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“When I is replaced by We, even Illness becomes Wellness.”... Malcolm



Solidarity is a commonly used word but has today gained a real recognition, meaning, and significance as the globe has endorsed 'solidarity' as the foremost and vital weapon in the battle to safeguard humanity. This has been brought to our conscience through a message given by Dr. Tedros Adhanom, the Director-General of WHO, who has made 'solidarity' a constant message of the global public health response to COVID-19 pandemic.

Solidarity is not only a word, but also a realization that we are all in this together; not a feeling of indefinite compassion, but a firm and persevering determination to commit oneself to the common good, to strengthen the community and to promote a just society.

It is clear that strength lies in unity, and 'Unity is Strength.' Our unified objectives, sympathies, and actions tie us together as one with the strings of solidarity, while striking the chords of unity, cooperation, and unanimity.

The world is tussling with an issue of large scale and massive human impact, the pandemic of COVID-19. Antonio Guterres, the ninth Secretary-General of the United Nations also said, in an interview, “COVID-19 is above all a human crisis with severe health and socio-economic consequences.” This virus is unexpected in our lifetime and requires an unmatched response. Once the battle is over, there will be ample time to look back and completely understand how it emerged, evolved, and caused devastation in our entity. That time has not come yet. Now is the time when the globe is in the thick of health, and when the international community must unite in its common struggle with solidarity to combat this virus and its shattering consequences.

The WHO is working in solidarity with many countries to implement a comprehensive approach to educate, empower, and engage communities to slow down transmission.

It is securing lives and buying time for the development of vaccines and treatments. An international large-scale study is in place to generate reliable data to show which treatments are the most effective. The WHO has called it 'Solidarity Trial.'

Although political borders have been closed, scientists are creating a global collaboration unlike any other in history. Several experts in so many nations are focusing simultaneously on a single topic with great urgency.

Another example is the lockdown followed by the respectable citizens like faithful teammates following the instructions of the government with loyalty. In turn, all doctors, healthcare workers, and civil workers have been fearless warriors working persistently round the clock for the good of the world.

The globe is worth fighting for to secure such an invaluable jewel: humankind.

We are in the midst of unpleasant circumstances of the most serious kind. We have before us long months of struggle. It is the necessity to move forward with the spirit of harmony to fight this terrible catalog of human sufferings. 'Let us stand in solidarity, not to a specific country, race, or religion but rather to humanity.'

“United we stand, divided we fall.”

The little poetess inside me want to sum up my thoughts with the following piece of poetry:

**Alone we are droplets, together an ocean,
when we drink unity's potion.**

**Alone we are bricks, together a building,
and so ourselves we are shielding.**

**Alone we are branches, together a tree,
grown with the seeds of solidarity.**

**Alone we are people, together a team,
with cooperation supreme.**

**Alone we are humans, together humanity
standing together with unity and unanimity**

**Bro.Bala Showry
Provincial Superior**

MONTFORT BHAVAN

RAMANTHAPUR, HYDERABAD

Renewal of Vows made by Bro. Praveen Kumar Ch. in the presence of Provincial House community Members.



Due to lock down people didn't have food to eat, we have served nearly 300 families in Montfort Bhavan locality. The clippings of the activities of support extended.

EXTENDING OUR SUPPORT TO THE NEEDY



MONTFORT HR. SEC. SCHOOL
MONTFORT TECH. TRG. CENTRE
BAMNI, BALLARSHAH



Yes, we the Montfort Brothers of Bamni of Chanda Diocese were able to help 175 deserving families Daheli, Bamni, Basti and Ballarpur area.

We the Community of Montfort, Ballarpur, reached out to as many as 175 families and distributed Dry ration. We visited as many as 3 villages. It was really gratifying to help the people in need apart from the finance given by the Province. We also shared Rice and Wheat what we cultivated in our field. Everyone in the Community were involved in the mission.

We also spent our lock down period very usefully, especially spending time in reading and other hobbies. We have planted many fruit trees in the campus, dug Fish pond and we tried our hands on cooking.



We are so happy to see the happiness of those people struggling to get something to fill their stomach during these COVID-19 lockdown. We also provided 550 food packets through the youth of Ballarpur and could help with some food items to a few people around who personally came with a request.

We know what we have done only a minimum but something is better than nothing. May the Heavenly Father bless everyone during this pandemic situation.

*Montfort School, Bamni
Ballarpur*

GROCERIES DISTRIBUTION FOR THE NEEDY ONE



During these days of lockdown, apart from Food distribution, vocational activities have been undertaken by us within the premises, such as Banana plantation and also the tree plantation too, to take the MOTHER EARTH towards the greenery commiserating to the peoples mind for the seedling towards "GO GREEN"

BANANA PLANTATION





TREE

P LANTATION



Renewal of vows made by Bro. Jeromiyas M.



TREASURED MOMENTS

All it took was a microscopic organism to make the world more humble. When the world was caught in the silent mode trying to cope with Covid-19, Pandemic, there were good Samaritans who went beyond the borders to reach out to the victims of the Pandemic. Rev Bro. Santosh Kumar, the Principal of the School, visited the stranded daily wage earners at the Kankipadu Police Station, Vijayawada and distributed food packets in the initial days of the Covid-19, Pandemic



The Teaching Fraternity contributed their charity to the Chief Minister's Covid Relief fund and distributed fruits to the victims of the Covid-19 at Old Gannavaram under the leadership of Mr. Thomas Reddy and Mr. Prasad.



Rev Bro. Santosh Kumar accompanied by the Teaching Faculty and Support Staff distributed masks, fruits and an amount of Rs.500 each to the Domestic Servants at Yerra Cheruvu, Gannavaram.



సెయింట్ జాన్స్ లైఫ్ లైన్ ఆధ్వర్యంలో పేదలకు నగదు మాస్కులు పంపిణీ

గన్నవరం, ఏప్రిల్ 16 (కృష్ణాక్షితి) : గన్నవరం సెయింట్ జాన్స్ లైఫ్ లైన్ ఆధ్వర్యంలో ఉపాధి లేని పేద కుటుంబాలు, నిర్వాసితులు, వలస కూలీలకు సెయింట్ జాన్స్ పాఠశాల యాజమాన్యం, ఉపాధ్యాయుల ఆధ్వర్యంలో గురువారం పాఠశాల పరిసర ప్రాంతాల్లో నివసిస్తున్న దినసరి కార్మికుల 100 కుటుంబాలకు 500 రూ.లలో పాటు కుటుంబ సభ్యులకు మాస్కులను అందజేశారు. కార్యక్రమంలో పాఠశాల ప్రెసిడెంట్ రెవ. బ్రదర్ సంతోష్ కుమార్ మాట్లాడుతూ ఈ కార్యక్రమానికి ప్రభావం లాక్డౌన్ వలన ప్రజలు ఎంతో ఇబ్బంది పడుతున్నారని ఈ పరిస్థితుల నుంచి



త్వరగా కోలుకోవాలని కోరుకుంటున్నామని అన్నారు. ప్రార్థించే పెదవుల కన్నాసాయం చేసే చేతులు మిన్న అని మదర్ తెరిసా స్పూర్తితో ఈ కార్యక్రమం చెయ్యటం జరిగిందని తెలిపారు. కార్యక్రమంలో ఉపాధ్యాయులకు పాల్గొన్నారు.

The Current disruption in the Education Sector has led to a paradigm shift in the learning process. To enable the Students continue their academic growth and progress, the teachers of all the classes formed WhatsApp groups and engaged the Students in various learning activities through Videos and Creative homework.

'Strong Fraternal relationships lead to a new TREASURED life.'

The St.John's Brothers Community devoted their time to Special Prayers, Rosary, Reflection on every SatUrday, Watering plants, gardening, feeding the birds and animals in the mini Zoo and regular community meetings to discuss the important issues of the School to face the Covid-19 crisis. Rev Bro.Jimmy prepared tasty and delicious cuisine adding new f l a v o u r s to his culinary skills.



The Senior Language Teachers, Mr. Ramana Murthy and Ms. Anne Mathew were appointed by the CBSE as Head Examiners for Telugu and English, Mr. Muralidhar, Ms.Poppy, Ms. Anasuya and Ms. Ramadevi were appointed as Evaluators for Class X, AISSE, March 2020, CBSE Spot Evaluation. The Spot Evaluation began on 13th March,2020 to 18th March,2020 and resumed on 13th May,2020 to 28th May, 2020.



With online Education becoming more important the Teachers from L.K.G to 12 are actively engaged in online classes for imparting Value Education to the St.Johnians thus dedicating themselves to the core Montfortian values.

Gannavaram

MONTFORT SCHOOL, GARRATOLA

Greetings from Montfort School Garratola!

As we know, the entire world is suffering from the Pandemic Covid-19, our country is no exception to it. Before I share with you about Montfort School Garratola, I would like to appreciate each one of you for your generous contribution and tireless efforts towards the growth of the society, and reaching out the unreached especially the migrant workers and the poor families during this pandemic, Covid-19.

We are very happy to share with you that the School organised Awareness Programme for the students, Teachers and the Parents on Covid-19 and it made us to understand what is Covid-19?

The Awareness Programme highlighted the precautions to be taken during this time of Pandemic. A Doctor from local hospital Dr. Sunil Singh enlightened us on



the topic 'How to keep ourselves away from corona virus' by advising children to wash hands every now and then, use mask and some self-guidelines to live their life. Organising the Awareness Programme during the deadly crisis was well appreciated by the Parents and the Staff.

Awareness Program



We the Brothers in the community were actively involved in helping the Poor in and around us. We visited some of the families in our village distributed groceries to the families and the necessary things. We extended our support to corona victims to take them to the hospital by our vehicle.



During lockdown we had really felt the community life where we feel ourselves wanted, loved, appreciated corrected and free enough to grow into the kind of person we want to be, by living together sharing our life as Montfort Brothers, and doing work together, like cleaning the house, cooking different varieties of food and regular prayer reflections helped us to be a real missionary. As a community we really took care of each other at the same time our domestic staff too. We have become self-conscious about cleanliness and hygiene. This was also a probable time to recollect our long forgotten hobbies.



Renewal of vows:

“I am all yours and all I have is yours”

I am very glad to share my reflection and self-retreat before the Renewal of my vows. The theme and guidelines given by the Province Formation Director was



very helpful and it gave me more of inner value of consecrated life, total surrender to God as a religious Brother, called to follow the footstep of our founder, St. Montfort. The daily themes and Bible readings guided me to meditate upon myself and the Articles of rule of Life explained to me more about the three Religious vows and reflecting on the vow of poverty during Covid-19. It motivated me to think and ask questions to myself.

As a brother what is my response to the poor around me? Self-retreat brought within me deep love towards Mary, our mother.

After the three days of Retreat, I, Bro. Aswin Pricks whole heartedly renewed my vows in the hands of Provincial delegate Rev. Bro. Arogyam Pasala, Superior of Montfort School Garratola on 2nd May, 2020 in the evening at 7:00. The Holy mass was celebrated by the Parish Priest of Garratola, Rev. Fr. Rudolf Toppo, Fr. Jose. The Sisters of Good Shepherd joined us in the celebration.

At the end I would like to quote from Kaguta Museveni. President of Uganda, address to his nation. “This is not a time to cry about bread and butter like spoilt children. After all, the Holy Bible tells us that man shall not live by bread alone. Let's obey and follow the instructions of the authorities. Let's flatten the Covid -19 curves.” Let's exercise. Let's be our brother's keeper. In no time, we shall regain our freedom, enterprise and socializing.

In the midst of EMERGENCY, we practice urgency of service and the urgency of love for others God bless us all...

Bro. Aswin Pricks

MONTFORT HIGH SCHOOL

GOPALAPURAM

Greetings and best wishes from Montfort School, S.Gopalapuram.

We the members of the community like to share the memorable events that have taken place here. We are happy to inform you all that Brothers in the Community are keeping good health. We believe it is because of your constant prayers.



Renewal of vows

2nd May, 2020 was a time of rejoicing and thanksgiving, a time to acknowledge and appreciate our Bro. Anil Dhuppelli who painstakingly and selflessly offered his precious life by renewing his religious vows for the cause of the Kingdom.



Renewal of vows is a celebration of self-gift to God. A gift by its nature is freely given and freely accepted. A religious vocation is a free gift from God and a voluntary acceptance by us.

It is an occasion to count God's bountiful blessings to each one of us and through us to others and to the world. It is also a celebration of saying "YES" to the Lord in self offering in answer to His call.

Lock down 2020

"If you don't take risks for God, you do nothing great for Him ".St. Montfort.

Suddenly like everyone in the country, we too were faced with lock down. We managed to send home all the children and staff in a short time. Then the Brothers engage themselves busy in reading, gardening, playing etc.

Critical moment came when Government officials approached us, requesting our place for accommodating migrant workers returning from different parts of the Country. Without any hesitation everyone was happy to extend all possible support. Thus on 2nd May, 2020 arrived 200 migrant workers with all their belongings stuffed inside the gunny bags. The following day the Community of Sisters at Gopalapuram decided to shift to Veeraghattam Community to safeguard themselves. Considering the age of Bro Mathew, we thought it is prudent to shift him. So Sisters at Veeraghattam were approached and they generously welcomed and accommodated him.



After almost a month, all of them were tested. By God's grace all of them were negative. As we felt a sigh of relief, 2nd batch of 60 people arrived amidst protest from the local villagers. Any way they too left after 20 days, ending our anxious time. All of them were tested and found negative.

This was the period during which we as a community experienced lots of anxiety and fears. But we inculcated the spirit of encouraging one another, reminding ourselves that God is our real protector. It was in this context the above quotation of St Montfort became a source of inspiration.

Lessons learned from quarantine period (As we could not go outside due to the presence of migrant workers, in a sense we too were in quarantine).

1. **The cheapest thing available is "Time".**
2. **The more one is comfortable with "Self" the more pleasurable it becomes.**
3. **Realisation that you have only "you". So befriend "Self".**



Birthday celebrations:

**“Your talent is God's gift to you, what you do with it is your gift to God”
- Leo Buscaglia.**

On 21st May we solemnized the birthdays of our beloved Brothers, Bro. Anil, Bro. Monson and Bro. Paul Raj. We were very cheerful to celebrate the gift of life given to our Brothers because they are inestimable gift to us. So we made this day a significant one in our life.



Transfers:

This year our community had witnessed two transfers namely Bro. Mathew and Bro. Anil. We thank them for their selfless services rendered here. Bro. Jaywant and Bro. Prahalad joined us for this academic year to carry out the works of God's .

Bro. Paul Raj

MONTFORT NILAYAM

HYDERABAD

Renewal of vows of Bro. Anthony Reddy

Bro. Anthony Reddy celebrates his day of renewal of vows which is a new year in his spiritual life.

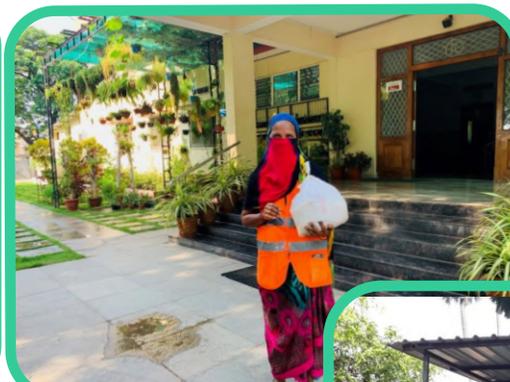
The vow is a commitment to a lifestyle marked by simplicity and detachment from material goods as practiced by Jesus and the Apostles. It does not require one to be unhealthy or unhappy but it does require discipline and a willingness to



make a lot of sacrifices. The vow can be seen as a promise to use only what we need and as a commitment to practice what are good for the human family and the Earth. The vow asks us to resist the culture of accumulation and competition and to recognize that the only true source of spiritual satisfaction is our relationship to God, “from whom all blessings flow.”

Transfers: Bro. Anthony Reddy transferred to St. Paul’s High School, Hyderabad and Bro. Aswin Pricks transferred from Garratola community to Montfort Nilayam.

Distribution of Provisions to the needy during COVID-19



Montfort Nilayam is continuing to provide provisions to the needy people during the nation-wide

lockdown. We distributed the general provisions such as rice, dal and oil to the needy. We have included nearby localities and distributed more than 200 provision bags to families who are not able to go to work during the lockdown.



ST. PAUL'S HIGH SCHOOL HYDERABAD

"There is no exercise better for the heart than reaching down and lifting people up."

We are happy to share with you a few of the notable charity activities that took place from St. Paul's High School, Hyderabad.

As the world is suffering from the Novel Corona Virus Disease (covid-19) pandemic, we the Brothers with the help of a few teachers, parents and the alumni responded to the crisis by extending our helping hand.

We began our charity work, starting from Bandline Parish, Hill Fort Colony. As there are about 100 catholic families living there, we distributed to each and every family a bag full of condiments with the help of our former PET, Mr. Antony. They all belong to middle class. Fr. Mathew, Parish Priest and the Parishioners thanked us for the kind service.





We also reached out to about 25 families from Gunfoundry Parish through our alumnus, through our Teachers, we helped 60 poor families in Arul Colony, Boduppall and Domalguda areas.

We sincerely appreciated Asha workers and our Domestic Staff by presenting them with the Food materials they required. It was a small gesture of gratitude for all their commitment.

Responding to the invitation of our School, it is heartening to note that many of our Staff, alumni and Parents helped those in need during this unprecedented crisis. They fed the Poor, distributed groceries and alleviated their suffering with their acts of care and love.

May God bless them all!

Report of the Renewal of Vows.

On 30th April, 2020 I had started my three days of Retreat with the theme "I am all yours and all I have is yours", guided by Bro. Rayappa Reddy. I had regular prayers and reflections. I read about the life of St. Montfort, true Devotion to Mary, rule of Life and the Holy Bible. I also had contextual reflection on Covid-19. These three days of Retreat helped me in various ways like being closer to God and experiencing his love and affection towards me and seeking the help of the Holy Spirit to guide me in this coming year. There were also times that I spent reciting the Rosary and communion with God during the Adoration. The Awareness and mindfulness meditation made me to be aware of everything that is happening to me and surrounding me. On 2nd May, 2020 the Eucharistic celebration was celebrated, where I had renewed my three vows. Fr. Sharat celebrated the Holy mass and gave a wonderful homely, reflecting on the three vows of Obedience, Poverty and

Chastity. These three days of time spending with God have enhanced my spirituality and I indeed feel grateful to God for all the graces and blessing that he has showered on me.

Bro. Maria Jayapaul



- St. Paul's Community

BOY'S TOWN INSTITUTIONS HYDERABAD

Ref: Covid-19 regarding

Sub: Support given by Boys town through various model regarding

Greetings and regards from Boys town.

Since the outbreak of the Corona Virus from March, 2020, Boys Town is Under the Lock-down from 15th March, 2020 with 8 Brothers of the Community, Parish Priest, and 18 Orphan Boys who are undergoing ITI training from the different states like Maharashtra, Jharkhand, and Telangana.

In order to respond to this grave situation of Pandemic, our community is at its best to reach out. As we are in the Old city of Hyderabad which is comparatively very poor consisting of daily wages/contract workers and few migrant workers from other states. It is not feasible for us to get involved directly in the processes of rehabilitation and supply of food packets or distribution of Groceries. But we have decided to support with the help of Nodal agencies with provisions to the Local Police Station, Local media, Representatives of NGOs, and the labourers who were working at our new building site.

Some of the photographs are given below.





As we congratulate Bro. Jimmy for renewing his religious vows on Saturday, 2nd May, 2020, at Boys town Chapel, in the presence of the Parish Priest, Sisters and Brothers.



**Boy's town community
Director**

MONTFORT HIGH SCHOOL KHAMMAM

Happy to meet all the outlook readers once again.

Greetings from Montfort High School, Khammam.

DISTRIBUTION OF RICE TO THE NEEDY: (Money was given by Province).

Kevin Scrwz says, "We don't need to have deep pockets or be rich to help the needy, we need to have a heart". We distributed to the poor Catholics about 100 persons and others 180 poor in our locality.

C.I. from III town Police Station, along with Fr.Lazar, Parish Priest, Fr.Praveen, Boarding Rector and our Alumni were present for the distribution. Boxes were marked to maintain 1 metre distance. Everything went on well systematically. Each packet contained 5 kgs of Rice and one kg of Dal.



TIME SPENT IN THE COMMUNITY DURING LOCK DOWN

We are fortunate to have daily Holy mass in the Sisters Convent. Soon after the Holy Mass we had Morning Prayer with the Brothers available. Month of May is dedicated to our Lady. Everyday at 6.00 P.M, one of the Community members attended the Rosary at Fathers Residence. We had evening prayer at 7.45 P.M. We were fortunate to have three days Holy mass in our Chapel on the occasion of the Renewal of Vows. It was thrilling experience to participate in the Renewal of Vows of our Local Superior. Along with Fathers and Sisters we had lunch too.

At the same time Bro.Thomas Madanu kept himself busy with all the repairing for which money was sanctioned by the Province and by the time Lock down was relaxed, all the works were completed. I could experience God's providence, all through three months, inspite of the Lock down due to Covid 19.

With the help from the Province, we could help about 300 Poor and needy. They were happy. The Idea was given by the Provincial.

REPORT OF THE RENEWAL OF VOWS.

Proposed themes and readings for junior Brothers and recollection on 30th April to 2nd May, 2020 were followed. Recollection on 30-04-2020 at 7.30 A.M. Started with Holy Mass by Fr.Lazar, Parish Priest. He read out the programme for the 30th April, 2020.

Theme: Consecrated life, "I am all Yours and all I have is Yours:

The suggested time table was followed. At 2.30 PM, we had Marian devotion. 6.30 to 7.30 PM we had adoration. At the time of adoration, once again some of the readings of that day's were readout. Bro.A.Visuvasam, shared his God experience of the day.

On 01st May, 2020, the theme was 'Sacred Fire in me', the vital force of love in me. Vows, and acquiring divine wisdom. The given time table was followed. 2.30 to 3.00 P.M Marian devotion, 6.30 PM to 7.30 PM Adoration.

On 02nd May, 2020, the theme was Awakening, Alertness, mindfulness and being Alive at this Covid -19, experience. The given time table was followed on 2nd May, 2020 at 12.00 Noon. Holy mass was celebrated by two Priests. In the Holy mass at 12.15 P.M. Bro.Visuvasam renewed his Vows. Bro.Thomas Madanu, Local Superior, Montfort High School, Khammam, received the Vows.

Renewal of Vows was followed by lunch. Fathers and Sisters joined us for lunch.



**Bro. Thomas Madanu
Local Superior**

ST. JOSEPHS HIGH SCHOOL

KOTHAGUDEM

Greetings from St. Joseph's High School, Kothagudem!

We are here to share our news updates

Today the world is in great crisis, a pandemic of the Corona virus or covid-19. And this corona virus has led people into the pathetic situation not only for India but also all over the world. When we look back and see the last 50 days, the whole India was in great misery. All the companies, industries, schools, colleges and universities and transport are shut down. The print and electronic media are also bringing in awareness among the people of India about the corona-virus through their advertisements. Day by day, cases are increasing but people are not taking so seriously. At this present situation the Country is oscillating to look after one side the Covid-19 patient's cases and the other side the socio-economic conditions of the Country.

In this pathetic situation the migrant workers/ daily labourers are unable to get one meal a day. After seeing the miserable situations of the people in our locality, the Brothers of our Community have made assessment and decided to distribute provisions for the daily wage labourers, old and needy people, auto drivers and tribal who had migrated from Chhattisgarh some years ago. Brothers visited each one's house of tribal and gave them 5 kgs of rice and 5 kgs of different types of vegetables to satisfy their hunger at least for a week. And this was really a great support and joy for them.

Reflection of Bro.Prem Kumar

Migrants of Chhattisgarh who were living in the remote area of Telangana were selling some berries on the road. Bro. Rajashekar and I went and purchased some berries and enquired of their pathetic condition and visited their village. These people have no access to food and they depend on forest fruits. They have to go for daily wages to different villages to get some money to fulfil their daily needs. In this village, no Schools are nearby, no Hospitals, no Government comes to their aid and also no ration cards etc...I really felt sad and unhappy. My heart was filled with pity for them. I returned to the community and we together decided to distribute 5 kgs of Rice and 5 kgs of Vegetables to them including auto drivers, Old People, Poor and needy (all together 200 People). I really felt happy that I could serve them. Let us look out of our boundary, for, there are thousands and thousands of people who do not get a meal a day. Let Us be generous and kind to the people who are in need.

Reflection of Bro.Rajashekar

When I started to write about my own experience on Covid-19 I was provoked to think beyond the horizons of my mind. It started somewhere and spread to the complete Globe. Everyone is living with fear and worried about their own life. Many people became unemployed and many are starving. People are caught up in different places and have no food to eat and no shelter.



After seeing them I passed through a very painful journey. Whenever I see some people dying without food and walking miles together to reach their home towns my heart was crying. As a Community we prayed for everyone to recover from their misery and death.

We also distributed food grains and dry ration for 200 people. Another side of looking at this Covid-19, I feel it brought us together in family spirit among the people. Everyone had, time to spend with their own people. Let us pray that this Covid-19 may end soon.



Reflection of Bro.Pradeep

When we see our present situation the whole world is numb, because of Covid-19. The whole world is silent, unable to fight against it. As a result the whole world is facing this challenge. In India the most sufferers are daily labourers, migrant workers who are going to cities in search of jobs to live happily. Covid -19 and Lockdown has made people to suffer. There is no work, and unemployment has creped in to their lives, which made them to suffer with hunger.



By seeing all these pathetic situations of the people, we Brothers of K o t h a g u d e m Community provided Rice and Vegetables to 400 families. They were

really happy and were filled with joy and contentment. They could not express their happiness in words. By looking at them, I felt joy in my heart and felt satisfied with the work I did for them.

RENEWAL PROGRAMME:

On 3rd May, 2020, Bro Pradeep Barla renewed his Canonical Vows in the hands of his Local Superior Bro Prem Kumar.

Bro.Prem Kumar, guided him for three days of Retreat, in which he led him in Prayer, Meditation, Contemplation and Adoration in order to be firm and strong enough to understand God's call deeply by giving talk on true Devotion to Mary and rule of Life. On the last day of the retreat Bro.Pradeep renewed Canonical Vows in the hands of the Local Superior. The Prayer and the Eucharistic celebration was led by our Assistant Parish Priest Fr.Savio.



Montfort Feast Day:

On 28th April, 2020 we celebrated our founder's feast

Day. We invited our domestic staff for the lunch along with their family members and it was a very joyous moment to come together along with all their family members to share the Fraternal Love and Unity. The Joyous moment was not only for the Brothers but also for our Domestic Staff. They became part of our Montfortian family to celebrate the Feast Day of our Founder St.Louis-Marie Grignion De Montfort.



Community:

St.Joseph's High School, Kothagudem is taking new shape day by day, because of the hard work of the Brothers and the support of our Domestic Staff.

We three Brothers join every day for manual work and guide our Domestic staff to make a beautiful garden in front of our Brothers' quarters. Bro.Prem brought Frame for making cement tiles and we ourselves have made 700 tiles for the Garden. Recently we have brought red soil (14 Tipppers) from open cast (Singareni collieries Company Limited) for the garden, volley ball court and play-ground. So, lots of work and activities are taking place to change the look of St.Joseph's High School Community.



St.Joseph's High School, Kothagudem

MONTFORT SCHOOL

KUSUMKOT

Montfort School, Kusumkot is located in the Melghat region that is mostly tribal belts and their lives are based on the daily wages and also with little field of agriculture that they have. This area is also known for lower middle class families born and lived in poverty. In such a situation Montfort School Kusumkot is located to uplift the poor through the Social Service activities empowering the women, children and farmers mainly educating the children and youth through school education.

Today we could see the struggle of the poor due to Covid-19. Life here is not affected much as they are already living in poverty and are depending only on Government Ration systems. But the affected ones are those who are back from different places who lost their jobs and their livelihood, mostly migrated workers.

Montfort School along with co-ordinations of Montfort Brothers, Province of Hyderabad and also support of Manos Unidas, we had undertaken 21 villages and distributed provisions which are sufficient for one month and 490 families have directly benefited from this charity.

Retreat and Renewal of Vows

Retreat before renewal of vows and personalizing the values makes an individual to decide his brotherhood in voluntary acceptance of Montfort our founder. Bro.Prahalad Gandhare has made his personal prayer, read the word of God and has spent his time in prayer with Discernment.

On 5th May 2020 at 7:30 a.m. Bro. Prahalad renewed his vows received by Bro.Joseph Balla the Local Superior of the Community at the Eucharistic celebration preceded by Fr. James the Parish Priest and witnessed by the other Religious congregations.



Community activities sharing of richness of Brotherhood

Montfort Community Welfare Centre consists of three Brothers with that of varied mission – oriented, supported by spiritual awareness like School Apostolic, Social work, Project activities and Legal Aid. We also collaborate with various other NGOs in spreading the values of Montfort. The community along with various activities stands one in whatever the situation it is, towards the proper spiritual dimension of Montfort in bringing the just society as one. The role of Montfort Community is always on with real witnessing in the Melghat region, one with the people and ability to live its full reaching at most needed in the society.



Bro. Prahalad Gandhare

“The greatness of humanity is not in being human but in being humane”

As the pandemic started spreading in our country, we began to educate our children and making them aware of Covid- 19, health and hygiene, do's and don'ts with various programs and activities. The sudden lockdown shattered the happiness of our children. The panic began to grope in as news of covid 19 cases started increasing. Days passed, everyone thought everything would get controlled. People remained at home, Hoping for the best. Everyone commented, it is going to be different and difficult days ahead due to the China Virus. As we all were in lent we were quietly praying for the miracle to happen. Finally, Jesus was risen, but world could not rise above from Covid- 19. Fasting and prayer became very meaningful, a witness to the reality of the sufferings of the people of God. We had spiritual celebration of our Lord's resurrection following social distancing along with Pallottines.

1. Online classes:- Students were sitting idle at homes, extraordinary situation demanded extra efforts, online classes were the need of the hour. We began classes for XII on groups. were very had critical abuses of phones,



online KG to class what's up Children excited. We created awareness of mobile internet and



now we started creatively using mobile phones to keep education to go on. Mass



media became the edium of being connected with students. We began to feel the heat of the summer classes. The academic a Google meet of staff. and a new platform for new techniques, tools learning. It opened up possibilities to explore technology in become effective E-learning Leaders.



We began to feel the and stopped online year was ended with It was very useful teachers to learn and skills of e-new unknown new era of education, to



2. Serving the needy:- The pandemic covid 19 crept in different corners of our country. It became difficult for laborers to find daily bread.



Province project for the poor during corona motivated



us to extend our helping hand and to serve the needy. We appreciate the provincial and council for taking initiative to help the poor and marginalized. Following our Lord’s words, “if u have anything extra share with who has none.”, we began our caring and sharing mission. In the first phase we distributed ration Kits for 200 families. We had to identify certain people in need in particular in our surroundings, and could reach and render our service to them.

“Who are we as human being if we ignore the suffering of others.”



In the second phase, we helped those migrants from this center point, walking on foot in our highway, traveling by trucks in large numbers, some of them coming from Hyderabad, moving from south to north, to the western and eastern regions. Many

organizations and agencies in various junctions had pitched their tent to serve food and water for the travelers.

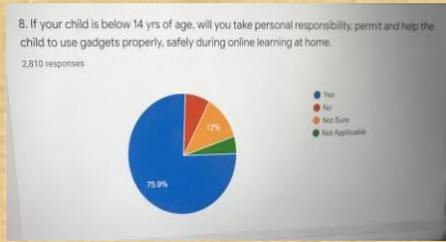
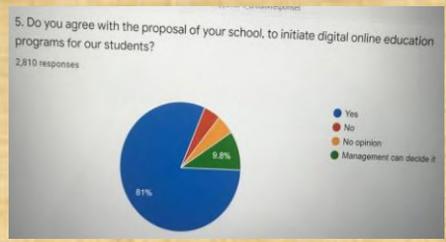
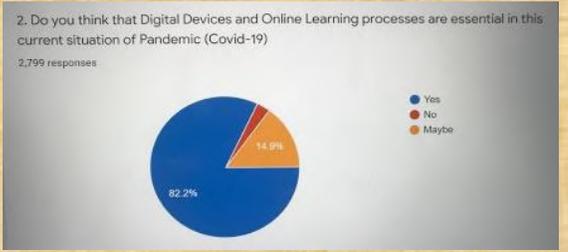
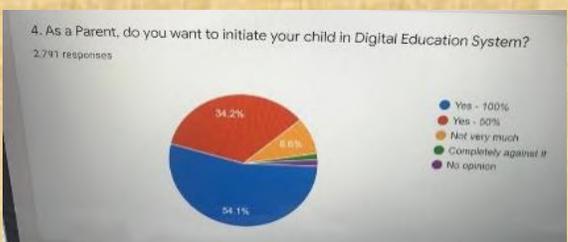


3. Online Classes in Collaboration with Goggle and WRCEF – The Western Region of Catholic Education Foundation initiated discussion with the global leader Google for online learning digital project. We registered ourselves in



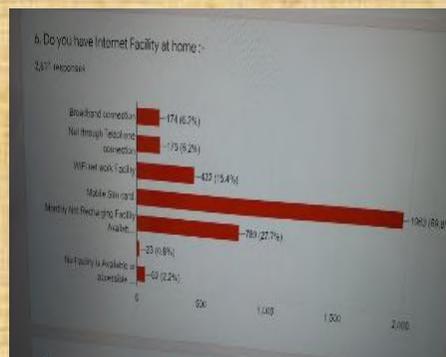
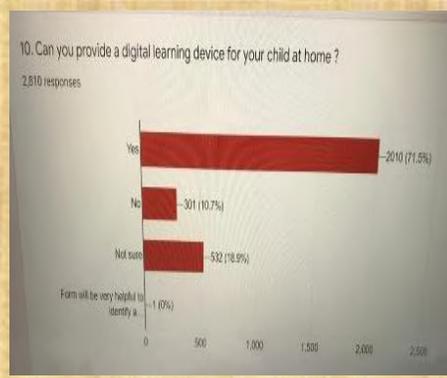
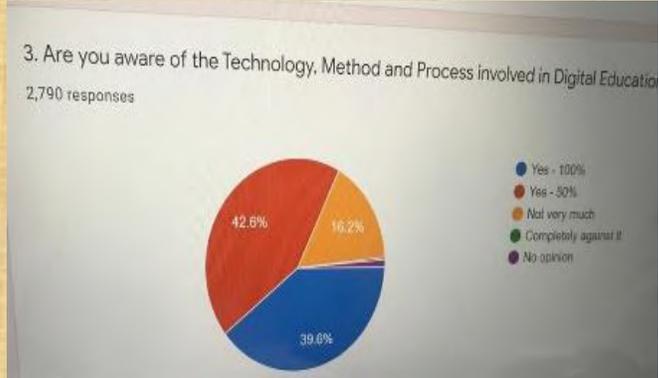
G-suite for education free of cost and after

appropriate study, research, considering safety, security and all in one integrated online platform for online classes decide to use Google classrooms for online teaching and learning. We conducted a survey involving all our parents and sought their opinion on online classes. Survey Result is very



encouraging, cooperation and collaboration extended by our parents is praiseworthy. All the students are very happy to attend the class enthusiastically. Now all have

become accustomed to e-learning.

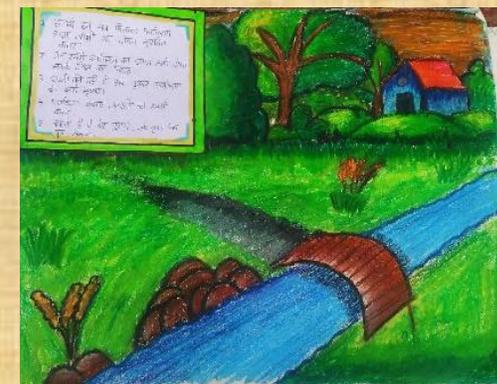
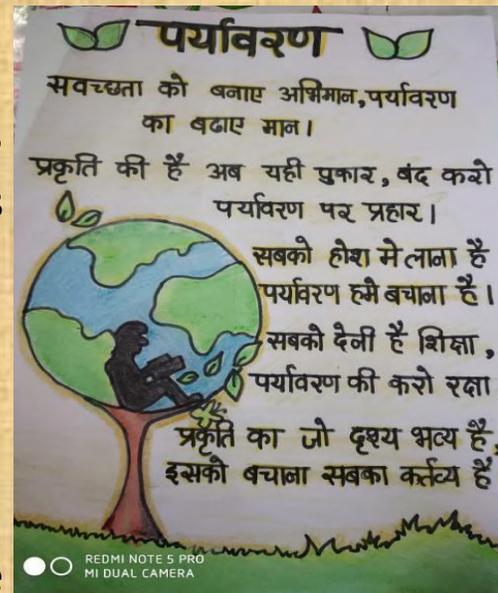




4. Tree plantation:-

“He that plants tree, loves others besides himself”

As Monsoon began Bro. Jomon took the initiative in tree plantation in and around the campus. He went around and found out the trees which can survive in this climatic weather. Varieties of plants were planted. Bro. Jomon is giving full energy to take care of these plants. Plants have become part and partial of his life in this lockdown. Thus campus looks eco-friendly and positive energy zone everywhere.



“To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow”



Transfers:- We were very happy to receive a new community member Bro. Bala Kishore Reddy (B.Ed. student). At present he is with Bro Sebastian at Patan Savangi (MIEC) as he was required there.

The Viral Singer
Siya James (VIII Class)

Finalist in Chote Ustaad
Mast. Ojas Shiwarkar



Rashi Sachin Pardhi

Winner of All India Social Distancing Online Solo Dance Contest 2020



Local Correspondent – Bro. David Indwar

STAY HOME STAY SAFE

Greeting from MIEC – Nagpur

It gives me immense pleasure to pen down the proceedings that had taken place at our MIEC.

To help develop the skills of youth of rural India, to enable them to earn well and live a better life is one of our CSR goals at Diffusion Engineers Limited. Pilot batch of Welding and fabrication skilled development course is given for 15 Students.

Ms. Aneeta Vijayakar visited Monfort Integrated Educational Centre. She was welcomed heartily into our campus by our Director. She motivated our students with her tasteful PPT on welding & Fabrication.

The Sports and Cultural events were organized for the Students.



The events were organized to tell each one of them that they are all unique and talented in many ways.

The mission at MIEC is very challenging. We do seek for the continuous prayers for this mission and be assured of our prayers from here.



Bro. Sebastian K.

ST. THOMAS HIGH SCHOOL NUZVID

This is Bro. George Reddy sharing his experiences with regard to Covid - 19. In the beginning it was a tense moment then I took it as it came without any anxiety. I was happy that our community was able to help the poor and the needy by distributing some food items to 200 families. They were very grateful and said that it was a timely help by the Montfort Brothers. For my part I spent a lot of time in reading Spiritual books and Magazines. I spent a lot of time praying for the victims of Corona virus and asking the

Lord to take away the Corona virus completely from the world. I felt very sorry for the migrating workers who had no food and water for many days. Many of them have started walking back to their

native places depending on some charitable people who helped them with some food and money. Though it was late the Government came to their rescue and took

them to their respective places. It is

a lesson to all of us. We polluted the nature and squeezed much from our mother earth. Now we are paying for it. We need to save the nature and earth so that in return it will save us.



Renewal of vows of Bro. Show Reddy Y. : On 30th April, 2020 I started three days of retreat guided by Bro. Edward Raj. I renewed my vows with all my heart which I have made to follow Jesus Christ in the Society by following Obedience, Poverty and Chastity and I commit myself a new to manifest the love of Christ in the service of education. The three days of Retreat helped me to have love and concern for each other around me. I have enhanced my faith in God deeper and deeper. I have encountered the true and profound love of God during my three days of Retreat.

On 1st May, 2020 the Eucharistic celebration was celebrated at St. Thomas Community chapel for the renewal of Vows of Bro. Show Reddy. Fr. Anil emphasised that Brothers should continue to learn and be keen to develop the spirituality of St. Montfort and the Congregation continuously, and to foster a strong Prayer life in order to live a fruitful religious life. He mentioned that the three vows can help the Brothers to grow, not only in numbers but also in quality, as expected by the Montfort Brothers Congregation.



Good bye: 20th March, 2020 was a memorable day as we gave a farewell party to our students of class 10th 2019 – 2020 batch who spent almost 12 years in this School.



Birthday Celebrations: 15th March, 2020 was a festival to the staff and students of St. Thomas as we had Birthday Celebrations of our beloved Principal, Rev. Bro. Edward Raj. Celebrations were held in a grand manner.



A big thanks to dear Bro. Show Reddy for his selfless and dedicated service to the Boys Home. Bro. Maria Jaya PaUl has replaced as a warden to St. Thomas boys home in place of Bro. Show Reddy. We are ever grateful to Bro. Show Reddy for his support and hard work. We wish him good luck for his bright future.



Covid - 19 : Our Brothers Community have stepped up to provide assistance to those who need it during this great disaster Covid – 19, and distributed food supplements to the poor people of N.T.R colony, Nuzvid

Model Exams: Andhra Pradesh Government has conducted model online exams for S.S.C students in order to bring awareness and to understand the new examination pattern with the removal of bit paper system.

National Means – Cum - Merit Scholarship: N.Hamsini of Class VIII was awarded merit scholarship which was given by Central Government of India.

Prathibha Awards: Thota Spandana and Bokinala Rohini of our school were awarded with Prathibha Awards which were given by Andhra Pradesh Government.



Our heartfelt condolences to our dear brothers who lost their lives due to Covid-19. We promise our prayers for the whole world, especially for the victims of Covid – 19.

Bro. George Reddy

ST. MATHEW'S PUBLIC SCHOOL

PATAMATA

Renewal of vows of the following brothers in the presence of Fr. Bala, the Youth Director, Vijayawada along with the Brothers of the community. We congratulate you dear brothers, Bro.Pranay M, Bro. David Kujur, Bro.Valanarsu).Bro.Ankit Tirkey and Bro.PramodCh.





Bro. Lawrence D' Souza

MONTFORT SCHOOL

REPALLE

Montfort High School, Repalle is happy to share with you some of the events that happened in our community during Covid- 19 lock down. As soon as the Govt. of India, announced for lock down, the School Management was magnanimous enough to hand over the school building to the Revenue department for quarantine of migrant workers, this gesture of risking our lives made us to establish good relationship with the Revenue, Municipality and Police department.

The Province of Hyderabad was generous enough to contribute Rs.1,00,000.00 (Rupees One lakh only) toward the Covid-19 relief work. Along with the amount that we received from the Province we added some more amount and helped 150 families with Grocery items like Rice, Dal, Oil, Soaps, Sanitizers and Vegetables etc., each family received worth Rs.550.00. We also helped 25 families of Auto drivers and Rickshaw pullers worth Rs.1500.00 each. We extended medical help to several families. 'Anyone who knocked at our door never went away empty handed.



The Community members along with a few Staff members took keen interest in visiting the families of most deserving and Under-privileged people of our locality and distributed Condiments. It was a heart touching experience for all of us to see their struggle for livelihood. We felt that we did something worthwhile for the people of this locality and sharing part of our resources with them. We are looking forward for more such opportunities.

Renewal of Vows

Bro. Bala Kishore Reddy and Bro. Binod Kerketta renewed their Vows on 3rd May, 2020, in the afternoon at Montfort High School, Repalle, Chapel. Rev. Fr. Zacharia, the Parish Priest of Garure Matha Church, Repalle celebrated the Holy Eucharist. During the Holy Eucharist, the Brothers renewed their Vows and the Local Superior, Bro. Jose Emmanuel received their Vows. Prior to the renewal of Vows the Brothers had 3 days of spiritual experiences combined with Prayer, Reading, Reflection, Personal sharing and Rosary etc., were conducted by the Local Superior.



Activities on lockdown

We had a very fruitful and enriching experience during the lock down period. Brothers of the Community were involved in various activities like Reading and Reflecting, Book review, Praying together, Watching movies, Climbing trees, Plucking Mangoes and Tender Coconuts, enjoying and relishing them in summer. Catching Fish with hocks and frying them, preparing varieties of tasty pickles and sharing them with the neighbours and friends



were our hobbies. Grooming one another's hair in different styles, preparing South Indian and North Indian delicious dishes etc., became part of our life. We had Yoga, Meditation, Personal Exercises, Evening walk and Gardening. We had lot of laughter, fun and enjoyment in our community. It was really a memorable time to rejuvenate our commitment to God and others.

Bro. Jose Emmanuel

TRINITY HIGH SCHOOL MANCHERIAL

Sharing and Caring are the noblest gifts one should experience in life time. Novel Corona is playing a devastating role in the lives of humanity, economically and physically. Due to Government's strict rules of imposing lock down on everybody, average and below average class people could not find their livelihood and meet their basic needs. With the guidelines of the Hyderabad Provincial Superior that every Community must reach out to the people in our own way for rendering help, we extended our support to the needy.

The Trinity High School didn't want to simply distribute the purchased provisions for the poor people whoever appears on the road, rather wanted to find out the really deserving cases. Hence the Brothers with the help of the School Principal and a Press Reporter ventured into different areas and found out a few tribal villages. We felt pity by seeing their living conditions. Hence we decided to contribute a bit more than what we wanted to give. And also we reached our helping hand to our School Class Four employees, Bus drivers and Cleaners.

At the outset whatever the noble work we had done was very little, that was the feeling of the Brothers in the Community. We can remember them in our prayers at least and help them to receive God's providential support Unconditionally.





Bro. Pradeep Reddy



Renewal of Vows

Renewal of vows made by Bro. Bala Srujan Reddy in the Chapel at Sanyasa, Bangalore on 2nd May, 2020 in the hands of Bro. Jawant Kerketta and Bro. Rahul Reddy



First Profession

First profession made by Bro.K. Naveen Joseph Reddy, Bro. Dominic Kerketta, Bro.Hiren Kumar Pradhan at St. Gabriel's House, Sitagarha on 18th April, 2020.





“No matter how many they may be we should go to God in all confidence and with true sorrow for our sins, saying “Our Father Who art in Heaven, forgive us our sins of thought and those of speech, forgive us our sins of commission and omission which make us infinitely guilty in the eyes of Thy Divine Justice.”

Louis de Montfort, *The Secret of the Rosary*

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