



# BROTHERS OF ST GABRIEL

*"Labor Omnia Vincit"*



*Blessed is the fruit of your womb*

## Provincial Superior's Message



Dear Brothers, Sisters, Board of Governors, Benefactors, Montfort Associates, Friends of Montfort, Staffs, Students / Trainees,

Greetings to all of you!

On behalf of the Brothers of St Gabriel, I, wish **A TIME OF REFRESHING GRACE** to all of you.

The liturgical Season of LENT is a time of grace, a time of refreshing and a time of springing into new life. It is a time of celebration of HOPE.

**The ever watchful love of God opens the way for those of us who have strayed from the path of love, truth and justice to be reconciled.**

The hymn "Come Back to Me" is sung often and its words echo in our hearts. "Don't let fear keep us apart" and "Long have I waited for your coming home to me".

**The Hope we celebrate is our RECONCILIATION with God and with one another.** And this peace or reconciliation is made possible by the Most Holy Sacrifice of Jesus, our Mediator with God.

There is greater rejoicing in heaven as many who have strayed or sinned against love, truth and justice are returning home to God.

The lost and derailed lives need not remain in their fatal end for all of their lives; instead they can get up and get onto their journey to the Heavenly Father by holding the hands of Jesus.

When Jesus was dying on the Cross, He thought of us, "Father, Forgive Them for They Know Not What They Do." Jesus bleeding, pleading and leading is our hope and reason to rejoice again.

We are ever in the mind and heart of God, our reunion to Him is his mission priority. We are so precious to him, that the price to ransom us is his own life made flesh and poured out on the altar of the cross.

We can with great confidence approach HIM to find forgiveness and freedom from despair.

With St Louis Marie de Montfort we too can say: "My life is between Jesus and Mary and I will not sin".

Blessed Easter 2017

*Bro John Albert fsg*





# Assumption Pathway School (APS) Singapore

By Cecilia Nathen



Garden of Our Lady of Fatima



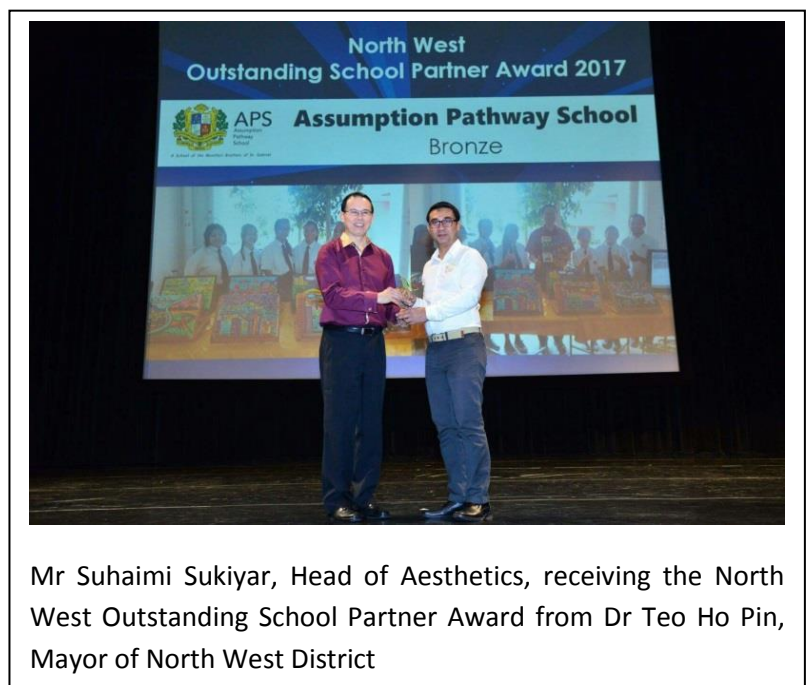
Garden of St. Louis Marie de Montfort

During the year-end school holidays, works took place to enhance the school environment. We were blessed to begin the academic year with the new Montfort Room, a place for individual quiet time or group reflections for both staff and students. The gardens were also spruced up, thus creating a more distinctive Montfortian atmosphere to reflect the school's ethos.

We are also happy to have received the North West Outstanding School Partner Award (Bronze) for service to the community in the form of community art. The North West Volunteers Awards ceremony was held at the NUS University Cultural Centre on 12 February 2017.

Several "firsts" are also taking place this year at APS.

With effect from 24 February 2017, The Assumption Restaurant for Training (The ART) has extended its operating hours every Friday to include dinner. We serve Porridge Buffet every last Friday of the month and offer set dinners on other



Mr Suhaimi Sukiyyar, Head of Aesthetics, receiving the North West Outstanding School Partner Award from Dr Teo Ho Pin, Mayor of North West District

Fridays. Students attached to The ART are thus given the added training exposure in managing dinner settings.

Our first batch of students from the Culinary Skills course will be graduating at the end of this year. Culinary Skills was introduced in 2016, and we now have a total of six vocational courses available at APS.

Another new initiative has been made possible with the generous support of Temasek Foundation Cares. Occupational therapy services will be available at APS for students with psycho-motor coordination or sensory integration challenges. This will enable us to plan and implement intervention strategies to address such challenges which impede character development and the learning of vocational skills.

On Monday, 13 March 2017, APS Catholic staff attended the Catholic Education Conference held at CHIJ Secondary (Toa Payoh). The Conference explored what was essentially the Heart of a Catholic School and staff were given compelling insights by His Grace Most Reverend Archbishop William Goh. While practices such as prayer and values education are characteristics of mission schools, what makes our schools distinctively Catholic is based on Christian anthropology. A person is happy only when he discovers purpose and meaning in life. Education should therefore include helping one to become the person he or she is called to be. Every human person has a calling to the transcendent. Therefore, the spiritual aspect must be addressed in order to give a child a truly holistic formation.



Blessing of Montfort Room



Blessing of Our Lady Garden



Blessing of St. Louis Marie de Montfort Garden

The blessings of the Montfort Room, Our Lady Garden and Montfort Garden took place on the 25 March 2017. It was also the Patronal Feast Day of the Montfortian Family. The simple ceremony was presided by Fr. Edward Seah and attended by SMC Members, Brothers, Staff and Students of APS. Light refreshment was served after the Blessings. The refreshment was prepared by the Food and Beverage Department of the school.



# Montfort Junior School (MJS), Singapore

By Ng Li Yi

## Orientation



As usual, the new term started with the welcoming of a batch of Primary One boys, who were looked after by their 'big brothers'. This had indeed helped the newcomers feel welcomed and safe in an environment that was much larger than

what they had experienced!

The boys were introduced to the various CCAs the school had and were encouraged to sign up for a CCA of their choice. These are platforms beyond the classrooms that provide experiences for them to become Scholars, Sportsmen, Gentlemen and Leaders.



## Community Outreach

Staff, students and parents reached out to the neighbourhood during the Lunar New Year season by going from door to door distributing oranges. They also went to the Thye Hua Kwan Nursing Home for a few sessions of craft making, sing-a-long and Lo-hei. Not only had they brought festive cheer to the residents, many had expressed that they felt blessed for having done something meaningful. It was a touching experience as they practised being 'A Man for Others'!



## Visit by Educators from Assumption College Samut Prakan (Thailand)

On 24 Jan, MJS hosted staff from a Montfort school in Thailand and they were introduced to the teaching and learning experiences in the school. It was an enriching experience for staff from both



schools as they interacted and learn from one another.



## North Zone Badminton Championship

Our Junior Team clinched the top position and the Senior Team came in third during the North Zone Badminton Championship! They displayed their resilience during all the gruelling training sessions and nail-biting matches. Kudos to all the players and to the staff, coaches and parents who supported them!



# Montfort Secondary School (MSS), Singapore

By Priya Prasad

## LEVEL CAMPS (7 – 10 March 2017)

Just before the start of the March school holidays, the gentlemen of Montfort Secondary School geared up for non-stop adventure through the carefully thought-out Level Camps that brought out the Sportsman, Scholar, Gentlemen, Leader and above all a Man for Others in every student.

### Secondary One



During the Level Camp Week, the Secondary One students went through a series of study skills workshops to establish a strong foundation and these skills were put to the test through a series of Learning Journeys. The Normal Technical students were thoroughly engaged in their “Home-Fix” module where they had hands-on experience with fixing light bulbs and plumbing!

### Secondary Two



To enable the Secondary Two students to develop life skills and make their learning experience authentic, they went through a variety of activities including a survival challenge, outdoor cooking and orienteering. Also, physically challenging activities like cycling and mangrove kayaking helped to strengthen relationships between students and teachers.

### Secondary Three

With the theme being “Growing Montfortian Leaders”, the Secondary Three camp was a challenging 4D3N Camp which tested and pushed the boys to their physical, emotional and mental limits. Without leaving any man behind, they kayaked, biked and trekked a total of 53 kilometres! Despite the arduous journey, the students were in high spirits and definitively portrayed the school’s vision of being a Sportsman, Scholar, Gentlemen and Leader in every step of the way.





## Secondary Four

Level Camp week started off with a study skills workshop to prepare them for their national examinations followed by course advising sessions at Nanyang Polytechnic. They were also given opportunities to lead and serve the community through a Nomadic Race which was aptly titled Project Majulah, through which our graduating students advocated for the last, lost and least in society.

## UNIFORMED GROUPS' ACHIEVEMENTS

Part of the holistic education in Montfort Secondary, we have placed much emphasis on the child's physical, emotional and social development and growth through Co-Curricular Activities (CCAs). Montfort Secondary's Uniformed Groups have done exceedingly well in preparing our students to thrive in the world beyond the borders of the school. The students' diligence, alumni's commitment and teachers' dedication were celebrated at a National level as all 4 groups attained the highest level of recognition- Gold Awards in their respective grading systems

**Scouts:** Montfort's Scouts celebrated a momentous year with the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations. Above and beyond the weekly practices, the scouts have volunteered their services at the Istana Open House during various Public Holidays. Adding to the festivities, the Montfort Scouts was awarded Gold for the Frank Cooper Sand's Award.

**National Cadet Corps (NCC):** The unit participated in the various events, competitions and courses throughout the year. In the Advanced Drill Course conducted by NCC HQ, our Company Sergeant Major, Mohamed Ameenkhan, was honoured with the Platoon Best Trainee award. He was also selected to represent Singapore in the International Cadet Exchange Programme (ICEP) in United Kingdom. These achievements, as well as others, helped the unit to secure Gold in the Unit Overall Proficiency Award.

**National Police Cadet Corps (NPCC):** Our school's NPCC was chosen as the pilot school to launch and promote the national initiative of Sg Secure. Outstanding Cadets like Arden Koh, who represented Montfort at the official launch of Sg Secure, and Ho Qi Ming who achieved the pinnacle SPF-NPCC award which is awarded to the top 5% of all NPCC Cadets, are a testament to the exceptional quality of leaders NPCC has been able to produce through their vigorous programmes. This dynamic unit attained a *Gold* in the Unit Overall Proficiency Award.

**National Civil Defence Cadet Corps (NCDCC):** In the Inter-School Skills Challenge at Jurong Fire Station, Montfort's NCDCC Unit was awarded Second Runner-up, as a testimony to their well-developed skills in basic lifesaving. Muhammad Nabeel, recognised for his good work in the unit, was awarded the Best Unit Drill Instructor and Daryl Shaw as the Best Unit Cadet. With the strong camaraderie and iron-will, the unit secured a *Gold* in the Unit Overall Proficiency Award.





# Boys' Town



By Trevor Chan



The volunteer working with our boys on an activity in building K'Nex model kits

## K'Nex Workshop for our Boys 3 Dec 2016

A couple visited Boys' Town and conducted a series of 3 sessions of K'Nex workshop with our boys (group home and shelter). The shelter boys were taught how to use their imagination and built a structure to their liking through K'Nex model. The main group boys were given model kits such as world war 2 aircrafts, tanks and vehicles to work on and to be painted after completion. These model kits provided a platform for our boys to learn how to focus on an assigned task and to enjoy the satisfaction in completing it. Overall the boys appreciated the care and friendship given by the volunteers and enjoyed the fun and challenges from the activity.

## Boys' Town Orientation Camp 4 – 7 Jan 2017

We started the New Year with an Orientation Camp for our boys. It was a time for us to welcome the new boys into our Boys' Town family. It also gave a chance for staff, volunteers and boys to bond. During the camp, the boys also learned how to work as a team and to overcome challenges. One of the boys said: "For my group, we had a really bad start and at first we were really discouraged to carry on, but our team had the support of the staff and volunteers and for most of the time we managed to find solutions to all of our problems and all this happened through the games that made us communicate and start to fight back."



A team building activity that required control, precision and patience when working together.



Our staff and volunteers worked hand in hand to ensure the smooth running of the camp activities.

## Soccer with Corporate volunteers Lendlease 20 Jan 2017



Our corporate volunteer, Lendlease, arranges regular soccer sessions with Boys' Town as part of their contribution to help teach our boys character building: to discover their personal strength and increase self-awareness through sports. The session on the 20 Jan 2017 was held at the Turf City 7 a side pitch and there was a good mix of boys and Lendlease representatives in a team. The game was played with a lot of passion and the boys enjoyed themselves thoroughly.



The Brothers Philip, Roger and Emmanuel were joined by Adrienne, Trevor and Mrs Foo at the event.

## Family Day Dinner 2017

Boys' Town Family Day was organised on the 18 February with a variety of performances, activities and buffet lunch. The staff took the opportunity to mingle and interacted with the boys and their families on a casual informal basis sharing the latest the developments in Boys' Town. The boys and staff enjoyed the highly enthusiastic performances and the special time together.



## Assumption English School (AES), Singapore

By Mr Quek Ser Hiang



Launching Ceremony



Indian Dance

### Mother Tongue Fortnight 2017

The annual Mother Tongue Fortnight was launched on 16 January 2017 and culminated in a celebratory concert on 27 January. Various programmes were planned for the students based on the theme 'MTL Alive'. With enthralling performances by both teachers and students, as well as the interactive Inter-Level Cultural Quiz, the concert emphasised the importance of applying the various Mother Tongue Languages and knowledge of the different cultures in our daily lives.

Another highlight of the Mother Tongue Fortnight was the Cultural Learning Village that took place on 2 February, where the Upper Secondary students designed and set up interactive booths to introduce various aspects of our Singapore culture to the Lower Secondary students. The Lower Secondary students not only learned interesting information at the booths but also played exciting games and made traditional food. It was indeed an engaging learning experience for all the students!

### Combined Mass for 7 Gabrielite Institutions at the Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

An inaugural Combined Mass was held for all 7 Institutions of the Montfort Brothers of St. Gabriel on 20 January 2017 to mark the beginning of a new academic year. Catholics students from Boys' Town, Assumption English School, Assumption Pathway School, Montfort Junior School, Montfort Secondary School, St. Gabriel's Primary School and St. Gabriel's Secondary School, gathered together at the Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary to honour our founder, Saint Louis-Marie de Montfort. The celebrants for the Mass were Father James Yeo and Father Stanislaus Pang.



## Level Camps 2017

The Level Camps at Assumption English School were held from 1 March to 3 March 2017. Each of the camps had their own very own themes and learning objectives which were filled with engaging programmes and activities.



The Secondary One Students forming the 'Language of Love'

Each year, our new Assumptionites go through an unforgettable experience during their inaugural Level Camp. Anchoring the activities to the theme "Know Thyself and Others", the Secondary 1 students participated in a myriad of activities that allowed them to build meaningful friendships and strengthen class bonding. The camp brought about a strong sense of camaraderie and the Secondary 1 students managed to overcome challenges posed by the different activities and learnt to work together.

The Secondary 2 Level Camp was based on the context that students from the five classes were infected with a laughing virus and had to find the antidote at Camp Christine through a series of activities that were crafted to enable students to discover "The Leader in Me". The activities, which included ice-breakers, night games, outdoor cooking, Low Element challenges, and the highlight of the camp, Dragon Boating, enabled the students to grow in confidence as they learnt about the different aspects of leadership. The camp ended on a high note when all the classes came together to showcase their creativity and teamwork through team cheers and class performances.

With the theme "To Lead is to serve", the Values-in-Action (VIA) Camp for the Secondary 3 students was different from previous years as it was planned and executed by our very own Assumptionites and teachers. Students were visibly jittery on day two of the camp, as they were unsure of what was to be expected during the VIA activity. However, the joyful expressions of the residents of Ren Ci Nursing Home allayed their fears and students became relaxed and excited to interact with the residents. It was truly heart-warming to see our Assumptionites interacting with these residents.

A three-day Education and Career Seminar entitled "Many Dreams, One Aspiration" was organised to help the Secondary 4 and 5 students discover their interests and also to provide them with the essential information to make an informed choice for their educational and career pathways. Other than the opportunity to go for industrial visits to places such as the Marina Bay Sands, our students also had the chance to find out more about the various courses offered by the different tertiary institutions through a roadshow exclusively set up for them in school. They also learnt how to portray a positive self-image and picked up useful strategies to maintain their portfolio. The seminar culminated in a Parent-Child Conference where the students had the opportunity to share their education and career aspirations with their parents.

Through the various Level Camps, we believe that our Assumptionites have forged lasting bonds by learning in a joyful manner!



The Sec 4 and Sec 5 students attending the Roadshow of various institutions



## St. Gabriel's Primary School (SGPS), Singapore

By Gerald Kong (Lay Chaplain)

Since the start of **Catholic Club** (a co-curricular activity) for 2017 on 1 February, a group of about thirty young Gabrielites from primary two to primary six have been regularly acquainted with the practice of Christian meditation in order to encounter God in silence. Although it was very challenging for them to keep still and quiet at the onset, they have shown vast improvement across the weeks and now look forward to subsequent meditation sessions of about ten minutes.



On the eve of Ash Wednesday, I had a very special experience with one of the most mischievous boys from the Club. Early in the morning before school began he saw me near the chapel and asked: "Can I go into the chapel to pray?" I replied, "Sure, it is open and you can always go in and spend some time in prayer." He went into the chapel quietly, clasped his hands fervently and knelt down reverently to pray with his eyes closed before the Tabernacle. It was such an amazing sight to behold for the first time!!! I was beside him in silence praying for him. After a while I said, "Talk to Jesus as you would with a friend." He listened intently and nodded his head. After some more moments in silence he left the chapel so quietly as never before. A miraculous transformation has begun. I believe it is fruit of being exposed to Christian meditation which predisposes the soul to want to meet God in the depths of one's heart.

On the same day, I received another confirmation that the beauty of Christian meditation is spreading among the Club's boys. That boy came to the chapel during recess and excitedly shared with me that having learnt about Christian meditation, he had gone home to share it with his parents and now they have started on Christian meditation together! I could not believe my ears that this was

happening. Thank you Lord for allowing me to be a part of your marvelous work! I am starting to understand why we must be like children to enter the Kingdom of Heaven because in their simplicity and openness, they are sensitive to the promptings of the Holy Spirit and share without qualms to others the goodness of what they experience within.

The Club's boys have also learnt much about the role of Jesus as the Good Shepherd and how we should be good sheep who listen to his voice. This was done so via presentations on the topic and the attractive use of miniature toys which engage their imagination.



They have also learnt to appreciate that the Good Shepherd gives up his life for us, his sheep by means of his Most Precious Body and Blood in the Holy Mass.



## Montfort Boys' Town, Shah Alam

By Arulannandam S

We enter into a new year 2017, with great Hope and Trust in the Lord. We look forward for many events and activities with the showers of blessings from God and with great enthusiasm.



### Cheque Presentation at Japan Club

Japan Club KL donated RM 12,000.00 from the proceeds from the Japan Charity Bazaar 2016 recently. The said amount is paid as a 'sponsorship' to a Montfort girl and we are thankful to their generosity. The event was officiated by YB Dato' Sri Hajah Rohani binti Haji Abdul Karim, Minister of Women Family & Community Development. Bro. Mark Tee and Mr. Arul. S represented Montfort Boys Town.

### Visit of Mr. Bhandari

On 18<sup>th</sup> January 2017, Mr. Sathish Chand Bhandari (Vocational Training Expert) visited Montfort Boys Town. Mr. Bhandari was accompanied by Ir. Philip Tan (Chairman BOG), visited all our training units and was impressed. He will be presenting his collection of Vocational & Technical books to the MBT Library soon.



### OSK Foundation Funds Upgrade of Montfort Boys Town

**Shah Alam, 14 February 2017** – To provide underprivileged youths of Montfort Boys Town with the opportunity to further qualify them, OSK Foundation has donated 1 unit of CNC Electrical Discharge Machine (EDM) Wire Cut to the Machining Department as the prerequisite for Machining Operation Level 3 accreditation of Malaysian Skills Certificate or *Sijil Kemahiran Malaysia (SKM)*.

OSK CEO Foundation Cheryl Ong joined Director of Monfort Boys Town Brother Mark Tee at the Machining Department to hand over the sponsorship of the new machine. With this machine, trainees can now complete the syllabus of Competency Units (CU) to fully qualify them for SKM Level 3. Currently, Montfort Boys Town adopted Recognition of Prior Achievement (PPT) system to enable trainees to complete their SKM Level 3 theoretically. Upon graduation, trainees will be awarded with transcript as a proof of his skills competency which will be assessed by the Assessing Officer and approved by the External Verification Officer appointed by Department of Skills Development Malaysia (JPK)

### **Soroptimist International Club**

The "Work Ready Now!" program, conducted by Soroptimist International Club of Damansara provides soft skills training to youths covering basic employability skills, knowledge and work ethics needed to prepare youths to successfully enter the work force.

The 52 hours of training cover 7 modules including Personal Development, Interpersonal Communication, Work Habits & Conduct (including resume and application letter), Teamwork & Problem Solving, Safety & Health at Work, Rights & Responsibilities and Financial Fitness.

A certificate endorsed by the Education Development Corporation of the United States of America is presented to each student at the end of the program based on their overall performance.

Big Thank you to Soroptimist International Club of Damansara for their effort and time in imparting knowledge and skills to our students.





# Montfort Youth Training Centre, Sabah

By Ms. Debra Lyn Golingai



## Farewell to our two visiting Josephite Brothers from Democratic Republic of Congo




**25<sup>th</sup> January** – MYTC bid farewell to its two visiting Brothers that are Brother Narcisse Kulangusa and Brother Vicent Pindi from the Josephite Brothers of Kinzambi, Democratic Republic of Congo who spent a year in MYTC for an exchange programme where they had a first-hand experience in the technical training that the Trainees are going through.

Staff, Trainees, a few Franciscan Sisters and Friends of Montfort came together for the fellowship lunch and to say farewell to the Brothers. Bro. Gasper in his speech thanked the two Brothers for taking the time to undergo their training for a year in MYTC and hopes that their training in MYTC had benefitted them.



Bro. Narcisse in his farewell speech thanked MYTC for the hospitality shown to them and said that no words can express how grateful he is of the opportunity given to him and Bro. Vincent while Bro. Vincent thanked everyone in MYTC for the support and made it known that he has benefitted from the training that he had received in MYTC and thanked the whole Montfortian family for their kindness, generosity and hospitality.

As their parting gift, the two Brothers prepared two Congolese dishes for the staff to accompany the dishes prepared by MYTC's kitchen. The two delicious dishes prepared by the Brothers were  Saka-Saka which is a vegetable dish made of cassava leaves and chicken in peanut sauce.

## CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATION



Madam Helena distributing the *Hong Boa* to the students

MYTC had its very own Chinese New Year Celebration on 10th February attended by the close-knit Montfortian family. The celebration of the evening started with the Chinese Trainees geared in their Changshan (traditional Chinese men garment) greeting everyone with their cheerful smiles and greetings. The whole Montfortian family were entertained by the singing of the Chinese Trainees with their own rendition of a chinese song after which the whole Montfortian family stood up to sing 'Gong Xi Gong Xi' and 'He Xin Nian'. MYTC's very own Lion Dance Troupe then took over the stage accompanied by non-other than the talented Sean who is the grandson of MYTC's HR & Admin Manager, together they performed a variety of acts which were loved by the crowd. Their performances were comical and entertaining with a few



moment of intensity with the show of the Trainee's gymnastic skills. The laughing Buddha also made a special appearance during the performance and teased the crowd with his funny jokes and gestures.

After the performance, there was a presentation of *hong baos* by the Kwan Family. The *hong baos* were contributed by Ivy Kwan and Daniel Kwan who were represented on stage by their mother, our very own Madam Helena Kwan and accompanied by Sean. In her speech Madam Helena Kwan forwarded Ivy and Daniel's message to the Trainees encouraging them to stay focused with their training and to keep up the commendable work that they have done in MYTC.

## MYTC STAFF CLUB



*Mr. Ebol being interviewed by Mr. Thomas Jr. Liansim (President of MYTC Staff Club) and Mdm. Jovinia (Secretary of MYTC Staff Club).*



*Mr. Steve Jumain (far left) of the Carpentry Workshop conceptualizing the bathroom design to members.*

The Staff Club made a visit to the home of Mr. Ebol of Kg. Kawari, Papar with plans to help them build a bathroom outside their house as their current bathroom is in a dilapidated state. Mr. Ebol is a retiree suffering from a kidney problem with an 18 year old disabled daughter who he and his family tend to. Upon the visit of the Staff Club, it was discovered that the family needs so much more than a bathroom as their house is in a bad condition and full of termites. The Staff Club will gather funds through the initiative of its members to assist Mr. Ebol with a construction of a bathroom and toilet for the comfort of Mr. Ebol and his family.



*Mr. Ebol's current bathroom*

*Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine,  
you did for me. (Matt 25:40)*



## Montfort Youth Centre, Melaka

By Ms. Laura and Ms. Theresa



Hindu students celebrated Pongal Festival in MYC over a weekend. They had earlier drawn a *kolam* and prepared all the ingredients needed to boil the *pongol*. It was a festival of thanksgiving for the Hindus during this time of Harvest Festival.



MagnumCares Team brought an early festive cheer to MYC for their Chinese New year greetings. The team were accompanied by Magnum Manager, Mr. Goh Sin Giin and Head Village of Ayer Salak, Mr Lim Chen Hong BKT. It was an honor to have the presence of Malacca Transport, Project Rehabilitation and International Trade Committee Chairman, YB Datuk Lim Ban Hong who gave a speech and later presented goody bags and *angpows* to all the students.

MYC Chinese New Year Celebration begins with a Mass at 6pm, thereafter the Lion Dance troupe performed an energetic stunts followed by the tossing of Yee Sang by Director Bro. Peter K., Board Member Mr. Lawrence, his wife and MYC staff. After the tossing of Yee Sang, the boys joined the guests for dinner and followed by presentation from different Houses. The evening ends with Bro. Peter and Mr. Lawrence giving out oranges and *angpows* to all the staff and students.





## Thank you for your dedication and service

We bid farewell to Mr. Michael Yap, who has been with MYC for 13 years. Mr. Michael runs errand for MYC to ensure all the daily needs of the boys are met and helped out in the administrative department. He has been a dedicated and friendly father-figure to MYC boys. Before he clocks out for the last time, all the boys had queued up for a handshake with their beloved “Sir Michael”, as he is fondly called. He will be dearly missed and we wish him

all of God’s blessings upon his life as he retires. Mr. Michael left us his favorite quotes: “What you are is God’s gift to you, what you become is your gift to God. Make hay while the sun shines for time and tide waits for no man. When in difficulties, pray! Let us worry about nothing but pray for everything”. We wish him well. May the Lord bless you Mr. Michael and watch over you and family as you enjoy the fruits of your labor of love in retirement. Thank you for all your years of dedication in MYC. Au Revoir!



Batch 15, Year Two boys having sessions conducted by Soroptimist on Life Skills for Youth. Sessions begin at 8.30 am and ends at 4.30pm daily for a week. They were taught on the code of conduct when

attending job interviews, how to handle the challenges of life and guidelines to prepare them to join the work force after they graduate this June. Understanding leadership roles and team work were incorporated into games and classroom sessions for an interesting time. At the end of their week-long session, the boys were awarded certificates for passing the exams conducted by Soroptimist.

A Personal Fitness Trainer came to teach the boys the right way to exercise. After the trainer gave a talk on proper food intake and exercise, the boys were given practical lesson using the equipment available in MYC which was donated by the public. They were very



interested with how to keep fit and the session went on to a time for “Q & A”, as the boys stayed on to ask many questions regarding fitness and the proper way of using the gym equipment.

## News in Pictures



In early January, Bro. Rene and Bro. Ronald from Canada made their brief stop in Singapore before going to Thailand. (L-R: Bro. Ronald, Bernard, Bro. Dominic and Bro. Rene)



To mark the beginning of the academic year, a special mass was celebrated at Immaculate heart Mary's Church on 20 Jan 2017 for all the seven institutions of the Montfort Brothers of St. Gabriel's institutions.



The 2<sup>nd</sup> Montfortian Education Symposium was held on the 21 Jan 2017 at St. Gabriel's Secondary School, Singapore. Bro. Anusak from Thailand was the main speaker for the symposium. Picture above shown one of the break-out groups in their discussion.



The Provincial Superior of Hyderabad Province, Bro. Pratap Reddy and the District Superior of East Africa, Bro. Jimmy George visited Singapore at end of January and they experienced the Chinese New year Celebration. They managed to collect some red packet called the *Hong Boa*.

## News in Pictures

### Montfortian Associates



Montfort Centre, Singapore: On the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes on 11 Feb, 20 people started making their journey to prepare themselves for the Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary.



March Babies's Birthday and March Baptismal Anniversary was celebrated on 11 March. Celebrants for the month were Ady, Tommy (not in pic) and Doreen. Ady and Tommy are currently making their preparation for the Total Consecration.

### MX3 Retreat: Letter to the Friends of the Cross



On th 17 to 19 March, 30 participants attended the *MX3 Retreat: Letter to the Friends of the Cross*. This was held at Montfor Centre, Singapore. The facilitators for the retreat were Bro. Dominic and Bro. John Albert.



The closing mass was celebrated by Fr. Valerian and concelebrated by Fr. Heredi (SMM)

## News in Pictures



St. Louis's Fraternity, Singapore is happy to have Fr. Heredi Suhartono (SMM) to stay with them for one month. He is in Singapore to polish his English. Picture above shown Fr. Heredi with the retreatants during the MX3 retreat.



The staff from Montfort Technical School, New Washington, Aklan, Philippines visited our schools in Malaysia And Singapore from 18 to 23 March. (L-R: Ronaldo, Gideon, Liezl, Marissa, Dr. Julius (Provincial Director for the Technical Education in Aklan) and Bro. John Britto.



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## Assumption Learning Loft (ALL), Twantay, Myanmar

### Summer Holiday English Programme (SHEP)

The Programme is in its third week. Students and teachers are getting to know each other. Many students still come and enquire about the

Programme still, but we have stopped taking new students due to class space and effectiveness purpose. In week we are going to give our students a name card to wear because there are a lot young people come to our School and we do not know which one is our student. So to be able to identify students will have to wear a student-card.



Happy children, after their classes they were treated with noodles by a donor



Learning corner and their products



ALL-Staff Having Meeting for lesson planning and School blessing



Grade-5 playing game

## Computer class

We intended to run computer class on 20<sup>th</sup> March. Due to computer desks delivery, we postponed the Programme April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## New English Classes for Grade-11

A new English course will start on 27<sup>th</sup> March. This course is for grade-11 and UDE-students. It will take 10 weeks including a two-week-holiday for Water Festival. So far, 8 students have registered. Matriculation Examination was ended on 17<sup>th</sup> March.

## Blessing of Assumption Learning Loft (ALL) Building



The Blessing of Assumption Learning Loft (ALL) Building was held on the 25 March 2017, in conjunction with the Feast of the Annunciation, the Patronal Feast Day of the Montfortian Family. The blessing of the building started from the roof top. The Auxiliary Bishop of Yangon, Rt. Rev. John Saw Yaw Han, graced the ceremony. After the blessing ceremony, a simple reception was held. It was also to celebrate the the 53<sup>rd</sup> birthday of Fr. Louis Ye Myint, the Parish Priest of Assumption Parish. A good 60 parishioners attended the simple ceremony. The Brothers thanked the wellwishers and supporters of the Brothers' Mission in Twantey, Myanmar.