

Continental Mission Year 2022

Asia and Oceania

Objectives

- To strengthen a sense of belonging and unity of the Entities within the geographical zone and extending to the entire Congregation in a world where we are confronted by human division and isolation.
- To take stock of the kind of presence we have offered to the continent as Montfort Missionaries.
- To outline new missionary perspectives for the future.



Context

Asia and Oceania are characterized by the following:

- rich diversity in terms of religion, culture, values, ethnicity, language....;
- in the field of religion, in particular, the flourishing of spirituality and religiosity;
- the need for inculturation;
- the spirit of hospitality;
- in the Church, a zeal for missionary work and a lively devotional life, especially to Our Lady;
- the enormous uncertainty of the political and economic system.

How to become Montfort Missionaries or Montfortian Associates in this context? The Superiors of Entities emphasize the importance of having a clear «Montfortian Identity»: Evangelization, a vital relationship with Mary (through the practice of Consecration to Jesus through Mary), the role of the laity also in relation to leadership.

Theme: Rise and Shine, Montfort in Asia and Oceania

Logo:

a. Rise and Shine: The color Royal blue signifies the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The Cross: which is inseparable from Mother Mary and serving as Wisdom that help us to Rise and Shine as Montfortian. We rise and shine with the Cross and with our Mother Mary.

The Color White: This is the background color of the LOGO which signifies our Consecrated Life to God through the hands of Mother Mary.



b. The Circle: It represents the wholeness, the eternity and us (Montfortians) by being Pilgrim Missionaries without borders and by being available to all, irrespective of language, caste, culture and creed.

The Color Blue: This is the symbol of life – the life of the Divine. Asia – Oceania lives in spiritual hallmark and every culture connects everyone to the spiritual realm.

c. The Star: Each ray represents each Entity and connects with each other. Every angle of the star speaks of Unity in Diversity, meaning we rise and shine not as individual Entities but as Montfortians in Asia and Oceania. We need to cooperate with other Entities and the people to make Christ visible through our work and life as Montfortian.

Let the spirit of St. Louis Marie de Montfort live in us always. Let us rise and shine.

Prayer

O God, our Father, remember your Congregation which you have destined from all eternity to fulfill your loving designs by inspiring your servant, Saint Louis Marie de Montfort, to undertake the apostolic mission of preaching the Good News of your Son, for the renewal of your Church. Remember your missionaries who made their share in sowing the seeds of the Gospel, announcing Wisdom Spirituality in Asia and Oceania.

Send your all-consuming Spirit upon us to make us holy missionaries after your own heart, so that we may rise and shine in fraternal communion and be prophetic in our life and apostolate, under the guidance of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of our Lord and our Mother. Help us to re-discover the beauty of our Montfortian Missionary Charism, always in dialogue with our challenges in Asia and Oceania, with our vibrant cultures and multi religions called to the service of fraternity in our world. Empower us to enkindle everywhere the fires of divine love in the pluralistic context of our land. Glory to Jesus in Mary! Glory to Mary in Jesus! Glory to God alone!

Theme song - lyrics

RISE AND SHINE

By Fr. Willy Selman, Pontchâteau- France

We are called, to be sent,
Preach Jesus Christ the Lord
We are called, to be sent,
To go all over the world,

We are called, to be sent,
To be a fiery missionary,
We are called, to be sent,
In the midst of Cultures and Nations

Rise and shine
Be the light, light shines, bright
Destroy the darkness that threatens the world
Rise and shine
Be the light, light shines, bright,
With the spirit of Saint Montfort.

Rise and shine....
With the Spirit leading Saint Montfort

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