

# MGA-SG

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## The Montfortian Way for the 21st Century



The members of three Montfortian congregations gathered for the first time in Bandung, Indonesia. This gathering included both religious and laity from the congregations, namely the SMM Fathers and the Association of Mary Queen of All Hearts (AMQAH), the Brothers of St. Gabriel and the Montfortian Gabrielite Associates (MGA), and the Daughters of Wisdom and the Friends of Wisdom (FW).

The meeting took place from Monday, July 29, to Thursday, August 1, 2024, at the "Pratista" spiritual retreat house in Bandung, Indonesia. Participants of the Montfortian Charismatic Family came from seven countries: Papua New Guinea, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, Myanmar, Thailand, and the Philippines. The event was held under the general theme "The Montfortian Way for the 21st Century."



## LOGO Montfortian Way 2024 rational



# The Montfortian Way

For The 21<sup>st</sup> Century



The giant stride of St. Louis Marie de Montfort represents the courageous and prophetic leap of faith needed in our shared response to the needs of our world for the 21st century. At the same time, the footstep invites us to pause, contemplate and prepare ourselves for the way forward from where we have come.

The three colours represent the dynamism of the three congregations\*, namely:

# Way

Montfort Missionaries (orange),  
Daughters of Wisdom (yellow),  
and Brothers of St. Gabriel (blue).

*\*Reference color code from RIAM 2023 International Meeting of Montfortian Associates at SAINT LAURENT-SUR-SÈVRE, France.*



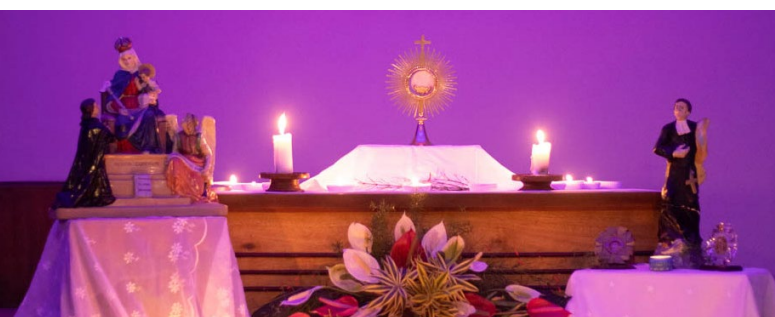
Outer Graphic Circle represent the Indonesia Batik pattern also the national color of Red and White for the host country of the conference.



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The conference included several talks and sharing sessions among the mix of religious and laity. Participants were highly engaged throughout the conference, as this was the first time such a gathering had been held. The event was conducted bilingually in English and Bahasa Indonesia.

Focusing on St. Louis-Marie de Montfort, Blessed Marie-Louise of Jesus, and Father Gabriel Deshayes, participants reflected on the prophetic dimensions of the missionary journey and how they have worked together within these congregations.







On the last night, the conference concluded with cultural performances from each country. The host country, Indonesia, presented an honorary dance by presenting "Ulos" to the representatives of the three congregations. Participants from Singapore sang the popular song "Home," which was joined by all attendees.

Despite many challenges and areas for improvement, this first gathering served as an eye-opening event for all three congregations in the Southeast Asia region. Together with Mary, we should say "Yes, Lord" to continue and deepen the Montfortian spirituality in the region.







# Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary

By Marie Teresa Carol Ka Lou Yu; 12 April 2024, in Singapore.

Transforming wisdom: a journey of wholeness and holiness is a continuous journey for our Christian faith. Nine months ago, 28 of us were called to start the journey in the Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary. Many of us were uncertain about the outcome of our commitment in time and presence at the start of this 9-month formation journey of Montfortian Spirituality. With the enormous support of our individual group members and the team of facilitators who are also Montfortian Gabrielite Associates (MGAs), we gathered at the three-day weekend retreat in the first weekend after Easter including Divine Mercy Sunday at the Montfort Centre, Singapore. The retreat was graced with the presence of many more MGAs, our Gabrielite brothers Dominic and Thomas Paul, Sr. Gina Latayda, DW, and Fr. Martin Low, OFM. The retreat started on a Friday evening, 5 April 2024, at Montfort Centre.

The Holy Spirit led the dance of the retreat among us, in the power and presence of God, we were bathed in radiance, clothed in Glory, crowned with splendor to experience the anxious pregnancy, painful contraction and the brave labour of wisdom in all of us. Sr. Gina, our spiritual facilitator of this retreat, started the first

session with an invitation to dwell in silence, prayers and call of our presence in this retreat.

God wants to redeem us and His son our Christ Jesus answers the urgent call of cries to come to this world for salvation, he bears the incarnate wisdom with the Holy Spirit. The whole salvation was possible only with the love of God and the extraordinary obedience of Jesus and Mother Mary. Answering the calls in our faith with obedience is the key, we have been reflecting on the virtues of Mother Mary throughout the journey. Sr. Gina asked us to ponder Mother Mary's virtues that guide us in our conversation with her. Everybody was invited to take one card with different icons of Mother Mary that was surrounded by brightly-lit scented candles. We walked up slowly to the statue of Mother Mary and took one card through which Mary spoke to us, with which we continued our silent conversation with Mother Mary in the evening. The card I took showed the image of the Pieta in black and white, mother Mary was holding Jesus in her silence and sorrow. The experience of seeing a beloved son dying and lying in silence, was heart-breaking for Mary; she knew that everything happened for a reason with her patience.

By carrying the cross, Jesus fulfilled God's promises and saved us from the dark and sinful world. The request of Mother Mary is an invitation to carry our own crosses and follow her beloved son's steps. Through this cross, Jesus restored the friendship of God with humans. Mary the chosen one, the most holy and pure woman, restored wisdom in us. Montfort reminded us that we have to understand and know the wisdom, Mary has her way to reach out to Jesus when we have our difficulties. Mary's fiat showed a perfect example in the success of the birth of wisdom. If we would like to pursue this wisdom, pondering in the call and responding to God's call with true devotion are essential in our faith formation. It is our nature to fall as humans, but God's mercy and compassion is continuous healing of the wounded humanity. With the seal of God through that we acknowledge ourselves as the children of God, transforming wisdom will only progress and evolve. The way to wholeness and holiness will only be completed with falls, weakness and incompleteness in our earthly lives. The trust in God will allow us to stay on track towards transforming wisdom.

Realizing our specific calls as Christians, we are called to be an instrument of life enriching and fulfilling. How do we live and make sacrifices in our work, our family and in our church? Although we are prone to temptations, we will not be exhausted if we acknowledge the obstacles of falls and obtain forgiveness in our work, in our family and in our Church. No doubt we will have fear and struggles, we fight constantly against the anger and exhaustion within our own mind, we conquer with the rejections from our desires and selfish wishes. Sr. Gina reminded us with St Louis de Montfort's saying: Wisdom is not found in the hearts of those who live in comfort (LEW#194). Only through true devotion, we shall be able to grasp the moment of grace. The Cross is the central mystery of our salvation. The mystery of the Cross reveals the wisdom of Christ and the culmination of Christ's life.

The willingness to carry and die on our crosses marks the fulfillment of God's wisdom and we will transform together with his Wisdom like the Risen Christ. This transformation makes us a real collaborator in God's creation and plan. The fruits of our total giving and offering to God with the constant act of prayers in community pave the way to happiness through justice, equity and righteousness, even in the midst of hardship and uncertainty. Our retreat coordinator, Zerah, led us to wrap up with a remark at the last session of this retreat, during which everyone shared how we had opened ourselves to the wisdom of this formation journey, what we had learnt from the retreat and what we would do after the retreat. Many of us have had a deeper understanding and growth in our faith. Sr. Gina also sang and led us to dance among us with joy. Throughout this 9-month journey, I have been experiencing the immense love of God and grace, the joy of the Risen Christ reveals himself and invites us to follow Him through the call of Mother Mary. I would also pray for others' response to God's generous call by witnessing and sharing the true devotion to Mother Mary and Montfortian spirituality.

At the end of the retreat, Fr. Martin Low OFM celebrated thanksgiving mass for us in the chapel of the Montfort Center, twelve of us made an individual prayer of total consecration to Jesus via Mary with the witness of all who were present and of the prayers of those who could not be present e.g. Edward and Michael. The joy of renewing our baptismal promises and





our renouncement to reject Satan and his empty work and designs forever, and making the desire of consecration to Jesus totally through Mary, our Mother and Queen, and donating our body and soul as well as possessions for the service of greater glory of God in time and eternity, have brought everyone to reach the glorious peak of this retreat. We also made our prayers to enroll as MGAs, pledging to follow the footsteps of St Louis de Montfort to attain the Divine Wisdom, together with

Mother Mary in fellowship with the Montfortian community, thereby forming the batch 6 of MGAs in Singapore. All of us were grateful for Sr. Gina and many others' supports in the MGA community. Ambrose, our chair of the 9-month journey, made a speech of thanksgiving and we concluded the retreat with a lunch celebration at the canteen; we were all showered with a lot of love, mercy and grace to make the next chapter of our Montfortian spirituality journey further.



“Moulded by Mary,” abbreviated as MbyM, is a day-long retreat that includes prayer and candle making. According to St. Louis Marie de Montfort, Mary is a mould capable of forming people into the image of the God-man. Anyone who is cast into this divine mould is quickly shaped and moulded into Jesus and Jesus into him. Participants at this retreat are encouraged to consider which aspects of themselves need to be transformed in order to align more closely with Jesus.

On May 19, 2024, Brian, Cynthia, and Elizabeth conducted an MbyM session for the Hospitality ministers at The Church of Our Lady of Lourdes. Mala, who had previously attended an earlier MbyM session, assisted in facilitating the event and provided candle-making supplies from Malaysia.

As a gesture of appreciation, the ministers presented a potted plant adorned with a statue of Mother Mary and Children of the World.

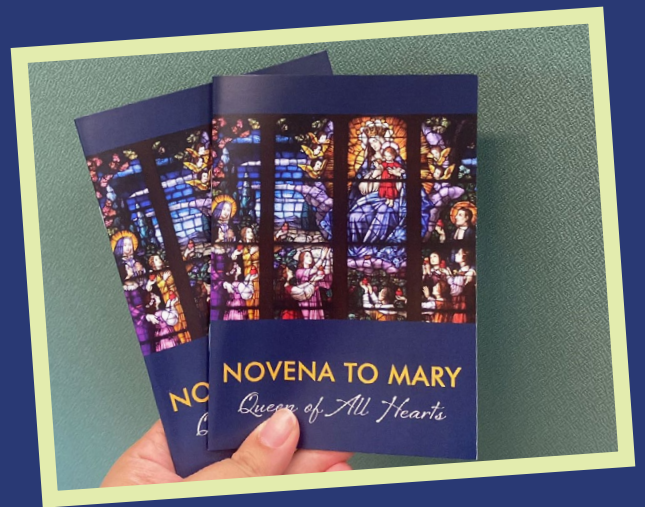




# Mervent Meetings

## Group 5

Mervent Meeting Group 5, comprised of Montfortian Gabrielite Associates (MGAs) residing in the northeast area, gathers monthly to break open the Word of God and delving into the writings of St. Louis de Montfort. Guided by the book "Jesus Living in Mary: Totus Tuus Journey" by Mario Belotti, SMM, we shared our lived faith in Christ through the hands of Mary. This monthly gathering not only strengthens our understanding of Montfortian spirituality but also fosters a tight-knit community of faith, encouraging us to live out our devotion in everyday life.



The Montfortian Gabrielite Associates (MGA) held a 10-day Novena to Mary Queen of All Hearts at the Montfort Chapel, from 28 April to 7 May 2024. This Novena began with the celebration of the feast of St. Louis Marie de Montfort and concluded on the feast of Blessed Marie Louise of God.



# OPEN THE DOOR TO HOPE



## THE Heart OF Living

*As we welcome the coming Jubilee Year of Hope 2025, join us in reflecting on how Mary, the Mother of God, embodies hope not as mere optimism but as a divine grace amidst life's trials.*

**All are welcome.  
Register for free here ▼**

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**7 Sep 2024**

Saturday  
2.00 - 5.30 PM

*Light refreshment will be provided*



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