

Province Bulletin



BROTHERS OF ST GABRIEL

"Labor Omnia Vincit"



Blessed Are You Among Women

Provincial Superior's Message

Bro John Albert Arul Devanesan fsg

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



*"Fix your gaze on Yahweh and your face will grow bright,
you will never hang your head in shame (Ps, 34:5)." "Yahweh heals the broken-hearted and binds up
their wounds; he counts out the number of the stars, and gives each one of them a name (Ps 147: 3-4)."*

As we step into the 4th Quarter of 2017, I want to draw your attention to the wisdom of the psalmist in the above two text.

We are so caught up in the world of work, studies, business and travels from one corner of the earth to another. We keep grabbing our mobiles to check the latest incoming messages and view the happenings around the world. We religious are not spared from this media mania either.

What I want to alert is? There are many thieves who steal our happiness, sanity and sanctity. If not monitored and spiritual security measures put in place, we may just collapse of spiritual fatigue at a moment we least expect. What does it profit us, if we have gained the worldly but lost our contact and connection with our lifeline?

The gain is so temporal but the lost is so terrible. So the Psalmist wisdom invites us to fix your gaze on Yahweh – Eternal Source Life. I have witnessed some of my closest friends spend so much on medical expenses in vain, hope for a cure. Finally, the call of death arrives and they are trying to buy life. Their head hangs down in shame, heart groaning in anguish, and wounds of body and soul growing larger each moment.

The Good Lord Jesus awakened my heart and mind to see the bigger reality, the shortness of life, the folly and fallacy of human persons. He has given me a wakeup call, go back to the spiritual fundamental "Fix your gaze on Yahweh and your face will grow bright, and your spiritual self will find healing" and this I glad share with all of you.

Be on your guard, for there are many thieves to steal your brightness in the Lord Yahweh.

May Grace from the Holy Cross of Jesus protect you and your loved ones!

Our Lady visited Boy's Town Campus

Singapore: On January 11 this year, Pope Francis blessed six statues of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and conferred upon them the title of "International Centennial Pilgrim Image of Our Lady of Fatima." Each of these pilgrim images have since been sent from the Eternal City to a continent, where their pilgrimage will be focused. One of the statues arrived in Singapore on September 10. The very church built in honour of her Immaculate Heart welcomed her with recitation of the rosary, mass, a talk and the imposition of the brown scapular took place. She was in the Cathedral from September 11 to 13 before she went to St. Joseph's Institution for the night vigil.

The Boy's Town campus which comprises three institutions, Assumption English School (AES), Assumption Pathway School (APS) and Boy's Town, welcomed Our Lady on the Feast of the Holy Cross, September 14. Students from all the Gabrielites Schools and nearby Catholic schools came with joy to welcome the Immaculate Heart statue. Although her visit was only two hours, it was a great blessing to have her in the campus. Dr. Roland Yeo, the Assistant Director of Boy's Town said, "It is a great privilege to see her here."

The two hours visit was hosted by Assumption Pathway School, where rosary was prayed, a short presentation on the history of the pilgrim statue and also a talk by Bro. Dominic Yeo-Koh. Her visit to Boy's Town Campus was not made public but there were members of the public came to join in praising God for the gift of a wonderful mother.



The procession from Montfort room to the hall



Entering the hall



The Blessed Lady was enthroned



The Brown Scapula in her hand



Bro. Dominic Yeo-Koh giving a talk



The faithful and students



School leaders with the Brothers



Montfortian Associates with the Brothers



Students and teachers of Assumption English School



Students and teachers of Montfort Secondary School

The attendees consecrated themselves to the Immaculate Heart of Mary as a sign of alliance to her peace mission on earth. The Brown Scapula was also distributed during that day. Let us pray for peace; fraternal and just living; and protection of live and environment. – *Province Bulletin*



APS
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Assumption Pathway School Singapore

By Cecilia Nathen

A School of the Montfort Brothers of St. Gabriel

The second semester has been busy with a flurry of events and activities. One of them was iSTAY, which is our week-long, in-house residential programme. All classes will undergo this programme every year. Routines such as dormitory cleaning and preparations for dinner teach students responsibility and independence. Activities like rock climbing and kayaking are also held externally to build resilience and teamwork.



Students preparing their reflections for the Inspiration Tree during the Assumption Feast Day celebration



Nicholas Tong (right) together with his APS Facility Services teacher, Mr Henry Chia during the Lee Hsien Loong awards ceremony.

August was a month of celebrations for APS. In addition to National Day, we also celebrated the Feast of the Assumption on 15 August. Catholic staff and students attended Mass at Boys Town. Other events included a briefing to all students on the significance of this day, and an activity for students to reflect on their values and inspirations as a result of an APS education. These reflections were then consolidated into "Inspiration Trees".

We would like to congratulate Nicholas Tong, our 2016 graduate from the Facility Services course. Nicholas was awarded the Lee Hsien Loong Award on 17 August 2017. He is currently doing his Nitec in Automotive Technology (Light Vehicle) at the Institute of Technical Education (ITE) College West.

During a recent visit back to APS, Nicholas shared with some of the staff how programmes like iSTAY helped him become more sociable and responsible. He was also deeply appreciative of the additional coaching sessions he received from teachers to help him catch up on his lessons. Having experienced the value of this additional help, Nicholas is now motivated to spend time to personally coach his classmates at ITE whenever they encounter difficulties in their studies. We are extremely proud when we hear such stories of our alumni living out their APS values and giving back to others in the community.



Culinary Skills students operating the live stations during Hawker Fiesta

Hawker Fiesta, our signature Evening at The ART event, was held on 19 August 2017. Our guests enjoyed the extensive menu put together by our chefs and the dishes prepared by students. The Evening was also a milestone for our Culinary Skills students as this was their first experience in operating the live stations, at the al fresco section, for an evening event.

The Culinary Skills course was introduced in 2016. One of the modules includes preparation of local dishes and the operation of the live stations. Since July, these students have been preparing local delights for lunch at The ART every Wednesday and Thursday. The Year 4 students this year will be our first batch of graduands from the Culinary Skills course. We look forward to seeing them progress to further education in culinary arts next.

Assumption Pathway School Webpage: <http://www.aps.edu.sg/>

Editor's Note:

I would like to express my sincere thanks to Ms Cecilia Nathon for her support and contribution for this Province Bulletin. She was the Corporate Communication Senior Executive and she served APS for four years. We wish her all the best in her future undertakings.



Montfort Secondary School (MSS), Singapore

By Priya Prasad



TALENT DEVELOPMENT

Much energy and effort was placed in developing the talents of the students in Montfort Secondary this term. Students from Secondary Three were guided by industry experts in culinary skills, robotics, photography and videography to develop authentic materials that were meaningful to the school. The efforts of their project culminated in deliverables that showed their gratitude and appreciation for their



teachers on 30 August 2017 as they presented a buffet for the teachers and put together a video to show their thanks. Also, the Aesthetics Team coached students to prepare them for the Montfort's Got Talent, a showcase of the many talents hidden amongst our Montfortians!



NATIONAL DAY PARADE

Montfort was proud to have been of the select few schools that were chosen to be featured in this year's National Day Parade on the floating platform. Almost 200 students from Secondary Two along with



some students from the Aesthetics CCA put up a finger-snapping and feet-tapping upbeat performance. We are very proud of the dedication and discipline these students displayed through the 6 month-long, weekly rehearsals.

SCHOOL EXCHANGES



We welcomed 2 groups of students, one from Thailand and the other from Japan. The 3E1 and 3E4 student leaders planned a special timetable for our visitors which included a Computational Thinking Programme using micro controllers, an Hougang Neighbourhood Walking Tour, a Popiah Session for breakfast and some friendly games. It is heartening to see our students step-up to ensure our visitors were comfortable and had the opportunity to experience Singapore's uniquely diverse culture.



Boys' Town



By Trevor Chan

Therapeutic Group Home – 24 July 2017



The Therapeutic Group Home was blessed on the 15 August 2017

Boys' Town introduced Therapeutic Group Home (TGH) in July 2017 to provide intensive therapeutic treatment for boys aged 12 to 16 years old who have experienced complex traumas and have difficulties in multiple areas of their lives.

The home-like setting in TGH allows the boys to feel more accustomed and at ease to stay in residential care. TGH provides a safe and nurturing environment and employs trauma-focused intervention for the boys to better manage their emotions and recover from their past traumatic experiences.

Boys' Town Fostering Family Day – 29 July 2017



Boys' Town Fostering Services (BTFS) celebrated its second Annual Family Day event at the Singapore Zoological Gardens on 29 July 2017. In a thanksgiving effort, BTFS invited 71 foster families and 25 active volunteers for a fun day at the Zoo.

Families were treated to fun games, lucky draws, caricature drawings and glitter tattoos for the children. It provided foster families the chance to mingle with one another to strengthen their support networks. BTFS volunteers who work closely with the foster children were given the opportunity to meet and interact with the foster parents and to bond with the foster children.

To commemorate the efforts of the foster parents, BTFS held its first Foster Mom Awards. Five foster mothers were celebrated for their outstanding efforts in providing care for their foster children as well as their efforts to spread the message of fostering and a passion for continuous learning.

Feast Day Celebration Dinner – 18 August 2017

The annual Feast Day Celebration this year saw many 'movie stars' joining us for the occasion – staff of Boys' Town, Assumption English School and Assumption Pathway School and members of Boys' Town Alumni who have gamely dressed up to the movie theme. It was an evening of fun and laughter as the various components got together for dinner, performances and games.

Boys' Town also presented long service awards to the staff who have contributed greatly to the organization, and one of them includes Mdm Padminee Ashwin, a Senior Social Worker who has been with Boys' Town for 25 years.





Assumption English School (AES), Singapore

By Mr Quek Ser Hiang (Vice Principal – Admin)

Assumption English School Returns Home

Assumption English School (AES) celebrated the Opening Ceremony of her new building at Upper Bukit Timah Road on 7 July 2017, Friday, one and a half years after returning to the site. AES building was under renovation and upgrading works under the PRIME (*Programme for Rebuilding and Improving Existing schools*) of the Ministry of Education. The upgrading works started in 2013 and completed in 2015. The school return to her home just before the reopening of the academic year in January 2016. During the upgrading works for three years, AES was held at a holding school at Queensway, a distance about 11 Km from the home campus.

The Opening Ceremony marked the return of AES to her home, with Mr Ng Chee Meng, Minister for Education (Schools), gracing the event as the Guest-of-Honour. The audience were treated to a concert highlighting the “Life of AES”. The concert took on the form of a news bulletin with news anchors and reporters covering various school programmes. This was representative of the school’s Applied Learning Programme, SPEAK English with grAce and Knowledge (SPEAK), which aims to hone students’ speaking skills.



Nurin Afiqah and Alexandra Clemente helmed the news bulletin as the news anchors of the programme



Mr Ng using an iPad to control the EV3 Lego robot

Minister for Education (Schools), Mr Ng acknowledged how SPEAK “gives students opportunities to enhance their communication skills” while the IPW “develops students’ abilities to innovate, analyse complex issues and implement new ideas”. Such learning experiences, Mr Ng noted, lay the foundation well for students to be ready for their next stage of education. Mr Ng also spoke of the “inclusive education” AES provided for “all students including the disadvantaged and neglected”. He recognised that AES continues to collaborate with various stakeholders to ensure that students from diverse backgrounds are developed holistically and willing to accept the imperfections of one another.”

Members of the audience watched videos that recounted the school’s fundraising events led by the Chairman of the School Management Committee, Senior Counsel Tan Chee Meng. Mr Tan stressed the importance that those who are able, should give back to society, and encouraged everyone to do the same.



Mr Ng acknowledging the support of members of the School Management Committee (SMC); from left to right: Mr Alvin Teo (SMC Member), Mr Tan Chee Meng (Chairman of the SMC), Mr Richard Tan (SMC Member), Ms May Low (SMC Member), Mr Ng Chee Meng, Brother Dominic (Supervisor of Schools) and Mrs Mabel Leong (Principal).



The school hall erupted in cheers and confetti at the unveiling of the plaque signifying the opening of the school building.

to embark on a self-reflection process with the final task of creating a collage that showcased the qualities of Mother Mary. They also learnt about the shared history of Boys' Town, Assumption English School and Assumption Pathway School which aims to build a strong identity as an Assumptionite.

As for the Secondary 2 students, after a recap about the religious significance of the Assumption Feast Day which they had learnt when they were in Secondary 1, they had fun playing ice-breaker games with students from APS and Boys' Town to forge a stronger bond. The students also had fun learning a mass dance which the dancers of the AES Dance Ensemble led. The celebrations ended off with the mass dance and a talent showcase in the school hall.

The three components then held a Feast Day dinner on 18 August at the Singapore Omni-Theatre for all teachers and staff to celebrate as one family. Long Service Awards were also presented during the dinner to staff who have served for more than 5 years.

Principal Mrs Mabel Leong acknowledged and thanked all stakeholders for contributing time, effort and money in making the new school building a reality that will provide students with conducive and creative leaning spaces.

The concert ended on a high note with students popping confetti when the Minister unveiled a plaque signifying the opening of the new building.

Patronal Feast Day of the Assumption

Assumption Feast Day held on 15 August is an important yearly affair in the Assumption English School's calendar as students from the school and her two counterparts – Assumption Pathway School (APS) and Boys' Town Singapore (BTS) gathered together at AES to celebrate the Assumption of Mary into Heaven on this day.

The celebration started early in the morning with a combined mass at Boys' Town for all Catholic students and staff from the three components while the other non-Catholic students were engaged in a series of meaningful classroom activities. The Secondary 1 students were introduced to the life of Mother Mary and the significance of her bodily reception into Heaven. Personal qualities of Mother Mary such as her trust in God, her obedience, purity and humility were highlighted during the lesson and as a post-lesson activity, students worked in groups



Collage on qualities of Mother Mary



Secondary 2 students learning the mass dance

UNPLUGGED 2017 – Sembawang Adventure Camp

"Is that alright? OK! Is that OK? ALRIGHT!"

Was the excited response heard throughout the 2 days and 1 night as 13 boys had the time of their lives at MeToYou's annual ***Unplugged camp***. Held on the 9th and 10th June during the June holidays, we collaborated with Camp Challenge to introduce a series of activities for our youth participants to enjoy and immerse in. This year's campsite was located near Sembawang Park beach, where you can find stretches of coastlines and plenty of sun and sand to experience the great outdoors.

In one of the activities held at the beach on Day 1, campers were split into two teams and challenged to build their own rafts with limited materials provided. It cumulated to a rafting competition where both teams were put head to head for the fastest finish! Following which, their teamwork, skills and bonds were tested through low elements activities such as the low wall and trust fall.

But the adventure didn't stop there! After the outdoor cooking activity on Day 2, campers engaged in 2 hours of fast-paced and exciting team competition. Bonds were built and friendships forged as campers planned and executed strategic team movements in order to out-manoeuvre their opponents in the Archery Tag activity.

In the evening, the camp ended with MeToYou's first ever family dinner celebration cum finale ceremony. Parents of our campers were invited to join us for a night of food, family bonding fun, and a meaningful activity where youths and parents were involved in encouraging each other using positive words. Both campers and parents then wrote down their weaknesses on cards, and as they released these pieces of paper over a flame as a symbolic gesture, it also taught them to release these perceived weaknesses that were holding them back from their potential.

Through the various activities experienced over the camp, youths were taught about how to better manage their time, appreciate their family and friends, and also how to connect through disconnecting. It was a joy for us to see parents and youth come together to share the evening together and even as we wrap up this year's camp, we are already looking forward to next year's edition of Unplugged!





Montfort Boys' Town, Shah Alam

By Arulannandam S and Ms. Cecilia

Montfort Boys Town (MBT) is alive through various activities and events by the students. Every month passes by as fast as we embark on various activities and always on looking out for many more to come. With trust in God Alone, we will continue to experience great things with our simple faith. Here are some glimpses of blessings:

Staff and Students Day



The Staff and Students' Day was held on the 28th July, 2017. It was a day especially dedicated to build bonding among Staff and Students. A great day and beautiful memories cherished.

Public Speaking Day 2017

The students of Montfort Boys Town were excited and determined to make their First Public Speaking exercise a success. The event was held on August 18. They prevailed and on that auspicious day they did not disappoint the staff and fellow trainees. They did their best and from the 16 speakers, 3 of them rose above the rest. We thank all the 16 students for their participation because they took this exercise in the right spirit. They were acknowledged with a certificate of participation and a token of appreciation.



Merdeka (Independence Day) Celebration

It is our pride to celebrate this special day on the 31 August. We thank God for the blessings and prosperity received all these years. May God continue to guide and lead us as we journey ion trusting in God. Students were treated with various events and activities.

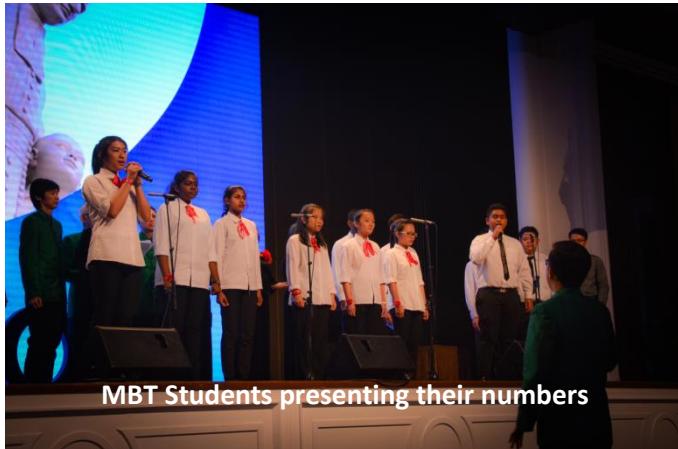


Bro. Mark Tee presenting a token of appreciation to Tan Sri Clifford Herbert



Montfort Charity Dinner

With a theme of “Real Life Real Stories” Montfort Boys Town organized a Fund Raising Charity dinner on 2nd September 2017. The working committee headed by Datin Kathleen Chew (Board member) and assisted by several Board members worked hard to sell tables to raise funds. Sharing and Caring Choir headed by Toh Puan Ena Ling performed various numbers in English and Mandarin. Our students surprised the crowd with two songs: You Raise Me Up and I have a Dream to a big round of applause. Tan Sri Clifford Herbert (Former Chairman of The Board, Montfort Boys Town) was our VVIP who graced the occasion.



Montfort Youth Centre, Melaka

By Ms. Laura and Ms. Theresa

EXPOSURE PROGRAMME



On the 18 to 20 July, as part of the Montfortian Education Charter's initiative programme, students from General Maintenance, joined by a few students from the Computer Maintenance went to Dunamis Children Home together with their instructors to do some painting and maintenance repair at the Home. The Children Home is located at Masjid Tanah, about 17 Km away from the school campus. The three days exposure programme had reaped a great benefit to both students and staff. It was to be involved with community projects, hence 'walk the talk', while instilling the core values lived by St. Louis Marie de Montfort who had shown exemplary values through his life.

FOUNDERS' DAY CELEBRATION

MYC is 16 years old! The Founder's Day was celebrated with Thanksgiving Mass on 4th August, followed by games the next day. It was a time to give recognition to the two pioneers, Bro. Peter K and Bro. Robin D; who have tirelessly served MYC, from 14 students to 100 students today, with their unwavering commitment to see the students finish well in their holistic education. To date, MYC celebrates its 16th year Anniversary and had seen more than 500 students acquired skills and benefited from its programme. Under the current directorship of Bro. Peter K, MYC continues to serve the underprivileged youth. Quoting the Brothers words in all humility, "Without the Board, staff, volunteers, donors and benefactors, and their prayers we will never be where we are today." We are grateful to God for His Divine Providence to see MYC growing in expansion over the years from glory to glory.

MYC FEAR FACTOR



This annual event was held on the 25 August. Team spirit was prominent throughout all twelve obstacles which the students went through during the most awaited event of the year; the MYC Fear Factor. Each House encouraged and cheered for their team members who were fearful of certain obstacles or find it difficult to complete a particular challenge. Every team faced the tasks with determination to complete the challenge in the shortest time, caring also not to break the water balloon that each team has to carry along. Congratulations to Xavier House, the champion of MYC Fear Factor 2017!

Though the champ has the biggest hamper, all Houses ended the challenge with a hamper; the difference is just the size!

2ND YEAR AWARENESS CAMP & MERDEKA CELEBRATION

The 1st Year students rise early in MYC to sing the National Anthem "Negara Ku" on Merdeka (Independence) Day, while the 2nd Year students sang the national anthem at the Good Shepherd Seminary (16.5 Km from MYC). As the junior boys competed in various activities during the Merdeka weekend, including song competition i.e the National anthem and MYC school song, their "big brothers" were on a more serious mode; they were having a 4-day Awareness Camp from 31 Aug to 3 Sept. The camp was conducted by Counselors from the Malacca-Johor Diocese. The students were led to have self-awareness and were encouraged to be open to share their feelings. Though separated, the two Batches had their own good moments.





Montfort Youth Training Centre, Sabah

By MYTC

11TH ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

Once again under the leadership of Mr Willie Wong, Organising Chairman of the Charity Golf Tournament held on 15th July 2017, the event was a success and we netted RM568, 000.



CAMPING AT KUALA PENYU



Our Annual Camping activity from 28th - 30th July 2017 was by the beautiful sea beach at Kuala Penyu. 140 Trainees accompanied by 30 Student Affairs and support staff members fully participate at this annual event. It was the junior trainees' first camping trip and it tested their endurance and tolerance as some of them have never camped outdoors before. Grouped by their departments, trainees tried their very best to collect points for each activity organised such as the Handball game, Tug-of-War, Giant Slipper, Camp Decoration, Food Competition and Bonfire Presentation.



STAFF CLUB FAMILY DAY

The MYTC Staff Club committee organized the Staff Club Family Day on Sunday, 27th August 2017. Staff and family members of MYTC gathered at Seaside Travellers Inn and had a blast of a good time of bonding and fellowship.



The day was filled with laughter while staff together with their children teamed up to play Wrap the Mummy, Nature Calls, Relay Telematch and Reach the Ball. Besides teamwork games, Mr Joseph Rumi won first place while his wife in second place for the individual Coconut Bowling activity. Buffet lunch was served by the seaside after the prize presentation to winners of each game activity.



NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATION

On 31st August 2017, the Student Affairs Department organised a fully-packed day program for the trainees. First was the 10km Merdeka Run which started as early as 6.30am followed by a talk by Datuk Clement Jaikul, a former senior assistant commissioner of police at 9.30am. The talk was later followed by the Inter-house Quiz Competition and Inter-house Poem Reciting Competition. In the evening after dinner, Staff and trainees gathered at the Open Hall for the Inter-house Choir Competition. The theme of the competition was about the Malaysia National Day celebration, whereby trainees composed a patriotic song in conjunction with the celebration.



OPEN HOUSE CARNIVAL



The Montfort Open House Carnival held on 10th September 2017 this year. Funds raised from this event will go towards the sustenance of our Residential care programme. All the stall holders remained enthusiastic even though it drizzled early in the morning during the stall setup. The Open House was a success thanks to the zealous spirit of the stall holders, volunteers and Organising Committee, led by Datuk Margaret Fung.

Datuk Margaret Fung with Bro Gasper and Mr Chiang visiting the Daughters of St Paul's stall

Mission in Myanmar

by Mr. Petrus

Bro. Thomas Paul's visit to ALL

Myanmar: 2017 Sep 4th, on Monday, Bro. Thomas Paul reached Twantay at 6:00 pm. Martino and Shane welcomed him at the airport. Tuesday afternoon, Bro. Thomas with Martino and John Paul went around Twantay Town to see the environment and had tea. In the evening we had ALL staff gathering and had dinner together with Bro. Thomas. Delicious foods were prepared by Montfort boys. Wednesday morning, Bro. Thomas went to the English classes for observation, then he talked to ALL Staff, and shared some teaching ideas. Thursday morning, Bro. Thomas taught the Intermediate class for one session. From his class students had a chance to share their ideal person and gained some new vocabularies by playing Scrabble game. They were happy. In the afternoon, John Paul (who was having his one week holiday) and Bro Thomas went to *Paund Taw Kyote Pagoda* which is a famous place in Twantay. Unfortunately, the trip to the temple was aborted due to heavy downpour. Bro. Thomas returned to Singapore on Friday morning. He was accompanied by John Paul to the Air Port.



Staff and Students gathering dinner



Class with Bro. Thomas

ALL Students' Performance

This week, ALL did Students Performance on Thursday at 2:00pm so that Bro. Thomas could join and observe the performance. Pre-Intermediate students took responsibility to be MC for the performance. As usual, students in different classes prepared their role play and songs. Tr. Martino give the opening speech for the performance by asking one question, "What do you need to be a successful person?" Students answered differently but he finally said, "To be a successful person, you need no others but you. You need to work on yourself first." After opening speech by Martino students performed their role plays and sang their songs. ALL could see that students put much effort in preparing and their English usage is getting better. Tr. Shane and Tr. Mu Rau also shared the benefit of reading. They gave the ideas to start reading form short story books, to note down the new vocabularies, to read at least 15 to 25 minutes per day to get reading habit. When all the role plays and songs were performed, Bro. Thomas gave encouragement speech to ALL students. He encouraged students to keep on their good job, not to



Encouragement speech by Bro. Thomas



Starter students' role play



ALL group's photo of the week



Intermediate Students role play

give up even English is a difficult language to learn. He shared that he studied English after his high school only. Regarding role plays and songs, he suggested students to choose the songs related to their role plays so that the whole scene will go smoothly. ALL hope that students got energy to carry on their learning. Then Tr. Petrus gave thanksgiving words to Bro. Thomas and ALL students for their good job. Finally, Tr. Martino concluded the performance by wishing Bro. Thomas and John Kinno to have a safe journey.





Band of Brothers

by Quek Chow Lin

Singapore: Montfort Alumni Wind Orchestra (MAWO) with the collaboration of Montfort Military Band, St. Gabriel's Symphonic Band and Assumption School Concert Band perform a concert called the **Band of Brothers** on 9 July 2017 at Agape Hall, Paya Lebar Methodist Girl's School. MAWO was set up in August 2013 for band alumnus of the school. The Wind Orchestra serves as a platform for our alumnus to be able to come together to share their passion in music playing, forge a better camaraderie amongst the different batches of alumnus that span twenty years and creating new ties with the current Montfortians in the school who are currently in the Band CCA (*Certificate of Competition Award*).



During one of the practices at Montfort School



The Grand Finale – Montfort School Anthem

The Wind Orchestra practice actively once a week and have done collaboration in music playing and sharing of musical knowledge with the main band of the school. The band has actively performed for various events like the Montfort Alumni Dinner and guest playing for the Montfort Military Band Concert series.



Mr. Quek Chow Lin, the Organising Chairman (2nd from left) with the band leader and conductors of St. Gabriel's Symphonic Band

The Wind Orchestra aims to create a more visible platform for alumnus of the band to have a place to come back to not only play music and also to play a more prominent and active role for Monfortians to know that upon graduation they have a place to come back to continue their passion as well as serving and being a part of the Monfortian family.

During the concert, the audience were treated with many beautiful and symphonic music to the delight of their ears. At the end of the concert, MAWO and Montfort Military Band played the School Anthem with great power. Audience who knew the anthem sang enthusiastically.



Montfortian Associates Outreach Programme

mission is to spread and share the Montfortian Spirituality. Besides assisting in the Montfortian Experience (MX) Retreats, they planned to reach out to the greater circle to promote the Spirituality. Their first outreach was held on the 17 September at the Parish of Our Lady of Nativity. This parish is very significant to the Montfort Brothers of St Gabriel. It is in this parish in the year 1936 that the Brothers established the first community (Bro. Gerard Majella, Bro. Adolphus and Bro. Jean de Brebeuf) when they took over the parochial school of Holy Innocent (the school had been renamed to Montfort School).

Bro. Dominic Yeo-Koh who was a parishioner of Holy Nativity and a native of the vicinity, spent his childhood days in Montfort School and in this parish. He spoke about the three congregations that St Louis Marie de Montfort had founded and also the Brothers' mission and apostolate in Singapore. He also stressed the Marian dimension of the Montfortian Congregations and about the Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary.

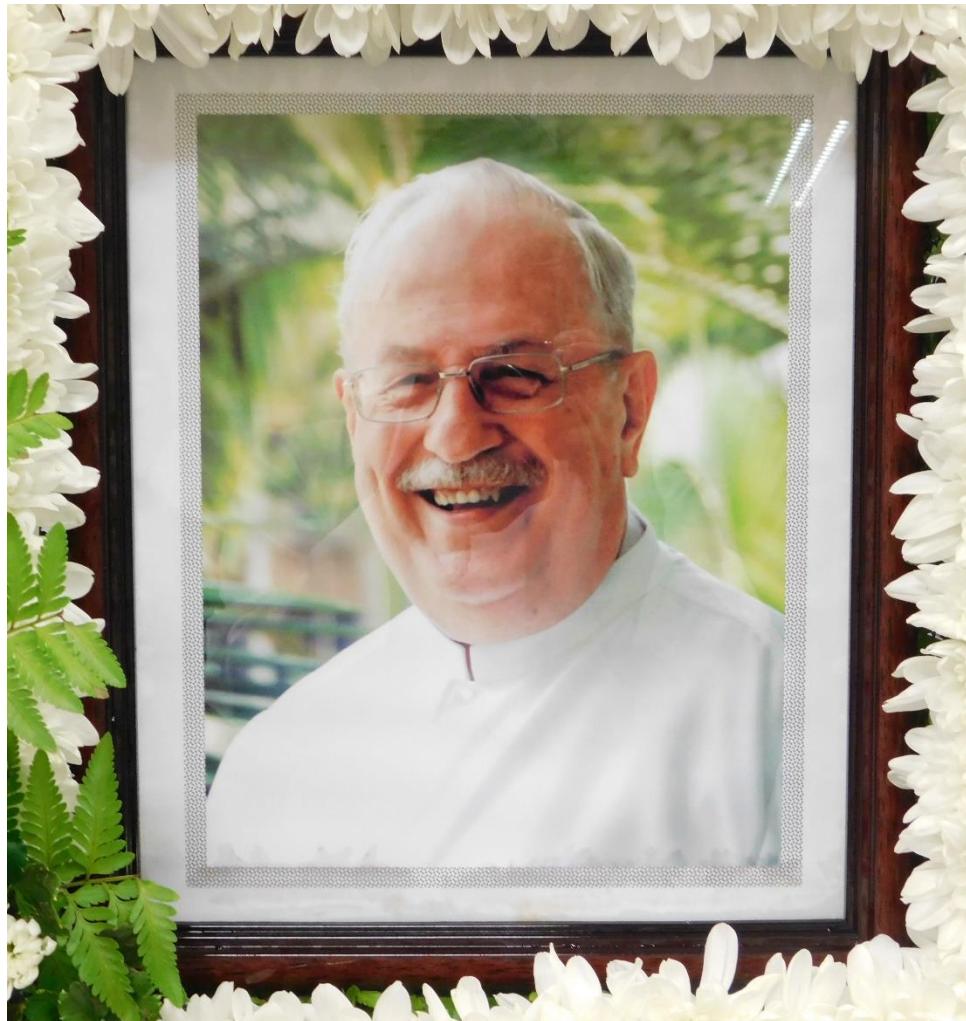
On that day, the Montfortian Associates gave away prayer cards and a brief information on Montfortian Spirituality. They also sold few books that were written by St. Louis Marie de Montfort. The Brothers and the Associates felt that it is prime time to share the Montfortian Spirituality. The Brothers had been in Singapore for 80 years and the Legion of Mary (their spirituality is based on the True Devotion to Mary written by St. Louis Marie de Montfort) even longer but the Spirituality is not much known to so many people. Montfort emphasised on the Renewal of Baptismal promises and in Total Consecration to Jesus through the hand of Mary.



Bro. Dominic Yeo-Koh addressing the parishioners



Tribute to Bro. Emmanuel (Pierre Paul Gaudette)



He was a Religious in the Congregation of the Brothers of Christian Instruction of St. Gabriel for 63 years before the Lord called him to receive his reward on 4th Sept 2017 at the age of 84. He was not only a religious figure but also a public figure. He hailed from Canada at the young age and later naturalized as Singaporean. He had served in various capacities. He was acknowledged and honored by the government for his service. Many knew him as a jovial and witty person. Many looked up to him for his kindness, generosity and a father figure who loved his children dearly. He had done so much good works while he was still on earth. Let us keep this memory of him. May he rest in peace.