**Photo Clips of JPIC activities, Delhi Province** 



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Beautician Training program at Jahangirabad, Bhopal...













Providing education to Dependent Children, Bhopal, Banea and Harinagar School...









# Montfort Brothers of St. Gabriel, Province of Delhi Report on Justice and Peace Activities 2022-2023

#### 1. Introduction:

The Montfort Brothers of St. Gabriel, Province of Delhi are committed to promoting justice and peace activities in our province. We believe that all people are created in the **image and likeness of God** and deserve to live with **dignity and respect**. In line with our mission of education, we are also engaged in a variety of activities that are aimed at empowering the poor and marginalized, promoting human rights and protecting the environment.

We have been diligently working towards the upliftment of the downtrodden and economically disadvantaged in Delhi province. Our mission is to provide opportunities for holistic development, with a focus on education, environmental conservation and human rights. We believe that education is the key to empowering individuals and helping them to break free from the cycle of poverty.

## 2. Education Initiatives:

We have initiated several educational programs aimed at empowering the less privileged. These include:

- 1. **Remedial Classes** for weak students in our schools.
- 2. Afternoon **Hindi medium schools and classes** for the economically disadvantaged at St. Montfort Primary School, Bhopal; St. Montfort Sr. Sec. School, Delhi.
- 3. The **dependent schools** of the province are St. Montfort Hr. Sec. School, Banea (CG), Montfort School, Harinagar (MP) and St. Charles Inter College, Sardhana (UP) where the economically **poor and tribal children are given quality education**.
- 4. **Helping to get Government scholarships** for tribal and minority students in our schools.

In addition to our educational programs, we also run a number of other human development welfare schemes. These schemes are designed to provide essential services to the poor and marginalized, such as **tailoring**, **fashion designing**, **beautician**, **Basic computer training programs** in Jahangirabad, Bhopal, MP. We believe that these programs can help to improve the quality of life for those who are in need.

## 3. Financial Justice:

We believe that all workers have the right to a fair wage that allows them to meet their basic needs and live with dignity. We regularly review our wages (salary) to ensure that they are in line with the cost of living. We have faith in economic justice and strive to ensure fair treatment of all our co-workers and poor students.

- 1. We pay **minimal as per the government and just wages** to our co-workers.
- 2. We offer **fee concessions** for Catholic students and those from economically disadvantaged backgrounds.
- 3. We help our co-workers to build house.

### 4. Environmental Initiatives:

We recognize that it is our duty to protect the environment as part of our faith and we have taken various steps to minimize ecological footprint. Our love for nature has led us to undertake several ecological initiatives like:

- 1. We conduct **environmental awareness programs** in all our schools.
- 2. We encourage **ecological conversion**, transforming hearts and minds towards greater love of God, each other and the environment.
- 3. We promote **tree planting**, save energy, environmental seminars and **save water**, rainwater harvesting in all our schools.
- 4. We encourage the cultivation of organic vegetables, medicinal plants and fruit trees.
- 5. Most of our schools are equipped with solar power to save nature and schools have created ox ozone in campus for students

## 5. Human Rights Advocacy:

We are enthusiastic to promoting the rights of children and women. We believe that all children have the right to a safe and healthy childhood and that all women have the right to live free from violence and discrimination. We have established Child Rights and Women's Rights Cells in all of our schools to raise awareness of these issues and to provide support to those who have been affected by abuse or discrimination. We are committed to upholding human rights:

- 1. We empower the **Child Rights** and **Women's Rights Cell** in all our schools.
- 2. We conduct awareness programs on **child rights, human rights, and POSCO** at various levels in our province.

#### 6. Celebrations and Observances:

We believe that it is important to educate our students and stakeholders about these issues and to encourage them to take action to promote justice and peace in the world.

#### 6.1 Justice and Peace Week:

We celebrate Justice and Peace Week in all of our schools. During this week, we highlight various concerns of injustice in the society, such as sexual harassment, poverty, child labor, racial and religious discrimination, inequality, majoritarian brutality, mass migration to cities and other forms of injustice.

**6.2. Celebrations:** We observe September 21<sup>st</sup> as International Day of Peace and Justice, celebrate Women's Day on March 8<sup>th</sup> every year in our schools.

#### 7. Conclusion:

We are committed to promoting justice and peace in our province. We believe that all people are created in the **image and likeness of God** and deserve to live with dignity and respect. We are grateful for the opportunity to serve those in need and to work for a more just and peaceful world.

As Montfortians in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, we are called to express our loving communion with God, fellow human beings and the rest of creation by living in harmony, treating each other justly and caring for Mother Earth. Our motto is "Care to Listen and Dare to Care!" guides us as we strive to protect God's creation (Ecology), look forward to a new heaven and a new earth (Eschatology) and ensure a just sharing of resources (Economy). This pursuit permeates all aspects of our lives as we continue our Prophetic Presence in India.