

# CONTINENTAL ASSEMBLY 2022

## DAY 1 – 04.07.2022

The Continental Assembly 2022 began with the Holy Eucharist by Rev. Fr. Arnold. The Reflection said that it was the grace of God that brought us together.

The session began at 08.30 am. Fr. Arnold welcomed the participants. It is historical moment and a qualitative leap he said. We are going to experience the richness of of Montfortian togetherness. This gathering gives an opportunity to experience brotherly love among Montfortians.

The Superior General Rev. Fr. Luiz Stephani, addressed the gathering. He began his speech, thanking the Indonesian Province for a warm welcome and participants for the availability. Fr. General Said that the Continental Assembly, has been decided long ago. It is a space for co-existence, exchange of experiences and a special moment to live the fraternity “**without borders.**” Continental Assembly 2022 is a dream of Montfort, “Small & Poor Company” being realized. He concluded with the slogan:

Rise and Shine India

Rise and Shine Indonesia

Rise and Shine Philippines

Rise and Shine Papua New Guinea

The theme of the day is Context of Asia and Oceania. There were four presentations.

**Fr. Rafael** spoke on the richness and diversity of cultures and the emergence of major religions in Asia, especially India and China which gave birth to world’s major religions. We Montfortians are called to live in this context and be a witness.

“Apostolic Exhortation in Asia Oceania” is presented by **Fr. Robert Perianayagam**, who said amidst the religious pluralism and cultural diversity we are called to live a witnessing life.

The Logo of CMY is explained by **Fr. Francis Prasanth**. It is a unique one with deeper meaning . The prayer for the Assembly was composed by **Fr. Peter Mascarenhas**, who said that it is an inspiration from Montfortian zeal.

In a moment of integration the participants were given a time to read the inspiring message of Superior General and encouraging letter of the superiors of the entity.

**Sr. Valarine DW** addressed the gathering about the daughters of Wisdom’s Continental Assembly. She spoke of re-configuration of the entities, which paved way for more communion and enrichment of resources.

**The day ended with Rosary and dinner.**