

Dear brothers in the presbyterate,
dear sisters in consecrated life,
and many dear friends, receive my greetings and thanks.

The murder of Father Olivier Maire was a terrible news for all of us in the Montfortian family and has brought us great suffering. There are times in life when pain seems to overcome faith and hope. The violent death of Father Olivier was one of those moments.

In the temptation to lose hope, we remember these words of the Lord Jesus: *"I have told you these things so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulations; but have confidence, I have conquered the world."* » (John 16,33).

In addition to this word of hope from Jesus which comforts us, your prayers, your sympathies and your messages of solidarity are also a source of encouragement for us and help us overcome this difficult period. Thank you for showing us that we are not alone in this ordeal.

Thus, in the name of the Montfort Missionaries, I express to each one of you my feelings of gratitude for your closeness and your solidarity.

I apologize for not being able to write to each one of you individually at this time. I hope to have the opportunity to do so later one.

Life will triumph!

United in prayer

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