

Blessing & Opening of the Montfortian Education Secretariat

Montfort Spirituality Centre, Bengaluru

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Introduction:

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, we have gathered here today to invoke God's blessings upon this new office of the Education Secretariat of the Montfort Brothers of St. Gabriel. This space is dedicated to the mission of education, inspired by the vision of St. Louis Marie de Montfort, to transform lives through knowledge, faith, and service.

As we begin this prayer service, let us open our hearts in gratitude for God's abundant blessings and seek His divine guidance in all that we do. May this office be a place of wisdom, collaboration, and commitment to the cause of education, especially for the young and the marginalized.

Bible Reading

Colossians 3:23-24

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving."

(Pause for reflection.)

Prayer of Petition (*response: "Lord, hear our prayer."*)

1. For the Montfort Brothers of St. Gabriel and all their collaborators, that they may be guided by the Holy Spirit in their mission of education and evangelization, let us pray to the Lord. **(Lord, hear our prayer.)**
 2. For all educators, students, and stakeholders in Montfortian institutions, that they may be filled with wisdom, knowledge, and a spirit of service, let us pray to the Lord. **(Lord, hear our prayer.)**
 3. For this office and all who work here, that it may be a place of peace, collaboration, and inspiration, let us pray to the Lord. **(Lord, hear our prayer.)**
 4. For the poor and marginalized children who benefit from Montfortian education, that they may find hope and opportunities for a brighter future, let us pray to the Lord. **(Lord, hear our prayer.)**
 5. For God's blessing upon this new endeavour, that all the work carried out here may be for His greater glory, let us pray to the Lord. **(Lord, hear our prayer.)**
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Prayer of Blessing (*by the Priest before sprinkling holy water around the office.*)

Heavenly Father,

You are the source of all wisdom and knowledge, and You call us to be instruments of Your love and truth. We ask You now to bless this office of the Montfortian Education Secretariat.

May this space be a place of dedication, integrity, and service. May those who work here be filled with Your wisdom, patience, and compassion as they plan and coordinate educational initiatives for the glory of Your name.

Bless all who enter this place—may they find here an environment of respect, creativity, and mutual support. May the work that is carried out here reflect Your will, bringing transformation and enlightenment to many lives.

Loving Father, we entrust this Secretariat to Your care. Through the intercession of St. Louis Marie de Montfort and our Blessed Mother, may it always be guided by Your truth and be a beacon of light in the field of education.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Concluding Prayer (*by the Executive Secretary.*)

Loving God, we thank You for Your presence in our gathering today. As we step into this new beginning, we entrust ourselves and our mission into Your hands.

May this office be a place of faith-filled service, wisdom, and fraternity. May it always remain a space where the values of the Gospel shine brightly and where the work done bears fruit for the good of society and Your Kingdom.

We go forth with confidence, knowing that You are with us, guiding and strengthening us in all that we do. We make this prayer through Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Final Blessing and Dismissal (*by the Priest.*)

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: May Almighty God bless you and this place of work, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Priest: Let us go in the peace of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.