

A Spiritual Vision

A spiritual vision of life is one which helps the whole Montfortian education community seek the truth and live by it in line with the goal of the Montfortian Education Charter. It seeks and provides opportunities for the transformation and self-realisation of the person at the moral, spiritual and social levels.

In this workshop, participants will have the opportunity to clarify and understand how having a spiritual vision is essential for the Montfortian education community. They will explore the five main areas of opportunities¹ to help the education community seek the truth and live by it as well as a summary of the existing best practices in schools. Participants will also listen to each other's' sharing on various strategies or created opportunities for the said areas. Filled with a plethora of ideas for providing opportunities towards a spiritual vision, participants will be well equipped to translate this spiritual vision into a reality for their schools.

Some of the guiding questions are:

1. What opportunities for a spiritual vision have been provided by **your school**?
2. What opportunities for a spiritual vision have **you** created for your school?
3. What are **other** opportunities for a spiritual vision which should be provided by you or your school?

¹ A spiritual vision of a Montfortian education provides opportunities to:

- a. **DEVELOP** a deep spiritual experience and orientation in life that help students find God's wisdom and to live by its demands as well as a critical consciousness and personal convictions on matters of one's religion, and at the same time to respect and to be enriched by the faith convictions of others.
- b. **BECOME** rooted in their faith-culture through a personal encounter with God that helps them respect and love one another, and the whole community of life.
- c. **FOSTER** the Christian life of the Catholic community through spiritual and apostolic activities, without however isolating them from those of other faiths.
- d. **CULTIVATE** a genuinely Christian institutional culture that is also universal, based on values such as an atmosphere of trust, just and authentic relationships, service to all, inclusiveness, participation and a spirit of forgiveness.
- e. **IMBIBE** Montfortian ethos and values by all the stake-holders in Montfortian education through appropriate programmes and structures.