are hopeful that within the next two to three years, our farm will achieve self-sufficiency.



MONTFORT SCHOOL - CBSE

SUNDARANADAPPU

BRO. GEORGE FERNANDEZ

Dear Sangamam Readers,

We are delighted to share the vibrant beginning of the academic year 2025-2026 at Montfort school, Sundaranadappu, marked by significant events and memorable celebrations.

A New Beginning:

On 2nd June 2025, **Bro. George Fernandez** assumed office as our new Principal. In a warm and inspiring address, he welcomed students on the re-opening day, setting a hopeful and energetic tone for the year ahead. We also welcomed **Bro. Yesuraj** our new Bursar to the school community.

Investiture Ceremony:



The Investiture Ceremony was held on 26th June 2025 with great solemnity. **Mr. Muthuramalingam, Sub-Inspector of Police**, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and encouraged the newly elected student leaders to carry out their responsibilities with dedication and integrity.

Kamarajar Birthday Celebration:

On 15th July 2025, we joyfully celebrated the birth anniversary of Perunthalaivar K. Kamarajar with reverence and enthusiasm.

Dr. D. M. Sathya Marjory, Associate Professor of English, Government Arts College for Women, Sivagangai, served as the esteemed Chief Guest. Her thought-provoking address enlightened the students on Kamarajar's enduring vision for education and leadership.

Annual Sports Day:





Our 12th Annual Sports Day was celebrated with great spirit and grandeur, offering students an opportunity to execute their athletic talents and sportsmanship. The event was presided over by **Bro. John Britto Provincial of Trichy**. We were also privileged to have **Mr. Sugumar, ADSP of Sivagangai** and **Mr. Sivaraman, Thasildar of Sivagangai**, who felicitated the winners and inspired all the participants.



Spiritual Nourishment and Infrastructure development:



To nurture the spiritual well-being of our school community, a Holy Eucharistic celebration held on the first Friday of every month, during special blessings offered for our students and school.



This year also saw two major infrastructural enhancements the installation of newly built elevator and addition of two new school busses, significantly improving accessibility and comfort for our students.



CAMPION ANGLO INDIAN HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL TRICHY

BRO. JAMES PAUL RAJ

**"To know God is to know everything".
- St. Montfort**

Greetings and good Wishes to the readers of Sangamam from Campion Anglo Indian School.

SEMINAR FOR THE STAFF:



On 30th May 2025, **Bro. Dr. Paulraj**, the former Assistant General, conducted an inspiring seminar for the staff of our School on the Topic **"Montfortian Mission"**. He vividly outlined the hallmarks of a true Montfortian collaborator and urged the staff



to walk in the footsteps of St. Montfort while caring for the children entrusted to our charge.

In the afternoon, a staff meeting was convened under the able and dynamic leadership of Bro. James Paulraj. He warmly congratulated the Staff for the outstanding results in the Government Examinations held in March/April 2025. Heartfelt thanks were extended to Bro. Panneer Selvam, outgoing Vice Principal and Bro. James Deepak Jose, Junior warden for their dedicated service to Campion. The gathering was informed of the new appointments: Bro. Michael Raja as the Vice Principal, Bro. Francis Xavier as Senior Warden and Bro. Pradeep, as Junior Warden. This joyous occasion also witnessed the celebration of the principal's Birthday.

THEME FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 25-26: READ AND LEAD

The academic year commenced on 2nd June, 2025, with the theme **"READ AND LEAD"** - a clarion call to strive for holistic excellence.

It encapsulates the mission to Renew/Resolve, Explore, Aspire Dream, Learn, Achieve and Care. The XII-A class led the inaugural assembly on this theme, setting the tone for the year ahead.

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATION

True to campion's commitment to spiritual formation, the Eucharistic Celebration on 6th June 2025.



This sacred gathering was offered in thanksgiving for the remarkable success of our students in the Government Examinations and to invoke God's blessings for the new academic year.

THE INVESTITURE CEREMONY:

With traditional grandeur and festive spirit, the Investiture Ceremony was held on 13th June, 2025. Bro. James Paulraj presided over the event, with the chief guest.



Mr. Ananthan, Commandant, TSP I Battalion, Trichy, congratulated the newly elected student leaders. He praised Campion's legacy, noting that countless alumni have excelled in various spheres, bringing honor to their alma mater. He exhorted students to be ever ready to serve the nation with dedication and pride.



INAGURATION OF CLUBS:

On 14th June, 2025, Campion Inaugurated it's student clubs to nurture talent and creativity through competitions and activities. Presided over by the Principal, the event featured by the Chief Guest Mr. Balakrishnan Ganesan, Director of Indra Ganesan Institutions and Syndicate Member of Anna University, Chennai. He urged club members to unearth the hidden potential of every student, calling clubs "**Treasure houses of creativity, imagination and innovative ideas**".





91st ANNUAL SPORTS MEET:

The 91st Annual Sports meet, held on 4th July 2025, was a spectacle energy, discipline and unity. The event was presided over by Bro. John Britto, the Provincial Superior, Trichy Province. Chief Guest **Dr. Mohammed Abdullah, District Education Officer, Elementary / Anglo Indian Schools, Triplicane, Chennai** and Guest of Honor **Dr. Govindarajan Ramalingam**, an Alumnus and renowned Urologist, graced the occasion.

The day began with the School choir's Prayer song, Tamil Thai Vazhthu, lighting of the ceremonial lamp and a graceful prayer dance. The Inaugural performance by over 250 students, themed **"Unity in Diversity"**, depicting the theme drew resounding applause. Track and field events showcased athletic skill, while the closing ceremony, featuring over 240 students, echoed the year's theme **"READ AND LEAD"**. The traditional **Malkhamb** display was a highlight. In their addresses, the dignitaries emphasized discipline, values and perseverance as keys to success.





WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY:

On 5th June 2025, the NSS and Environment Education Program {EPP} units observed World Environment Day with the theme **"Beat Plastic Pollution"**. To mark this great occasion, the Principal distributed saplings to five NGC students and Parents, re-inforcing Campion's commitment to environmental stewardship.



EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT DAY:

Observed on 15th July, 2025, Education Development Day honored the birth anniversary of Thiru K. Kamaraj.



The visionary former Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu who championed free education and the mid-day meal scheme. The principal offered floral tributes and unveiled a portrait of this great leader, skillfully drawn by Master Sanjay Kumar of XI B2.



ZONAL SPORTS MEET:

For the academic year, Bro. James Paulraj was Appointed convener for the Trichy District Zonal Sports Meet, Trichy West Zone- a recognition of his leadership in promoting sports and youth development.



Long Live St. Montfort!
Le viva St. Edmund Campion.!!



VILLA MONTFORT

PRATTIYUR, TRICHY
BRO. JOSEPH SAHAYAM

"You are free and totally available, you can therefore be bold and dynamic and rush where God beckons to meet the urgency of men's and women's needs. Fear not, for the Spirit of God dwells in you and your Father is a faithful God whose love knows no bounds. Put your trust in Him alone, living in joy and hope the day He has given you" (Rule of Life Article No: 10)

Dear Sangamam readers,

We, the Villa Montfort community, send you our warmest greetings and joyful wishes. It gives us great joy to be part of this shared journey of faith and mission through Sangamam. May these experiences and reflections in this edition strengthen our bond as Montfortian family.

"Forming Hearts, Shaping Futures: A Journey with Our Young Aspirants:

The province joyfully organized a vibrant camp for our novices and pre-novices, filled with spiritual depth and brotherly



bonding. The sessions focused on Montfortian values, personal reflection, and community living. Experienced Brothers guided the young aspirants through prayer, workshops, and recreational activities. A heart felt thanks to the Brothers who generously shared their time and wisdom by conducting enriching classes for the candidates. The camp served as a vital moment for deepening vocational clarity and commitment. It was a powerful reminder that the future of our mission lies in nurturing the hearts of these young men.

With Grateful Hearts: Celebrating a Legacy of Leadership:

"True leadership is measured not by titles held, but by the lives transformed and the values left behind."

The farewell programme was held for Bro. Irudayam, former Provincial Superior and Bro. Francis, former Provincial Bursar. Their leadership marked by wisdom, humility and deep faith, has left a lasting impact on the province. Brothers and collaborators gathered to express their gratitude and offer their prayers. The event was filled with moving tributes, joyful memories and a strong sense of fraternity. Their legacy continues to inspire our path forward with renewed zeal.

Aged in Wisdom, Rich in Spirit: **A Tribute to Two Montfortian Giants:**

"Your years are a living testimony of faith, service, and grace. May this birthday be a celebration of a life offered to God."

With gratitude and joy, we celebrated the birthdays of Bro. Gnanapragasam (76) and Bro. Xavier Montfort (85). Their dedication and service have been a guiding light for all of us in the community.

Our celebration included a special evening prayer, joyful fellowship and meaningful messages shared among the Brothers. Their long years of faithful commitment are a living example of Montfortian spirit for us all. We were deeply touched by their enduring faith, simplicity and love.



First Community Meeting: **Starting Our Year with Faith and Love:**

We began our year with our first community meeting, coming together in a spirit of unity, planning and shared purpose. One of the highlights of our gathering was

reflecting on this year's community project theme: **"Trust in God, Love in Action."** This meaningful theme invites each of us to deepen our faith and live out love in our daily lives and service. We also discussed the upcoming events and ways to strengthen our life together as a community. It was a hopeful and encouraging start, helping us set a strong foundation for the journey ahead.

With Grateful Hearts: Honouring **Bro. Joel and Bro. Jackson:**

"Continue to be a beacon of hope wherever the Lord sends you, and let your life speak of His goodness."

We are truly grateful to Bro. Joel and Bro. Jackson for the time they spent with us at Villa Montfort. Your presence brought warmth, kindness and dedication to our community. Thank you for sharing your gifts and serving with open hearts. Your example continues to inspire us even after your time here. We wish you both blessings and joy in your next journey.



MONTFORT SCHOLASTICATE

TRICHY
BRO. CYRIL

"ABODE OF LEARNING"

Grace-filled Greetings!

Following the decision of the National Council, the junior brothers of the Trichy Province have been placed at Montfort Scholasticate, Varaganeri to pursue our college studies and continue our ongoing formation. We are blessed to have Bro. Soosai Raj as our Director.

Life here is a harmonious blend of spiritual formation, academic pursuit and personal growth. Rooted in the values of St. Louis-Marie de Montfort, the Scholasticate provides a sacred space where young brothers are moulded in the spirit of love, humility and service.

Prayer Life:

The Montfort Scholasticate is not merely a place of study—it is a house of discernment, where young brothers listen for God's call in the Montfortian spirit. Amid academic formation, community living and apostolic activities, prayer life stands as the heart beat of our journey.

Our days are anchored in the Liturgy of the Hours, sanctifying the day with Morning and Evening Prayer in common, uniting us with the Universal Church. At the very summit of our spiritual life stands the Holy Eucharist, celebrated daily—where we encounter Christ most intimately, offering our lives alongside.

On Sundays, we have the joy of assisting in our parish church, helping to distribute Holy Communion.

In addition to communal prayer, each brother cultivates a personal relationship with the Lord through silent meditation, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and spiritual reading. The stillness of the chapel becomes holy ground where God's voice is heard, His will discerned and intimacy with Him deepened.

Birthday Celebrations:

On 1st July, our Montfortian family gathered in joy and gratitude to celebrate the birthday of our beloved Superior, **Bro. Soosai Raj—a man of wisdom, humility and dedicated service.** The day began with a solemn Thanksgiving Mass, offering prayers for his health, strength and continued guidance in his mission.



The highlight of the celebration was the fraternal evening meal, joined by brothers from nearby Montfort communities.

It was more than a feast for the body – it was nourishment for the soul, filled with laughter, stories and warm fellowship.

We also joyfully marked the birthdays of Bro. Stephen (21st June) and Bro. James (10th July), each celebration strengthening our bonds of fraternity.

College Life:

College is often called a season of discovery, transformation and growth – and for the 10 brothers journeying together, it has been all that and more. Coming from varied backgrounds but united in a common calling, we have embraced college life with enthusiasm and commitment.



Our presence in the campus is marked by discipline, simplicity, and purpose. We balance lectures, assignments and campus activities with prayer, community living and service. We support one another – whether in academic challenges, cultural events, or moments of difficulty – always remembering that we walk this path together.

Time for Fraternal work:

At the core of community life is the spirit of hard work, humility and stewardship of creation.

Each evening, we set aside time for manual labour – not just as physical exercise, but as a practice in simplicity, teamwork and care for the earth.

Tasks like weeding, watering, and planting vegetables turn our land into a living classroom of patience and persistence. With hands in the soil and hearts lifted in silent prayer, **we experience work as a sacred act.** The garden becomes both a sign of God's creation and a fruit of our shared labour.

Recreation and Community Bonding:

As the sun sets, the brothers gather for spirited games of volleyball. These matches are more than sport – they are moments of laughter, friendly rivalry and brotherly bonding. Skill, humour and enthusiasm fill the court, making every serve and dive a memory in the making.

Recreation not only builds physical fitness but also refreshes the mind, relieves stress and strengthens fraternity. Win or lose, the true victory lies in the joy we share and the unity we build. In Montfort Scholasticate, every day is a step forward in becoming men of faith, learning and service. Through prayer, study, labour and play, we are being shaped for the mission ahead – rooted in Christ and ready to serve His people.

The life we live at Montfort Scholasticate is a constant training ground in faith, discipline and brotherhood. We count on your prayers to keep us steadfast in our vocation and responsive to the Lord's plans.



MONTFORT SCHOOL - CBSE

ARANTHANGI
BRO. DR. ARULAPPAN

*"Trust the Lord completely, and He will
guide your path."*

Dear Brothers; Grace-filled greetings from Montfort School, Aranthangi. With hearts brimming with gratitude and joy, we are delighted to share the significant milestones and memorable events that have shaped the academic year 2025-26.

Commencement of the Academic Year 2025-26:

The new academic session began on 2nd April 2025 with renewed vigour and optimism. Montfort School joyfully welcomed new members to both the staff and student community. Advancement to higher classes brought a sense of excitement as students stepped into fresh learning spaces, met new teachers and forged new friendships.

As part of our tradition, students within each grade were reallocated to different sections to encourage inclusivity, holistic social growth and wider peer interaction. The month of April was dedicated to orientation, academic preparedness and remedial sessions. Students also organized their stationery and resources in readiness for the year ahead before proceeding to the summer break.

Kindergarten: A Joyful and Colourful Start:

Our Kindergarten continues to blossom as a vibrant and nurturing space for early learning. This year, the classrooms have been rejuvenated with cheerful, educational visuals, alphabet charts and a warm child-friendly environment.

Enrollment in Pre-KG, LKG, and UKG remains steady and we continue to enhance outreach efforts while adopting innovative teaching methods to strengthen both admissions and the quality of early childhood education.

New Construction – School Building:

With deep appreciation, we acknowledge the steadfast support of our Province Brothers, especially the former and present Provincial Administrations. The ground-breaking ceremony for Phase III of our school building was graced by the presence of Bro. Irudayam, the former Provincial, whose vision, guidance and regular visits have been a source of great encouragement. We extend heartfelt thanks to him and his council for their commitment to the growth of Montfort School, Aranthangi.



We are equally grateful to our current Provincial, Bro. John Britto, and his council for their continued collaboration and visionary leadership in shaping a stronger future for our school and Province.



CBSE Upgradation: Towards Senior Secondary Status:

The process of upgrading from Secondary to Senior Secondary level is actively underway. Documentation procedures have commenced and our immediate priority is to complete essential infrastructure, including laboratories and additional classrooms, in readiness for the forthcoming CBSE inspection.

5th Annual Sports Day – A Celebration of Spirit and Skill:

Our 5th Annual Sports Meet, held on 1st August, was a spectacular celebration of athleticism, teamwork, and school spirit. We were honoured by the presence of **Bro. John Britto**, the Provincial, who presided over the event and awarded medals and trophies to the winners.

The occasion was the culmination of weeks of meticulous preparation by staff, students and management. From football, kho-kho and throw ball to sprints and co-ordinated team displays, every event showcased the dedication and enthusiasm of our young athletes.

Parents turned out in large numbers to witness the vibrant house-themed displays, synchronized mass drills and disciplined march-pasts. Although brief showers caused a slight interruption toward the end, the day concluded with a deep sense of joy, achievement and unity.

We remain profoundly grateful to God for His unfailing guidance and to all our benefactors, well-wishers and supporters for their enduring encouragement. May we continue to journey together in faith, commitment and service for the flourishing of Montfort School, Aranthangi.



MONFORT SENIOR SECONDARY

ANAKKARA

BRO. IGNATIUS DASS. L

**"Let your light shine before others,
that they may see your good deeds and
glorify your Father in heaven."**

– Matthew 5:16

**Grace-filled greetings from Montfort
School, Anakkara!**

Montfort School, Anakkara, recently witnessed a vibrant confluence of tradition, creativity, and youthful energy through a series of remarkable events heralding the dawn of a new academic year.

A Warm Welcome to New Principal:

On 2nd June 2025, the school auditorium became the stage for a heart-warming ceremony to welcome our newly appointed Principal, **Bro. Ignatius Dass, L.** The occasion brought together staff, students and parents to celebrate the commencement of a promising new chapter in the school's journey.



The programme opened with a soulful prayer song, invoking divine wisdom and guidance, followed by a spirited welcome dance that symbolized joy, unity and new beginnings. The school choir's melodious welcome song added a lyrical charm to the occasion.

In his welcome address, **Bro. Joe Moison** highlighted the principal's distinguished achievements, extensive experience and inspiring vision for education. He also voiced the community's collective eagerness to collaborate under the leadership of one dedicated to excellence, innovation and holistic growth.

Bro. Ignatius Dass expressed heartfelt gratitude for the warm reception and emphasised the value of teamwork, discipline, and an environment that fosters both academic brilliance and personal growth. The ceremony concluded with a vote of thanks, leaving the gathering inspired and energized for the journey ahead.

Adding to the spirit of democracy, the School Pupil Leader (SPL) and Assistant School Pupil Leader (ASPL) elections were held. Candidates delivered speeches pledging service and integrity and the transparent voting process culminated in the appointment of student leaders—true ambassadors of responsibility and student voice.

Investiture Ceremony 2025 – Nurturing Tomorrow's Leaders:

On 27th June 2025, the school auditorium hosted the Investiture Ceremony with pride and solemnity, formally inducting the newly elected Student Council for the academic year 2025–26. The ceremony began with an earnest prayer song, invoking blessings of wisdom, integrity and dedication. Distinguished guests, including the Chief Guest **Mr. K.R. Biju, DSP, Idukki**, the Brothers, Vice-Principal, Coordinators, and senior faculty graced the event. The newly elected leaders marched in, led by the rhythmic beats of the school band, embodying discipline and dignity.



Badges and sashes were conferred upon each council member by the Chief Guest—a symbolic affirmation of the trust and responsibility bestowed upon them. The Head Boy, Head Girl, House Captains and office bearers then took the Oath of Office, pledging to uphold the school's values with sincerity and honour.

The Principal reminded the young leaders that true leadership is service in action—marked by responsibility, empathy, and setting the right example. The event not

only celebrated student leadership but also reinforced Montfort's commitment to moulding responsible, confident and compassionate citizens.



Cultural Extravaganza-ARS Nova 2025:

On 26th July and 1st August, the campus came alive with colours, music and artistic brilliance during the much-anticipated Montfez Cultural Fest – ARS Nova 2025. Students showcased exceptional talent in music, dance, drama and art, reflecting the rich tapestry of India's cultural heritage.



From classical and folk dances to contemporary performances, from thought-provoking skits to humorous mime acts, the stage was a celebration of creativity and diversity. The audience was enthralled by

soulful solo renditions, dynamic group performances and instrumental pieces that spoke the language of passion and artistry. This cultural showcase re-affirmed the school's dedication to nurturing creativity, confidence and teamwork—skills essential for success beyond the classroom.



Other Noteworthy Events:

- **International Yoga Day:** Observed with serenity and discipline, guided by trained instructors, promoting physical balance, mental clarity and inner harmony.
- **Pre-KG Opening Day:** We welcomed our youngest learners with vibrant decorations, cheerful music, and loving guidance, ensuring a smooth transition into school life.
- **KG Initiation Day:** It was marked with symbolic rituals, including the lighting of



the lamp, signifying the illumination of minds and hearts.

- **Fancy Dress Competition:** It brought the campus to life with imaginative costumes, ranging from historical icons to modern-day heroes, celebrating individuality, expression and storytelling flair.



Together, these events illustrate Montfort School's enduring mission—to blend tradition with innovation and to empower every child to shine with excellence in academics, character and creativity.



MONTFORT SCHOOL - CBSE

CHINNAKANAL

Mrs. SONY LIJO & Miss. GIRIJA

"Lighting the path of learning with compassion and truth"

Blessings filled Greetings from Montfort School, Chinnakanal;

Back to School 2025 - A Fresh Start:

On 2nd June, our campus came alive as students and staff gathered for the new academic year. A special assembly led by our Principal, inspired all to set goals, work hard and embrace opportunities. Friendships were rekindled and new faces warmly welcomed.

Initiation Ceremony - 16th June:

Our youngest learners were officially welcomed with prayers, lamp-lighting, cultural programs and the traditional rice-writing ritual. We thank our former Principal {Bro. Maria Joseph} for six years of dedicated leadership and vision.

Investiture Ceremony - 27th June:

Newly elected Student Council members pledged to uphold school values. The event, graced by Mr. Manoj Kumar (CI, Santhanpara), included a ceremonial march past and oath-taking.

Fond Farewell - 29th July:

We bid an emotional goodbye to Mrs. Venkada Lakshmi and Mr. Pramod, honoring their dedicated service and care.

PTA Meet - 2nd August:

An insightful seminar by Bro. Arul Rajendran fostered meaningful parent-student bonding through interactive activities.

Academic & Co-curricular Excellence:

From classroom innovations to Karate, Yoga, music, skating and art, students nurtured skills and creativity. Periodic Test 1 was held from 22nd-25th July.

Montfortian Cultural Carnival - 9th-12th August:

Vibrant competitions in dance, recitation, art, and music showcased talent and confidence of the students.

Seminars for teachers - Learning to teach better:

To keep our educators abreast of modern teaching practices, a seminar on Methodology of Teaching Mathematics was conducted by Mr. Maria Albert, HOD of Mathematics, Dubai. Engaging activities like group discussions and case studies made the sessions practical, interactive and teamwork-driven.

Intra-class Competitions:

From Fruits Day to clay modeling, younger students enjoyed hands-on learning and creativity.

Green Initiative:

Nearly 200 cardamom plants were sown under the guidance of Bro. Joseph Thomas, promoting eco-friendliness.

"With each event, our Montfort family grows stronger—united in learning, service, and joy."



ST. LOUIS INSTITUTE FOR THE DEAF & BLIND

ADYAR

BRO. DR. INNACI ASIR

"A BEACON OF HOPE, LEARNING, AND LIMITLESS POSSIBILITIES"

- ❖ For the academic year 2025-2026, the school re-opened on 2nd June 2025. The day began with a humble prayer for the welfare of differently-abled children and for the continued growth of the institution, St. Louis takes pride in presenting the activities of the first term.



- ❖ A workshop on **"Enhancing Competence and Commitment"** for the faculty of both the School and College was conducted on 24th June 2025 by Fr. Kumar Raja of Tuticorin. On the following day, 25th June, Fr. Kumar Raja conducted an orientation programme for our students and also celebrated the first Holy Mass of the academic year in the newly renovated auditorium.
- ❖ The Investiture Ceremony was held on 2nd July 2025. The Chief Guest was Fr. Patrick Joseph, Parish Priest of St. Louis Church, Adyar, and the Guests of Honour were Bro. I. Yesuraj SG, Director, MCDS, Pallavaram and Dr. E. Murugan, Vice Chancellor (in-charge), Madras University. They administered the oath of office to the newly elected leaders.
- ❖ The birthday of Bro. Dr. A. Innaci Asir, Director, Correspondent and Headmaster

of St. Louis Institute for the Deaf and the Blind, was celebrated on 11th July 2025 in a simple and meaningful manner.

- ❖ The birthday of Thiru. Kamarajar was observed on 15th July 2025 as Education Development Day. On the same day, the Literary Associations of Tamil and English were inaugurated in his honor. The Chief Guest, Mr. Balanagendran IAS, and the Guest of Honour, Mr. Karthick – both distinguished alumni of St. Louis Institute – graced the occasion.
- ❖ The 64th Annual Sports Meet of the School and the 33rd Annual Sports Meet of the College were celebrated in grand style on 30th July 2025. The Chief Guest, Mr. Ravi Murugaiah, Chairman of Vasan Estates, Trichy and the Guest of Honour Mrs. Daya Priyadarshini, Founder of Alpha Tennis Academy, applauded the talents and achievements of our students.
- ❖ The brothers of the St. Louis community, along with the dedicated staff members, continue to render their services with vision and compassion for the education and rehabilitation of differently-abled children in a truly meaningful way.



MY UNEXPECTED HOME

INDONESIA

BRO. MALAR PRIYAN

"An unexpected home is God's gentle reminder that His plans are greater than ours."

Greetings from my newfound home, Indonesia! 10 months ago, I arrived as a pioneer missionary from India, stepping into a world brimming with new sights, sounds and opportunities. Learning Bahasa Indonesia became my daily joy-each mastered word deepened my bond with this vibrant land. The true delight, however, lies in teaching the local children and SMM novices, whose laughter and curiosity brighten every day.



Our mission has taken significant strides: from June 12-16, 2025, three Provincial Superiors and the National Secretary visited to finalize preparations. With the Bishop of Ruteng's blessing, we now have permission to

establish a formation house and are exploring land options to serve this community more effectively.



One highlight was a seventh day Inter-Montfortian Retreat with members from Indonesia, Singapore and the Philippines-a time of prayer, renewal and unity.

Though I miss my dear Brothers, the journey has been a tapestry of challenges, gratitude and hope. Indonesia has captured my heart-not only through its rich culture and language but through its people's warmth and the dream we are building together. I look ahead with faith, trusting God's plans for this mission.



To succeed in your mission, you must have single-minded devotion to your goal.

MONTFORT INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

ALLAIPIDY, JAFFNA

BRO. DR. JAMES BELLARMIN

A New Term Begins with Enlightening Seminars, Warm Welcomes, and Reflections on our Educational Mission "Inspiring to Excel for the Kingdom."

Greetings from Montfort International School, Allaipiddy, Jaffna.

The commencement of the third academic term at Montfort International School was marked by series of vibrant and meaningful events that fostered professional development, celebrated leadership transitions and renewed our collective commitment to educational excellence.

On 30th May, the academic staff convened for an engaging and thought-provoking Teachers Seminar facilitated by Sr. Theresa Rani who addressed the theme **"Education in the Digital Age"**. The session explored the dynamic shifts in 21st century education and offered practical tools to effectively engage today's digitally inclined learners. The seminar concluded with a fraternal meal, allowing teachers to reflect, reconnect and renew their shared purpose in a collegial atmosphere.

The following day 31st May, the faculty assembled for a staff meeting presided over by Bro. Mariapragasam, where a significant leadership announcement was made: the appointment of Bro. James Bellarmin as the new principal. His introduction was met with warmth and enthusiasm, as the staff pledged their full support and collaboration.

The school officially re-opened for the third term on June 2nd. Bro. James Bellarmin

expressed his heartfelt gratitude to the outgoing Principal for his visionary leadership, tireless service to the underprivileged, unwavering commitment to the school's mission and foundational contributions to institutional growth. His legacy of steering the school towards excellence was honored with deep appreciation and applause.



Continuing the momentum of professional enrichment, a second Teacher's Seminar was held on 6th June by **Mr. Nithilavarnan**, who presented on **"Contemporary Perspectives in Education."** The seminar session challenged educators to confront modern educational realities with creativity and adaptability, encouraging the adoption of innovative pedagogical practices in the classroom. The spirit of reflection and gratitude continued to guide the term's journey.

On 9th July, the school community gathered for a solemn prayer service in memory of **Mr. Chandra Kumar**, a cherished benefactor whose legacy of generosity has

significantly shaped the educational landscape of Allaipiddy. Driven by a passion for children's education, he founded "Thavacrish Foundation" which provides a monthly scholarship of LKR 1,000 for each school-going child in the locality. His enduring commitment to educational equity was commemorated in a moving tribute, deeply touching the hearts of all present.



On 19th of July, a community meeting was chaired by Bro. James Bellarmin, further strengthening the bonds of unity and shared vision that animate our mission. During the gathering Bro. Gabriel Raj was warmly welcomed back into the mission community, evoking heartfelt joy and gratitude. The meeting served as a platform to discuss communal responsibilities and re-affirm the collective dedication to service, education and social transformation. It encouraged active engagement and re-inforced the values of solidarity and mutual support. The gathering concluded with updates on upcoming school events and new initiatives, offering a glimpse into the exciting directions the school is poised to take. Re-invigorated by a renewed sense of purpose, the Brothers and staff aligned themselves with the evolving vision of the institution.



From 23rd to 25th July, the school hosted its first **Parent-Teacher Meeting (PTM)** under the leadership of Bro. James Bellarmin. The pivotal event served as a forum for constructive dialogue between parents and educators, re-inforcing the school's commitment to transparency and collaboration. The outgoing principal seized this moment to extend his profound gratitude to the parent community for their steadfast support over the years.



On 4th August, the school community bid a farewell to Sr. Sophia Antony from the congregation of St Joseph of Cluny, marking the completion of her two years of devoted service. Her compassionate spirit, unwavering dedication and nurturing presence have left behind legacy of love, excellence and enduring inspiration.

These recent milestones at Montfort International School signify not only a dynamic beginning to the new academic term but also reaffirm the foundational values of reflection, gratitude and forward vision that define our institution. Guided by the enduring spirit of our founder Louis-Marie De Montfort, the school community moves ahead with unwavering faith and collective resolve- to enlighten minds, shape character and build a brighter tomorrow.



FRESH INITIATIVE - SRI LANKA

MULLAITIVU

BRO. MARIAPRAGASAM

Dear Brothers in Christ Jesus,

We bow in thanksgiving to God for His benevolence poured upon our new endeavor in the uncharted land of Sri Lanka. As you are all aware, we have initiated a new mission project in Mullaitivu, approximately 140 km away from our current mission base. For over a year now, we have been actively working on establishing this new venture. As expected, the beginning posed several challenges on various fronts, which required ample time and effort to address before we could properly commence the mission.



One of the most demanding tasks was clearing the land, which proved to be quite time-consuming and labor-intensive. Being a new mission in unfamiliar territory, it required extensive support and cooperation from the local community and religious groups. Thankfully, both the public and the

religious were extremely supportive and collaborative.

We also had to liaise with several civil authorities—Police, Army, and Navy—to obtain necessary approvals, permissions, and recognitions from different departments to initiate our mission work. With God's grace, we have been able to make significant progress. Some of the key milestones include:

- Approval and installation of a three-phase EB transformer, and electricity supply has now been provided to the site.



- Water connection has been sanctioned by the Sri Lanka Water Board.
- Telephone connectivity has been established through the Department of Telecommunications.
- The front entrance compound wall has been constructed and the main gate has been installed.



- A security room and EB shed have been built.
- A significant number of trees have been cleared to make way for construction.
- Four bore wells have been dug and we are blessed to have found an abundant supply of potable water.
- The foundation for the Brothers' residence has been laid and construction work is currently underway.



In addition to these achievements, several miscellaneous works are also progressing alongside. We sincerely request your continued prayers and support for the success of this new mission.



"Missionary zeal does not grow out of intellectual beliefs, nor out of theological arguments, but out of love"

-Roland Allen...



SACRED HEART NOVITIATE

EACHINKADU

SUSAN DHAS & AARON EBENEZER

FIRST YEAR NOVICES

Greetings from Eachinkadu

On 15th June, a memorable inaugural ceremony for the new novitiate batch was held. The event was graced by the presence of the Bro. John Britto the provincial of Trichy, and Bro. Jenny Kuriakose the provincial of Bengaluru, whose presence added special significance to the occasion. The gathering was filled with moments of prayer, fellowship, and gratitude. The ceremony began with a warm welcome extended to all the guests, followed by a prayer service invoking God's blessing on the new mission.



In his address, the Provincial encouraged the novices to embrace collaboration and commitment in their religious life. The presence of brothers from different communities symbolized the strength of shared mission and mutual support. Their participation enriched the celebration and inspired the novices to live the values of service and unity.

Birthday celebration of Bro. Arockia Sahayaraj:

On 20th June we joyfully celebrated the birthday of Bro. Arockia Sahayaraj the

principal of Montfort school, Yercaud. Though it was a working day, he took time to visit us. His arrival was met with heartfelt wishes and warm fellowship.

Our novice master spoke about his kindness, availability and spiritual depth, leaving a deep impression on all present. The highlight of the evening was the cake-cutting ceremony, filled with smiles, laughter, joyful songs and smiles. The celebration continued with a simple yet delightful meal shared in fraternity. Bro. Arockia Sahayaraj expressed his gratitude with His words were filled with love and compassion.

Singing classes by Bro. John Xavier:

On 3rd July, Bro. John Xavier came to Eachinkadu to conduct singing classes. We welcomed him warmly and quickly began our sessions, as we felt the need to improve in this area. Over the five days, we learned not only new songs but also the ethics and techniques required to sing with confidence and skill. Thanks to his patient guidance, we are now able to sing better than before. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Bro. John Xavier for training us so generously.



Faith sharing in groups:

Though We came together as a community, many of us did not know the personal struggles and journeys of our friends. Our novice master introduced the practice of faith sharing, encouraging us to open our hearts and speak about life experiences. Though this sharing, we came to understand one another's joys and struggles more deeply. This experience has helped us grow in unity and friendship, strengthening our bond as a community of faith.

Funeral of our three brothers:

With sorrowful hearts, our community gathered to bid farewell to three beloved brothers called to their eternal rest: Bro. V.C. Mani, Province of Trichy, Bro. K.A. Paul Kaimbarabat, province of Yercaud and Bro. Lawrence Joseph, Bengaluru. The Holy Mass was presided over by the priest from Yercaud, included a moving homily reflecting on the lives of the departed. After the Mass, the funeral procession moved to the cemetery with hymns and silent prayers. As each brother laid to rest, we entrusted them fully into the hands of the Lord, recalling the comforting words of Scripture:

"Well done, good and faithful servant... enter into the joy of your Master." (Matthew 25:21)

Though grief filled the air, we also felt a deep peace and gratitude for the gift of their lives. Their memory strengthens our vocation with greater faith, love, and dedication. May their souls rest in peace.

Prayer classes by Bro. Vimal Joe:

In recent days, Bro. Vimal Joe has been conducting classes on the types and methods of prayer. With clarity and patience, he has introduced us to various ways of deepening our prayer life. We have greatly benefited from these lessons, which are helping us to pray more meaningfully in the novitiate. We are truly grateful for his guidance during our summer camp.

Visit of National chairman:

On 26th of June, we were blessed with the visit of our national chairman Bro. Dominic Savio, provincial of Yercaud. We organized a small welcome program in his honor. At the close of the program, he delivered an inspiring message. He reminded us to remain faithful in our vocation and joyful in our mission. He encouraged us to grow in brotherhood, stay rooted in prayer, and lead through humble service. His visit was a moment of grace, renewing our commitment to Christ and to one another.



Seminar on Encyclical Dil Exit NOS:

On 28th of June, we attended a seminar on "**Dil exit nos**" organized by the Salesians, at the Jnanodhaya theology centre, Yercaud. The Encyclical was explained in depth, after which we were divided into mixed groups for discussions on two key questions. The seminar was a wonderful experience, enriching our understanding and deepening our sense of mission.

SSGY FETE in Yercaud:

On 20th July, the SSGY fete was held in Yercaud to raise funds for the poor at Anbu Illam. We participated by selling 40 books of lottery tickets and organizing fete games, the funds raised will support the needy and bring joy to many lives.



ST. GABRIEL'S HOUSE

SITAGARHA

ARUL VINCENT

SECOND YEAR NOVICE

A warm and grace filled greetings from 22 Novices and three staff members of St. Gabriel's house, Sitagarha. I'm elated to share with you some of the significant events and memorable moments that have taken place recently in our Novitiate.

Walking Picnic:

On 1st March 2025, we went on picnic to Canary Hill, located in Hazaribagh Town. The scenic beauty of the place was truly captivating. From the hill top view point, we enjoyed a panoramic view of Hazaribagh city and its surroundings. This picnic, shared with our fellow Brothers and Novices, it was an unforgettable experience filled with joy, laughter and strong sense fraternity. Sharing meals in the lap of nature and different setting fostered a deeper sense of togetherness. It was refreshing break from our routine classes, giving us time to relax, bond and create lasting memories.



In the afternoon, we visited the MTC Brother's community nearby and had a

friendly volley ball match with the vocational students -a truly enriching experience.

The visit of the three Provincials:

On 13th of March 2025, we were blessed by the visit of three Provincials. George Padikara, {Bengaluru} Bro. Jaico Garvasis, {Pune} Bro. Herman Vijay Lakra {Ranchi} We had an enriching and interacting session with them. Their presence were inspiring and their inputs deeply touched our hearts. Their wisdom and guidance motivated us and we look forward to more such visits in the future.



Combined Birthday celebration of the Novices:

"A good laugh is sunshine in the house".

-William

On 3rd of March, we joyfully celebrated the birthdays of 12 Novices. A special prayer service was held in the evening followed by a short cultural programme. Brothers from the MGA community joined us, enhancing the spirit of celebration and brotherhood.

Guitar Classes:

The guitar is a versatile beloved musical instrument. We were grateful for the opportunity to learn and practice playing it. We discovered that mastering it requires patience, dedication and regular practice. It taught us the importance of focus, discipline and creativity. Playing the guitar has now become a source of joy and inspiration, spreading positive energy within us and around us.



Football coaching:

Thanks to the generous initiative of Bro. Binoy Meenatur, Principal of Montfort School, Navatoli, we received football coaching for nearly a month. We began with basic skills like passing, dribbling, juggling and progressed to techniques like attacking, defending and shooting. The training significantly improved our skills and boosted our confidence, discipline and ability to work as a team. It also helped us manage our stress and pressure during the games.



Classes by Mr. Jayaraj:

"I am the way the truth and the life".

(Jn10:10)

Mr. Jayaraj is a man of deep prayer, guided us in developing our spiritual life. He introduced us to various forms of prayer including meditation, the Rosary and the way of the cross. He encouraged us to integrate prayer into daily lives and taught us creative ways to organize prayer sessions in our communities.

Birthday celebration of Bro. B.A Kurian:

On 24th April, we joyfully celebrated the birthday of our beloved Novice Master Bro. B.A Kurian. During the Holy Mass we prayed for him and his family. The evening featured a special prayer service, a cultural program and a delightful dinner in his honor.



Feast Day of our founder:

On 27th April, we celebrated the feast of our founder, St Louise Marie Grignon de Montfort. The event was graced by the presence of brothers from all Hazaribagh Sector communities, along with neighbouring religious and priests. A short but meaningful cultural programme was organized, including cinematic dance and a well-received skit on the life of our founder. Bro. Sudhakar Readdy, Principal of Montfort Higher Secondary School, Hazaribagh, delivered an inspiring message on the life and

mission of our founder. The celebration concluded with delicious fellowship meal.



Hospital Ministry:

"Wherever the art of medicine is loved, there is also a love of humanity."

- Voltaire

In May, we engaged in a month-long hospital ministry. We were divided into seven groups and sent to various MC Brothers and sisters' institutions, including leprosy centres, TB clinics, homes for the elderly and centres for the mentally disabled. This Apostolic exposure gave us first hand insight into the suffering and resilience of the sick and the marginalized. The experiences we encountered were both touching and transformative. Upon our return, we shared our reflection and resolved to carry these learnings into our future mission as Montfort Brothers.

Visit of Bro. T.T Mathew:

On 15th June, we welcomed Bro. T.T. Mathew, who stayed with us for a week. He conducted Yoga sessions, meditation and English Grammar classes. His disciplined life style and profound spiritual outlook left a lasting impression on us.

We are grateful for the knowledge and inspiration he shared and we wish him all the best in his mission in Lucknow.

Raggi Plantation:

July and August mark the sowing session in our region. We thoroughly enjoyed planting Raggi in our field. The campus now blooms with lush greenery, thanks to the sessional rains. It was both bonding and grounding experience for us.



On-going Classes:

Bro. B.A Kurian continues to teach Religious life and recently conducted an exam on the subject. Bro. Sandeep handles English and music classes. Bro. P.T George offers valuable sessions on the spirituality of various spiritual masters. We are also fortunate to have classes from Jesuits Tertian Fathers covering topics relevant to our spiritual and missionary journey.



Friendly Football Match between SSC & Gabriel's House:

On 31st July, we were invited by SSC Jesuit house for a friendly football match in celebration of St. Ignatius of Loyola feast day. It is a long-standing tradition between our houses. We thoroughly enjoyed the match, and the hospitality made us feel right at home.

Paddy Plantation:

After a dry spell, rain finally blessed the land, and we began preparing the field for paddy cultivation. Within four days, we completed the planting. Today, the land resembles a green carpet- proof of our enthusiastic and collaborative effort.



Inter-House Football Match:

"Many hands make light work"

With great enthusiasm and team work, we organized friendly football match among the four houses- IMS, OCD, Seminary and Gabriel's house. The ground was alive with energy and the match gave us the perfect opportunity to showcase our talents and bond with one another.



*"Not every difficult and dangerous thing
is suitable for training, but only that
which is conducive to success in
achieving the object of our effort."*

MONTFORT ARULUDHAYAM PRE-NOVITIATE

BISHON PRADEEP

PRE-NOVICE, TRICHY PROVINCE

Prayerful salutations from Montfort Aruludhayam – Pre-Novitiate

With hearts brimming with gratitude, we, the young brothers of the Montfort Aruludhayam Pre-Novitiate Community, joyfully share the grace-filled beginnings of our new academic and formative year. This blessed chapter is already adorned with spiritual, intellectual and fraternal experiences that are gently moulding us in the Montfortian way of life.

Inauguration of the Academic Year:

Our academic year commenced with a solemn and grace-laden inauguration, centered on the inspiring theme: **“Rooted in Christ, Our Ultimate Hope.”** This motto stands as the cornerstone of our spiritual journey, guiding each step with steadfast faith.



The occasion was graced by the esteemed presence of **Bro. John Britto, Provincial of Trichy and**

Bro. Jenny Kuriakose, Provincial of Bengaluru, whose words of wisdom stirred our hearts with courage and conviction. Their presence were a tangible reminder of our sacred calling—to grow as men of depth and integrity, firmly anchored in Christ.



We were further blessed to welcome **Bro. K.M. Joseph, National Formation Director**, whose profound sharing underscored the necessity of holistic formation—embracing the spiritual, intellectual and emotional dimensions of our vocation. His calm yet inspiring demeanor left an indelible mark on our hearts.

Another distinguished guest, **Bro. Irudayam, Executive of NCI**, reminded us of the greater mission entrusted to the Montfortian family. His exhortation to embrace our journey with faith, joy and purposeful zeal renewed our dedication to the path of religious life.

The inauguration culminated in a solemn, spirit-filled prayer service, which not only marked the academic year's opening but also deepened our personal recommitment to be **"rooted in Christ,"** drawing life and strength from Him who is our unfailing hope.

Intellectual Formation & Academic Discipline:

Our intellectual formation is enriched by regular English classes under the guidance of **Fr. Tony, along with Bro. Marreddy and Bro. Rahul.** These sessions refine our vocabulary, pronunciation, grammar and communication skills—tools indispensable for our future mission and ministry.

To evaluate and strengthen our learning, periodic examinations are conducted. Thoughtfully designed, these assessments measure grammar proficiency, writing ability, listening skills and overall communication competence.

The constructive feedback from our formators inspires us to grow in humility, discipline and perseverance, shaping us into self-aware learners with a steady rhythm of progress.

Group Dynamics and Fraternal Bonds:

Our community life is animated through three vibrant groups—Martyrs, Saints, and Missionaries—which foster healthy competition and shared responsibility. Through community prayers, sports events and manual work, we cultivate teamwork, leadership and mutual accountability.



We are also blessed with music and liturgical singing classes, led by **Bro. Marreddy**, which train us in hymns, psalms, and chants that elevate our worship. Slowly, we are discovering our voices not only in melody but also in unity and prayer.

Spiritual Animation & Interior Growth:

Our hearts were enriched by the guidance of Mr. Maria Moison, who led a reflective series sessions on **"The Path to Purpose and the Call to Religious Life."** His sessions intertwined Scripture, meditation and self-examination, offering practical tools for clarity of vocation, focus and memory retention—gifts valuable both in study and in prayer.



We were equally privileged to have **Mr. Jayaraj, a former Montfort Brother**, animate a seminar on prayer.

His creative approach introduced us to varied forms—such as the Rosary, the Way of the Cross, and especially the Montfort Rosary—deepening our spiritual intimacy with God. His meditative and interactive sessions have inspired many of us to lead daily prayers with renewed fervor.

Physical Formation & Recreation:

Faithful to the Montfortian tradition of integral formation, we devote time to physical development through sports such as baseball, basketball, and football. These games not only build fitness but also nurture camaraderie, discipline, and the joyful spirit of brotherhood. They refresh our minds and ready us for study, prayer and service.

Liturgical Life: Heartbeat of the Community:

At the very core of our formation are the daily liturgies and thematic prayers that bind us to Christ.

Morning praise, Eucharistic adoration, liturgical celebrations and evening reflections form the sacred rhythm of our day. These moments do not merely teach us rituals; they shape our hearts into living reflections of Christ Himself.

Journeying Forward in Hope:

As we walk this path of consecration, we thank God for His unfailing grace and for the guidance of our formators, mentors, and well-wishers. Each day at Montfort Aruludhayam is a step forward in love, in growth and in deeper commitment to our vocation. Inspired by our holy founder, **St. Louis-Marie de Montfort**, we pledge to live out our year's theme: "**Rooted in Christ, Our Ultimate Hope.**"

We humbly seek your prayers, even as we remember the Montfortian family in ours—praying that all of us may remain steadfast, fruitful and faithful in our call to be true men of God.



"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

-Joshua 1:9



CRI BENGALURU

BRO. AGUSTIN RAJ

Theology III Year

"The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom. Though it cost all you have, get understanding." (Proverbs 4:7)

Academic Year and Classes:

The academic year 2025-2026 at our Vidya deep college, Bangalore, began on 9th June 2025 with a meaningful Orientation and Inaugural program, attended by 42 Brothers, 8 sisters and 3 Faculty members. The event was graced by Fr. Mathew Attumkal, CMI President of DVK Institute, Bangalore and Bro. Santhose, CSC President of CRI Brothers Section, Bangalore. Their inspiring words added depth and encouragement to our mission. The day marked not only a new beginning but also a renewed commitment to formation and theological studies.

Formal classes commenced on 12th June, setting a focused academic tone for the year. So far one examination 19 courses have been completed. Our student brothers and sisters have been as busy as bees, pursuing their studies with zeal. Both academic life and community living continue with enthusiasm and dedication.



Sports Day:

On 2nd July, the spirit of camaraderie and healthy competition came alive as we celebrated the inauguration of our Sports Day. The community was divided into four vibrant teams and team leaders were officially appointed. The event fostered unity, energy and mutual encouragement among the Brothers and Sisters.



"I Will remember the deeds of the Lord; yes, I will remember your wonders of old. I will meditate on all your work, and on your deeds I will ponder"

Psalm 77:11-12



Foundation Day:

On 9th July We joyfully commemorated the Foundation Day of our Institute with a heartfelt celebration. We gratefully recalled the vision of our founders and the remarkable journey of the past 58 years. Now stepping into our 59th year, we renew our commitment to our founding ideals with gratitude for the growth and grace we have received.

Recollection:

To nurture spiritual growth, on 25th July, a recollection was held with the theme **"Called to be Faithful; Rooted in Christ, Radiating His Love."** Prepared animated by our third-year student Brothers, it was a grace-filled time for reflection, silence and personal renewal in our journey of Discipleship.

Library Training Program:

First-year students underwent a two-days training program combining theory and practice on effective library use and the proper methodology for writing scientific papers. They also spent a day at DVK including an enriching visit to its library.

Rally for a Cause:

On 2nd August 2025, all the Brothers of VDC actively participated in a rally organized

by the archdiocese of Bengaluru at Freedom Park. The rally sought the immediate release of two sisters falsely accused and arrested in Chhattisgarh by Railway police personnel. With over 5,000 participants, the rally lasted for two hours and bore witness to our solidarity in faith and justice.



We continue to walk together in faith, study, prayer, and fellowship, trusting in God's grace and guided by the spirit of our Congregation.

"He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." (Philippians 1:6)



WITNESSES OF HOPE IN A BROKEN WORLD

BRO. DR. JESU RAJA

In a world fractured by war, poverty, broken relationships and moral disarray, the human heart thirsts for hope. As Montfort Brothers of St. Gabriel, we are called to be more than mere spectators, we are summoned to be **"witnesses of hope"** in this broken world. **Not passive voices, but compassionate presences.**

Hope is not wishful thinking. It is the sacred rebellion against despair. It is the light we carry through the corridors of uncertainty, echoing humanity's cry for healing, justice and peace.

Saint Louis Marie de Montfort, our spiritual founder, envisioned a world healed by radical love, total consecration and divine wisdom. He once wrote: *"Cursed be the prudence of the world! Blessed be the folly of the Cross!"*

Montfort's **"folly of the Cross"** is not about suffering alone—it is the courage to embrace the world's wounds with the healing balm of Christ's love. We Montfort Brothers, through our classrooms, social apostolates and communities, stand as living parables of hope.

When youths are disoriented by consumerism, screen addiction and existential dread, we are invited to echo Montfort's voice, reminding them: **"Those whom the world rejects, God chooses."**
— St. Louis Marie de Montfort

Our mission is not one of charity alone but of justice, dignity and holistic education. In every classroom, each child is a seed of potential. Our presence, patience and passion are the sunlight that nurtures their growth.

Renowned leadership coach Robin Sharma reminds us: *"Leadership is not about a title or a designation. It's about impact, influence and inspiration."*

As Montfort educators, our influence is measured not in exam results alone, but in the character, we build, the kindness we model and the courage we inspire. Every encounter with a child is an opportunity to be a "witness of hope."

In a broken world, silence is complicity. We must speak for the voiceless. Act for the powerless. Teach with truth. Love without condition. As Mahatma Gandhi once said: **"Be the change you wish to see in the world."** To be a "witness of hope" is to love radically, to teach beyond the blackboard and to see Christ in every child's eyes.

In our Montfortian tradition, prayer and action walk hand in hand. We kneel before the crucifix and rise to embrace the wounded. This is our dual fidelity—to God and to humanity.

Martin Luther King Jr. once said: **"Only in the darkness you can see the stars."** Our world may be darkened by conflict and cynicism, but we are called to be the stars of hope that guide the weary traveller. Not because we are perfect, but because we trust in a perfect God who works through our imperfections.

To be a Montfort Brother today, is to carry the torch of transformative education, to believe in the resurrection of the world's goodness, and to commit daily a being signs of hope.



ACTS OF ALTRUISM IGNITE HOPE IN SILENT SOULS

BRO. ROGITH JOEL

In recent days Altruism has become a rare commodity. We often speak eloquently about altruism on public platforms, yet the question remains; do we faithfully live out this fine virtue in our daily lives as religious? Altruism is love in action – selfless, humble and guided by the divine spark in every soul and expressed through acts of sacrifice without any expectation on return. People from all walks of life have been a great source of inspiration, encouraging us to imbibe and practice this noble virtue called altruism.

Turning the pages of history, we find in the life of our founder St. Montfort, we could witness the genuine altruistic love. One memorable incident occurred at River Meu in Montfort-sur-Meu, France. Encountering a beggar in need St. Montfort not only supported him financially but also offered all that he had for the man's long journey. Remarkably, he trusted fully in the providence of God and acted upon it.

Records state that upon reaching his destination, he was completely friendless and penniless – yet unwavering in faith. Is this not the purest form of altruism, where our founder helped the needy with no expectation whatsoever? A Holy Bible also prunes our thinking and shapes our understanding of true altruism. Consider the parable of Good Samaritan.

A man is beaten by robbers and left to die. A priest and a Levite pass by without helping. But a Samaritan, an outsider in society's eyes, stops to end his wounds, takes him to an inn, and pays for his care – expecting nothing in return. This timeless parable remains an inspiration for all, standing as epitome of Altruism.

Mahatma Gandhi, the Father of our nation once said, **"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."** Indeed, one of the highest calling in life is to serve others. In our committed and selfless service, we ring the bells of altruism and through them the world recognizes us true religious, when we weave imprint of love and service. Let us wait for no one but act as one- instilling hope in every heart. Let us look at people with eyes of compassion, welcome them with hearts of kindness and embrace them with arms of love.

Remember, through your acts of altruism, someone who may seem insignificant today could become deeply important to you tomorrow. We are created with a purpose and we are indebted to serve God, in the way He calls us to serve Him. Let this reflection be concluded not merely words, but with your own anecdotes and real-life experiences of altruism - for it is in lived testimony that the virtue of altruism shines brightest.



BECOMING A RAY OF HOPE AMID BROKENNESS

BRO. AROCKIARAJ. J.

"Hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us" (Rom 5:5)

The world, the church in the world, the religious congregations within the church, the provinces within the congregation, the communities within the provinces and finally, the individual religious person in the community - all face the pressing challenge of brokenness. This brokenness manifests as meaninglessness, hopelessness, bitterness, divisiveness, corruption and inhumanity, spreading rapidly in our so called advanced **AI driven world**. In such a rapidly changing world, the consecrated person is called to be a beacon and pilgrim of hope - a hope that is optimist, fruitful and never disappoints.

Ways to become a beacon of hope:

- Where there is the evil of casteism, sow the seed of hope by standing against it.
- Where there is disunity, sow the seed of hope by fostering unity.
- Where there is selfishness, sow the seed of hope through altruism.
- Where there is arrogance, sow the seed of hope through humility.
- Where there is a desire for position and status, sow the seed of hope through detachment.
- Where there is laziness, sow a seed of hope by being industrious.
- Where there is a distorted value system, sow the seed of hope by upholding upright values.
- Where there is extravagance, sow the seed of hope through frugality.
- Where there is immorality, sow the seed of hope by living morally.
- Where there is mismanagement of money, sow the seed of hope through transparency.
- Where there is character assassination, sow the seed of hope by safeguarding others' good name.
- Where there is power mongering, sow the seed of hope through collaboration.
- Where there is partiality, sow the seed of hope by practicing fairness and impartiality.
- Where there is a decline in spiritual life, sow the seed of hope by promoting spiritual well-being.
- Where there is atheism, sow the seed of hope through faith in God.
- Where there is destructive criticism, sow the seed of hope through constructive encouragement.
- Where there is gossip, sow the seed of hope by speaking well of others.
- Where there is inauthenticity, sow the seed of hope through authenticity.

Remember, being a beacon of hope is not a destination but a journey. It means consciously choosing to make a positive difference step by step, without giving up on the promise of a brighter future.



TESTIMONY OF HOPE IN A BROKEN WORLD

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In a world burdened by war, injustice, poverty, and environmental crises, financial crisis, the idea of hope can often seem like a distant dream. Natural disasters, broken families, societal divisions and personal losses... such as the death of a loved one - add to the sense of helplessness many experiences. Yet, even in the midst of all this brokenness, there are those who choose not to turn away, but to stand firm like our patron St. Montfort. These are the people who become witnesses of hope. Their lives remind us that even in the darkest valleys, light still shines.

How Can We Interpret the Role of a Witness of Hope?

A witness of hope is not someone who ignores the reality of suffering, but someone who refuses to be consumed by it. They believe in the possibility of goodness, healing, and transformation. They may not have perfect lives or unshakable faith- Mother Theresa herself acknowledged moments of doubt -yet they press on with courage, compassion, and a vision for a brighter tomorrow, even when today is filled with sorrow.

Such witnesses can be found everywhere:

- A teacher who continues to educate in a war-torn region, like Montfort brothers dedicated to the field of Education.
- A doctor who serves in under-resourced hospitals with a smile.
- A young person who dares to speak out against injustice.
- A parent who holds their family together through hardship.
- A friend who listens, comforts and uplifts without expecting anything in return.

Through their presence, words and actions they testify that hope is not an abstract concept. It is a daily choice made in the face of despair.

Hope and the Endurance of Faith:

For many, faith is the wellspring of hope. Religious traditions remind us that suffering is not the final chapter. In Christianity, the resurrection of Jesus after the crucifixion stands as the ultimate witness of hope – that love triumphs over death and that life can be renewed. Hope is never passive. It is active and life giving. It motivates us to seek justice, care for creation, feed the hungry and extend kindness. Hope is the quiet but powerful force behind every act of goodness in a broken world.

What Role Do We Play in Spreading Hope?

- ✓ Practice kindness – even a small gesture of love or encouragement can change someone's day- or their life.
- ✓ Stand up for the voiceless – Use your voice to speak truth and support those who are suffering or marginalized.
- ✓ Stay resilient – Keep moving forward even when progress feels slow. Perseverance itself is a witness of hope.
- ✓ Spread joy and peace – In a world filled with noise and anxiety, choose to be a calming presence.
- ✓ Believe in change – No matter how dark the times, hold fast to the belief that transformation is possible - for individuals, families, communities and the world.

Finishing point:

The world may be broken, but it is not beyond healing. Each of us has the power to become a witness of hope – not by denying pain but by responding with love, faith and courage. The flame of hope may flicker but with enough hands and hearts, it will never be extinguished. Let us be the ones who keep that flame alive.



MONTFORT SCHOOL - CBSE

KATTUR, TRICHY

BRO. ROBERT LOURDUSAMY

Dear Readers of Sangamam;

We are delighted to present to you the latest updates and happenings from our school. This section is dedicated to sharing the vibrant life of our campus – from academic achievements and cultural events to seminars, competitions and community activities. Each news item reflects the hard work, enthusiasm and spirit of our students and staff who together make our school a place of learning, growth and inspiration. Through these updates, we aim to keep you connected with the pulse of our school and celebrate the milestones, both big and small, that shape our journey.

SEMINAR - SENIOR SCHOOL TEACHERS:

A seminar was conducted for all the staff. Mr. Vijay Toha, motivational speaker & Life skills trainer was the resource person.



It provided a platform for professional growth and development, focusing on innovative pedagogies aligning with the modern trends in education.

The seminar aimed to equip teachers with the skills and knowledge necessary to deliver high-quality education and foster a supportive learning environment.

THE FIRST STAFF MEETING:



Bro. Principal thanked and congratulated the staff for the meticulous execution of events throughout the year. He also insisted the teachers in planning for the forth-coming events such as investiture, sports day and club inauguration in a creative scale. As Montfort marches on to its glorious vicennia year, Bro. Principal gave some general instructions to the teachers so as to enable the smooth functioning of the school in the coming year and declared the theme of the year- *Shaping Tomorrow - Today* which would be emphasized in all the school programme conducted throughout the academic year. Bro. Principal concluded the meeting with a powerful message – Criticism is a sign of success not failure.

SCHOOL RE-OPENED FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR:

All the Students from Classes III - XII were present with more enthusiasm, rejuvenated energy and broad smiles for the new academic year.

SCHOOL RE-OPENS FOR CLASSES III-V:

Students were given a very warm welcome as they stepped into the portal of Montfort Junior School to experience another year of learning, growth and progress.

SPECIAL ASSEMBLY:

A special assembly was conducted by the teacher and students of class V- A throwing more light on the theme of the year, *Shaping tomorrow today*. Bro. Principal greeted and introduced the new comers once again.

KINDERGARTEN:

Kindergarten is a preschool educational approach based on playing, singing, practical activities such as drawing and social interaction as part of the transition from home to school.

JOLLY PHONICS WORKSHOP - 7th & 8th

APRIL 2025:

A two day jolly phonics was held in our kindergarten block which was led by Mrs. Leela subash, who has been our resource person for the past two years.

SEMINAR FOR THE PARENTS:

Theme : Nurturing roots & growth shaping young minds with love & care.

On 10th June 2025 a seminar was conducted by a distinguished resource person Dr. S.I.Rosy Lidia, Asst. Professor, Dept. of English, Holy Cross College.



Dr. S.I. Rosy Lidia conducted the seminar on Nurturing Roots and Growth ... Shaping young minds with love and care. Madam Rosy Lidia indicated the parents to be aware of their child's likes, dislikes and in and out emotional balance of the child.

INVESTITURE CEREMONY:

The investiture ceremony held on 14.6.2025, marking a significant milestone in the school's history, as new student leaders were entrusted with responsibilities and leadership roles, aimed to inspire and empower students to take on leadership positions and contribute to the school community. On the same day, the inauguration of the school's clubs were held, which aimed to provide students with opportunities to explore their interests,

develop new skills and foster creativity and team work. The following clubs were inaugurated English club, Math Club, Science Club, Creative Club, Dance Club, Music Club, Adventure Club, Health and Wellness Club, Social Science Club, Tamil Club and Hindi Club. The School management has invited Bro. John Britto, Provincial Superior of Trichy, as the chief guest to grace the occasion.



LDA-INAGURAL:

The student leaders were inducted with flags and sashes, marking their transition to leadership positions. Master Ram Ashwanth and Miss Harshavardhini have been elected as the Student leaders for the year 2025-2026.



The student leader, Master. Ram Ashwanth delivered a magnificent speech which was inspiring as well as captivating, having a huge impact on the students. The clubs were inaugurated with a spectacular show and the club in-charges introduced the prominence of the club's optimistic motifs, which created curiosity among the children to join the club. The Chief guest, Bro. John Britto, provincial Superior of Trichy, appreciated and applauded the event and encouraged the student leaders to be pioneers for the upcoming generation.

SEMINAR FOR PARENT - TEACHERS:

C.L.I.M.B approach - The neuro science behind parenting.

- Creativity
- Learning styles
- Insights on understanding
- Motivational patterns
- Building the right values

A seminar on the "C.L.I.M.B approach", the neuroscience behind parenting, was conducted for the parents of students from class V1 to XII on 14th June 2025 to inculcate productive learning about the child's behavior and growth. The management cordially invited Coach Vijay Toha, a motivational speaker and life skills trainer, as the resource person. Various aspects of student development and school initiatives concepts were discussed among the parents infusing the C.L.I.M.B approach. More than 150 parents actively participated and made the session lively and interactive, where they were enlightened with new perspectives on children's development and progress.



BRO. PRINCIPAL'S BIRTHDAY:



Excitement filled the air as the bubbly kids of the junior school joyously celebrated the Birthday of Bro. Principal. A very grand

reception was given by the students as they led the star celebrant to the dais - a joyful surprise for every eye. A very meaningful Bible enactment along with prayer, prayer song, dance, birthday wishes, felicitation adorned the memorable day.

ENTHUSIA:

At Enthusia 2025, an inter-school cultural fest organized by the K. Ramakrishnan Group of Institutions on Tuesday, 19th August 2025, 72 students from Classes VI to XII actively participated in almost all 22 events. These included Solo



Singing, Group Singing, Traditional Folk Dance, Western Dance, Cinematic Recreation, Pot Decoration, Painting and Pencil Sketching.

The students delivered outstanding performances, securing 1st place in 9 events and 3rd place in 3 events. Their collective efforts led Montfort School, Kattur to clinch the Overall Championship Trophy at Enthusia 2025. Additionally, the school was honored with the Best Supporting School Award.

These achievements stand as a testament to the unwavering commitment and hard work of both the students and their dedicated teachers, who guided and trained them to excel in diverse fields.

TERMINATION:

These milestones mark a vibrant start to the academic year, re-affirming Montfort School's core values of reflection, gratitude and vision. Inspired by the legacy of St. Louis-Marie de Montfort, we move forward with faith and unity to enlighten minds, shape character and create a brighter tomorrow.



**"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of
His faithful servants." — Psalm 116:15**

In Loving
MEMORY



V.C. Mani
29.06.1950 - 22.06.2025



In Loving Memory of Bro. V. C. Mani

Bro. V. C. Mani faithfully walked the path of St. Montfort, living a life wholly dedicated to God's mission and the service of others. As a Montfort Brother, he embodied humility, compassion and unwavering commitment to the Gospel. His days were marked by tireless work in education and formation, nurturing young minds and hearts with patience and love.

Bro. Mani's simplicity of life was a silent sermon, inspiring all who knew him to place their trust in God's providence. His prayerful spirit, gentle guidance and readiness to serve left a lasting imprint on the Montfortian family. Though he has been called to his eternal home, his legacy of faith, dedication and fraternity will continue to inspire generations.

**"The hands that served now rest, the soul that loved
now lives in God's embrace."**

MAY HIS SOUL REST IN PEACE ...



TEN WAYS TO ILLUMINATE THE WORLD WITH HOPE

- Where the shadow of casteism prevails, plant the seed of hope by courageously standing against it.
- Where discord divides, nurture the seed of hope by fostering unity and harmony.
- Where selfishness reigns, cultivate the seed of hope through selfless service and altruism.
- Where ambition for power and prestige arise, sow the seed of hope through humility and detachment.
- Where wastefulness abounds, let the seed of hope grow through simplicity and frugality.
- Where resources are mismanaged, strengthen the seed of hope through accountability and transparency.
- Where reputations are tarnished, guard the seed of hope by protecting and honoring others' good name.
- Where spiritual fervor wanes, rekindle the seed of hope by nurturing spiritual depth and well-being.
- Where criticism wounds, inspire the seed of hope with encouragement and constructive words.
- Where masks of falsehood prevail, anchor the seed of hope in truth and authenticity.

ALL THE BEST



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