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St. Peter's Square and Basilica in Rome: group of pilgrims arriving at the Basilica Saint Peter; Brothers of the General Council with Brothers Yannick Houssay, Pierrick Busson and Laurent Bouillet in Saint Peter's Square (February 2025).

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Editorial

Pilgrims on the path of prayer!



The Evangelist Matthew presents Christ to us as the One who accompanies our pilgrimage on the path of prayer. Indeed, Jesus takes Peter, James, and John with Him, leads them up a high mountain by themselves, and is transfigured before them. From the cloud, the voice of the Father is heard, asking them to listen to His Son (Mt 17:1-9).

In the context of the Jubilee Year, this Gospel text indicates four attitudes that can help us continue our journey in the company of the Lord:

1 - **Climbing the mountain** is the effort we are invited to make if we want to share the experience of the beauty of the Son and thus enter into his intimacy.

2 - **To contemplate** is to learn to de-centre ourselves in order to put Christ at the centre of our attention. This is the path to let ourselves to be seduced by Him, following the example of Peter who wanted to pitch three tents on the mountaintop.

3 - **Listening** means adopting the attitude of a disciple who takes the Master's words seriously. To do this, one must be close to Him and follow Him as the crowds of the Gospel did. This is the best teaching for advancing on the path of prayer.

4 - **Coming down from the mountain** is the condition for going to meet brothers and sisters who are discouraged and who expect from us a word of hope, a gesture of peace, solidarity, charity and fraternity.

May we be those pilgrims who dare to climb the mountain to contemplate and listen to the Lord, then come back down to offer him to others! Mary gives us the example. Saint Teresa of Calcutta tells us that it is possible. Jean-Marie de la Mennais confirms that knowing how to leave God for God is the science of the saints, our guides and our predecessors on the path of prayer.



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*Excursion – visit
to the HERA
mangroves (Dili).*



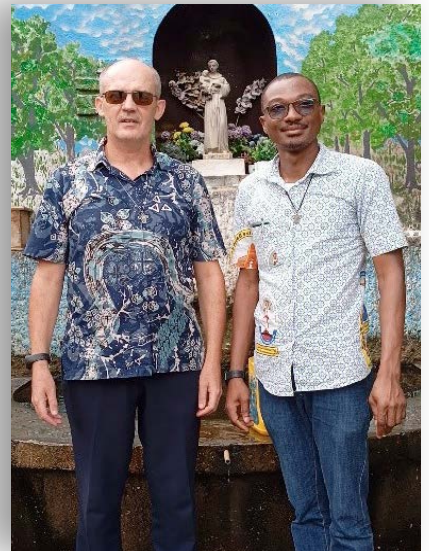
First steps in EAST TIMOR

«We are continuing our discoveries, gradually but surely, with great patience and hope. The first news is good. All our papers have been compiled, and on Monday, February 17, they were submitted to the immigration service. Thus, we were able to receive the five-year missionary visa.

As for Tetun, it is gradually taking root, the foundation is well established, the vocabulary is enriched daily and sentences are constructed with increasing ease. We have just completed four weeks of classes at the Dili Institute of Technology (DIT) language centre.

Meetings with the Bishop of Baucau and other resource persons will take place soon. Since our arrival, there has been no shortage of outings and spiritual encounters. These moments remain wonderful opportunities for sharing, discovery, and learning about the country and its culture. The mission continues with the strength of God and the breath of the Spirit.»

Brother Philippe DOUTI



*Return from Manatuto,
stop at the Saint Antonio fountain.*

Brother Éric MUGISA, a new missionary for East Timor, is currently in Portugal to learn the Portuguese language:

« In community as well as at school, I have had a beautiful fraternal experience. I thank the Lord for calling me to this new mission, which begins with learning Portuguese. It is expected that I will take three months of classes before joining my community in East Timor.» **Brother Éric MUGISA**

*Brother Eric Mugisa,
in Portugal,
with the Marist
Brothers.*





Provincial Chapters

According to the Rule of Life of the Brothers, the Chapters of the Provinces or Districts *meet at least once between two General Chapters* with the aim of studying their life realities and taking directions and decisions ordered to the common good.



The Brothers of the Chapter.



Committee work.

France - The Chapter of the Province of Saint-Jean-Baptiste (France - England): December 26-29, 2024.

23 Brothers participated with an observer, Father Daniel Federspiel, Salesian and former Provincial, who also served as chaplain during the days of the Chapter and made interesting inputs at the end of each day.

Two main aims were entrusted to the Provincial Chapter. The first was to enable the spiritual dynamics that ran through the General Chapter of April 2024 and the orientations it adopted for the entire Congregation to find their concrete and detailed translation for the Province of France. The second was to grasp the realities of the Province, its strengths and weaknesses, in order to discern, with lucidity and confidence, to what spiritual approach, to what choices and orientations the Spirit is calling it in the context of the world, the Church and our Institute, today.

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Brothers and Laity at the Chapter.

Uganda - The Province of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus (Uganda and South Sudan) held its Provincial Chapter from January 20 to 24, 2025.

A number of issues concerning challenges for the Province were addressed, in particular that of opening new missions in the peripheries to reach those who need our attention.

The Chapter also highlighted the identity of the Brothers in the common mission, as we are called to live ever more as a Mennaisian Family for the instruction of young people.

«The experience of the recently concluded Chapter of the Province of Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus is one of participation and new enthusiasm to project ourselves as prayerful missionary pilgrims, animated by the spirit of our Founders, and this in order to embrace our fraternal future as Mennaisians.» **Brother Delefino Muhindo**

"In a spirit of synodality, with a common vision and experience, the Brothers of the Province of Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus celebrated the Provincial Chapter together, under the theme "Servants of Hope". Inspired and guided by the Holy Spirit, the new Rule of Life, the Orientations of the 2024 General Chapter and the documents of the Church, the Mennaisian Brothers and Lay People studied and discerned the realities of the Province and took directions and decisions appropriate to the common good and a sustainable future... for the people we serve especially children and young people.» **Brother Casio, Provincial**

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Working groups in the Chapter room.

ASIA



Indonesia

The 25th anniversary of the Indonesia Mission

As part of the activities planned for the 25th anniversary of the arrival of the Brothers in Indonesia, on January 11, 2025, a reflection seminar was held on the following theme: «Beyond academic results towards quality training: redefining academic success inspired by Mennaisian spirituality.» The seminar involved two speakers: Mr. Concilianus Laos Mbato, Professor at the Jesuit Sanata Dharma University in Yogyakarta, and Br. Gildas Prigent, Visitor of the St. Francis Xavier District. Approximately 125 people participated in this meeting via videoconference.



Presentation poster of the seminar.

3rd Community of Indonesia: Purchase of land in KUPANG

The St. Francis Xavier District established a community in the city of Kupang nearly four years ago. The Brothers currently have rent a house that accommodates four people, and this is where they conduct their activities.



Brothers of the Kupang Community.



Land purchased in Kupang.

To prepare for the future, the District acquired a plot of land this year, approximately 4,000 m², in an area close to the airport and universities. In a few days, the first work will begin with the construction of the fence. The project is to build a community in 2025-2026.

Mennaisian family

A new Mennaisian group has been formed in Lantuka. It consists of six lay people, all working at the La Mennais Primary School and/or the La Mennais Pusat (Novita, Mersi, Verny, Jansen, Neti, and Esti). The three Brothers of the community are joining them (Br. Frencky, Br. Miguel, Br. Blasius).

Lay people and Brothers of the Mennaisian group of Lantuka.





AFRICA



Brothers commit themselves!

The months of December 2024 and January 2025 saw the perpetual profession of a good number of Brothers: at Dungu in D.R. Congo (2), at Moshi in Tanzania (5), at Nyundo in Rwanda (2), at Kisubi in Uganda (6).



After the vows in Moshi (Tanzania).

Schools are opening or expanding

A dream comes true: opening of SMAKA (St. Mary's Kabojja)

"A new secondary school has just opened in Uganda. St. Teresa Province recognized the growing need for quality educational opportunities and has worked for years to realize this project. The campus was officially launched in 2016, but serious construction began in 2018. The COVID-19 pandemic delayed the project for nearly two years, but the vision remained alive.

On February 23, 2025, a Mass was celebrated to bless the new St. Mary's Kabojja College. It is a Congregational institution, run in association with St. Mary's College Kisubi. Students began arriving on February 24, 2025, with admissions for Form One and Form Five classes." **Bro Matovu Costantino, Deputy Headteacher**



The Staff of the School.



...and the first boarding students.

St. Savio Kisubi junior school, Kikusa Campus

« This school, not far from Kisubi, was founded by the Brothers of Christian Instruction in 2020. It welcomes both day and boarder students, with only a few girls boarding. The majority of students come from home daily and leave in the evening. The school runs from kindergarten to the end of primary school (P7). Since 2022, after the Covid-19 lockdown, the school has continued to grow, and enrolment now stands at 542 students ». **Bro Sylvester Kagaba**



Savio Kikusa Campus.

Blessing of the Jean de la Mennais School Complex in Thian (Benin)

On Saturday, January 18, 2025, Archbishop Pascal NKOUE of Parakou blessed the school in the presence of the Superior General, Brother Hervé ZAMOR and Brother Jean Baptiste NDIAYE, Visitor of the Saint-Paul District of West Africa. Many Brothers from the TOGO-BENIN sector had made the trip. The ceremony also brought together religious men and women from the Parakou area, students from the school and their parents, as well as local residents.

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Blessing.



The students of SC Jean de la Mennais.



Assembly of the Brothers of the DRC.

Assembly of Brothers in the Democratic Republic of Congo and Tanzania

The Assembly of the Brothers of Congo brought together 21 brothers in Dungu on December 26, 2024. Together, they were able to reflect and exchange on the realities and challenges of their brand new District, in the presence of Brother Gildas Prigent, Assistant General.

In Moshi, Tanzania, the Brothers from Kenya and Tanzania met with Brother Hervé Zamor, SG, and Brother Vincent Ssekate, AG. Guidelines were defined for their St. Michael the Archangel Province, and each of the Brothers undertook implementing them.

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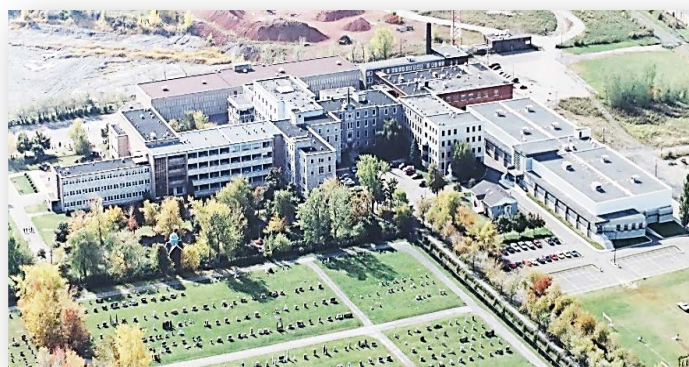
Canada

A new step for the Brothers of La Prairie

«We recall that in January 2021, the FIC infirmary of the Canadian Province was transferred to the Brothers of the Christian Schools of Laval. In the immense Mother House of La Prairie, there are less than 10 FIC living among the 1,800 students of the Collège Jean de la Mennais (JDLM). After a fraternal and courageous discernment, the community decided to leave at the end of June 2025, giving the school corporation free rein over the buildings and land that the Brothers acquired and built over time. This great school is doing wonderfully well academically, and has a very enviable

reputation. It will continue to develop the Mennaisian charism of today and maintain the heritage received from the FIC. We wish them every success and offer them the help of our prayers.

God be glorified for all that has been accomplished at the Mother House of La Prairie by the Brothers and lay staff since its opening in 1889. » **Brother Charles Desjarlais**



The Campus of the Brothers and the Jean de la Mennais School.

Haiti



Students gathered before the start of classes.

The Brothers' mission in a troubled Haiti

«In Haiti, the days have been similar since the beginning of 2025. Our Brothers are doing well, thank God.

Our provincial schools functioned well during the months of January and February, except for Jacmel, which had to keep its primary school children home (for two weeks in January) due to a teachers' strike.

The situation has worsened in the metropolitan area since January, particularly in the Delmas area, which has been classified as a red zone for several days. We are taking measures to ensure the community, the Institution of St. Louis de Gonzague, and the surrounding area are as safe as possible. On Thursday, February 27, we evacuated our elderly Brothers, Brother Serge Larose and Brother Bernard Bonraisin, from the Delmas community to the Gabriel Deshayes house in Pétiön-Ville. Thank you for keeping us in your prayers. » **Brother Simon Alphonse, Provincial**

Argentina

Bialet Massé – Mennaisian school

From February 2nd to 5th, 2025, the 20th «Mennaisian School» took place in Bialet Massé (Córdoba); a setting of impressive beauty, ideal for this meeting that brought together more than 40 educators from the different Mennaisian centers of the Divina Providencia District.

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Photo of the 40 educators who came for the "Mennaisian School".

EUROPE



England

« The Gaudete Trust »

Eighteen months ago, after several years of preparation, the Saint Jean-Baptiste Province entered into a joint educational trust, "The Gaudete Trust". ([View article >>](#) + [View video >>](#)), with 4 other congregations in England (the Sisters of Charity of St. Paul the Apostle, the Faithful Companions of Jesus, the Sisters of the Holy Union and the Christian Brothers). This involves jointly managing a network of 18 establishments belonging to the 5 congregations, including our establishments in Liverpool and Southampton. Br. James Hayes is involved in this as a delegate of the Provincial Brother.



Gaudete Trust meeting.

France

Marie and Vincent - volunteers in Benin

«Here we are back, home, in our Brittany and in «our comfort».

Upon arriving in the community of Thian, our desire was to put ourselves at the service of the Brothers, to respond to their requests and to work on the various tasks entrusted by them, while living at their pace and sharing their times of prayer since it is our faith that has guided us on this path of mission.

During these three months, we wanted to focus on serving and supporting the most 'disadvantaged' by getting involved in the community, wherever the needs were, with our modest abilities.

Alphabetisation corresponded most closely to the educational mission that we wanted to accomplish, and material aid (repairs, various DIY {Do It Yourself} projects, tidying up) improving daily life, worked for the good of the community.

Community life shared with the brothers inspires us to learn lessons: acceptance of others, sharing and trust, understanding and joy of living.

This really struck us and is an example to follow.

We did not return unscathed from our three months in Thian.

The experience we just had with the Brothers and the Postulants will remain forever etched in our hearts.

We already miss our students and the smiles of the children at school...

But we stay in touch... «we're together»! **Marie and Vincent**



Goodbye to Marie and Vincent.



Participation in adult literacy in Thian.



Derval: Come, Live, Become!

A PEPS La Mennais meeting (formerly Faith and Prayer) brought together around thirty middle and high school students from February 9 to 12, 2025, at the Maison St Donatien, in Derval.

Meeting of young people from PEPS La Mennais, here with Bro. Bernard Le Mené.

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POLYNESIA : "A Spiritual Camp" Serving Youth



Studious and playful meeting.



Activity time for a group of young people.

February 2025 – A week to grow in faith and brotherhood

From February 16 to 20, 2025, the Sainte Thérèse School in Taunua hosted the camp organized by the **Mennaisian Family Youth Movement (MJFM)**. For five days, forty young people gathered around a program rich in fun activities, sharing, and intense spiritual moments. This camp, with the theme «Marvel Romance», allowed each person to discover that they are called to a unique mission, in the light of Christ's Love.

An inspiring and embodied spiritual program

Each day featured a themed spiritual experience, allowing young people to deepen their faith through a dynamic and interactive approach. Drawing on characters from the Marvel universe, biblical teachings were brought to life in a new light, offering each child and adolescent a reflection tailored to their own reality.

A fruit-bearing camp

In addition to spiritual moments, the young people participated in various activities: group games, academic support, themed evening gatherings and times of sharing, thus strengthening group cohesion. Each evening, the «last offering» was a moment of introspection and gratitude, allowing everyone to review their day under the gaze of God.

We saw young people open up to faith, discover the power of prayer, and the importance of community. This camp was a true life experience, in the spirit of Jean-Marie de la Mennais who said: «God alone in time, God alone in eternity.» We leave this experience enriched, convinced that Christ has acted in the hearts of these young people. In April, a new camp will take place, and we hope that this beautiful spiritual adventure will continue to transform lives. **Young from the Mennaisian Family Youth Movement (MJFM).**



The 40 young people and the camp leaders.



Jubilee Year : To be pilgrims of hope

This Jubilee year invites the Brothers and Lay People of the Mennaisian Family to set out, listen, pray, and become witnesses.

Let's welcome these testimonies from Uganda, Canada, France, Congo, and Togo.

UGANDA – Pilgrims of hope and prayer

«In launching the Jubilee theme '*Pilgrims of Hope and Prayer*,' the Brother Provincial highlighted the worrying situation in the world, too often marked by despair. This particularly affects young people. Brother Casio called on the Brothers to be messengers of the compassion carried by the Spirit. '*When we radiate hope, the Lord opens new paths on our journey*,' he said.

«We cannot become true pilgrims of hope until we allow our encounter with Christ to transform our hearts. Our souls should magnify the Lord as Mary sang. We should proclaim the Good News that the Kingdom of heaven is at hand (Mt. 3:2) and thus combat the anguish, fear, and despair that are spreading throughout the world.

As pilgrims, we are called to freedom, enabled to face the future. Thus, becoming a pilgrim means «stepping out» of our daily lives, our work, and our responsibilities to become people who are decentralized from themselves and open to their times; pilgrims, often welcomed but sometimes scorned and arousing doubt. » **Brother Casio, Brother Provincial – Annual General Assembly : 25/01/2025)**

CANADA - "Four Seasons of the Mennaisian Family"

«The animation of the theme of the year, in the Province of Jean de la Mennais, is now experienced in the form of the «*Four seasons of the Mennaisian Family*».

In the **fall**, everyone participates via videoconference in the dynamic and interactive launch of the year.

In the heart of **winter**, the theme is explored in depth through prolonged encounters with people who bear luminous witness.

In **spring**, we take care of our spiritual roots through a careful but also inclusive retreat, since other people participate with us on site or remotely.

And the year concludes with the **summer** weekend in the country side in the welcoming grounds of Lake Paterson, two days of intergenerational activities filled with sunshine, joy, meaning, life and belonging.

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Assembly of the Brothers at Nabinoonya, Uganda, January 25, 2025.



"Discoveries" weekend meeting in the Mennaisian Family.



FRANCE : Jubilee of Consecrated Life in Paris in 2025

CORREF (Conference of Religious Men and Women of France) is planning to hold a national meeting of Consecrated Life in Paris on **September 6 and 7, 2025**, to unite with the universal Church on the occasion of the Jubilee Year around the theme: «pilgrims of hope.»



Gathering of the Consecrated of the Diocese of Paris, at the renovated Notre Dame, on February 2, 2025.

Congo DRC : FIC COMMUNITY OF KINSHASA-BIBWA

Last December, we held our monthly recollection as planned in our community project. Its theme was **hope and trust**. A theme, to extend that of the jubilee "Pilgrim of Hope" and which is based on the Epistle of Saint Paul to the Romans, 5, 5 "**hope does not disappoint**" because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. We must combine **trust et hope**, every day...

Hope in our life as religious is a feeling that gives us a glimpse of the fulfilment of what we desire. Pope Paul VI speaks of hope as a mandatory virtue that is born from the expectation of three truths: God is all-powerful, God loves me, and God is faithful to his promises...

Trust is that attitude which brings us closer to God, which invites us to love God through our brothers and sisters.» **Brother Clément Abeli (Kinshasa)**



Bro. Clément, Bro. Patrick and Bro. Fidèle.

TOGO : Diocesan Day of Consecrated Life in Mango

This day was twinned with the national celebration of the Jubilee of Hope. The Brothers from Northern Togo were there. Truly, a beautiful diocesan day! **Brother Joseph Bellanger (Dapaong)**



In the center, Brother Noël Mupenda, Assistant Master at the Dapaong novitiate.





1.2.3.4. District Divina Providencia (Argentina-Bolivia-Chile-Uruguay). Various meetings, moments of sharing, and commitments as Mennaisian Lay Associates have taken place in the four countries that make up the Divina Providencia District over the past few months. The meetings in each country and the many moments spent online have helped maintain contact, develop relationships, and experience a shared spirit, a family spirit that grows stronger every day.

5. Mexico - Huatusco. The Mennaisian Laypeople of Huatusco accompany the Brothers in their mission in the lands of Guadalupe, leading monthly Mennaisian Family meetings and youth gatherings in neighboring towns. The personality of each layperson give a color to each moment of sharing and reflection, as was the case with «Nelhuayotl» last December. This event, which takes place once a year, aims to make known the most significant roots of the Mennaisian charism, through a rereading of their personal life, through various exchanges, and through group dynamics. Last December, the aspect of the charism that was explored was «being an angel for the little ones.» The laypeople aim to transmit their own experience in order to share it with others, drawing on the Word of God and the pieces of advice of Father de la Mennais.

6. Mexico - Huatusco. Other lay people, still in formation, are already participating in activities supporting young people and families during the «Mennaisian Volunteer Days», which take place monthly. Participants, young people and adults, and even entire families, travel to rural villages to live with and encourage the children, while working to beautify small green spaces. Other members of the Mennaisian Family have begun a path of belonging to deepen their understanding of the Mennaisian charism. All are convinced that they will find a space of trust and security there, both for themselves and for their children. Little by little, they are nourished by the source of this spirituality Martha De La Cruz. Mennaisian Laywoman

WORDS FROM YOUNG PEOPLE



Meeting of young people in Argentina.

District Divina Providencia (Argentina-Bolivia-Chile-Uruguay)

A weekend shared between Brothers and young people as a time of reflection, prayer, and rest at Villa Gobernador Gálvez - Argentina. January 15, 2025.



Young Mennaisians in Portugalete - February 21-23, 2025.

Province Nuestra Señora del Pilar – (Spain)

Young Mennaisians from all the educational centers of the Nuestra Señora del Pilar Province gathered to share their experience and invite others to live Jean-Marie's dream. Young people who encourage and support other young people.

Uganda - Mennaisian Family Meeting in Kisubi

On Saturday, February 1, the Provincial Commission of the Mennaisian Family and the Mennaisian Young Adults (JAM) animation group met in Kisubi for a day of formation, with Brother Jean-Paul Peuzé, Assistant General in charge of the Mennaisian Family, who was visiting Uganda.

The bulk of the training work focused on chapter 5 of the Reference Text of the Mennaisian Family: the Lay Person in the Mennaisian Family: vocation and identity, spirituality, mission and communion.

The meeting also provided an opportunity to take stock of the situation of the Mennaisian Family in Uganda in its various components. The Mennaisian Young Adults constitute a large and dynamic group that is involved in working with young people in schools.



Provincial Commission and JAM.



25 years of the mission in Indonesia



Founding Brothers: Bro. Stéphane, Bro. Nico, Bro. Oscar, Bro. Daniel (2000).



Founded in 2000, the Indonesia Mission is celebrating its 25th anniversary. The seed sown has grown, and the Congregation is now present on three different islands: **Laranuka**, on the island of Flores, our first settlement, where the La Mennais Pusat (computer and sewing training center), the La Mennais Primary school, and the Juniorate house for aspirants are located.

In **Yogyakarta**, on the island of Java, a community opened in 2010 which is above all a formation house bringing together the first year postulancy and the scholasticate; in **Kupang**, on the island of Timor, where the Brothers arrived in 2020 and which is a house for our student Brothers and a place of welcome for visiting Brothers.



6 Indonesian postulants and 1 Filipino postulant, 2nd year in San Jose, Philippines.



Indonesian postulants 1st year in Yogyakarta.

The centenary of the Saint-Louis middle school in Saint-Nazaire (France)

Ideally located on the seafront of Saint-Nazaire, the Saint-Louis middle school and high school will celebrate its centenary in October 2024. Opened on the initiative of Mgr Le Fer de la Motte, Bishop of Nantes in 1924, the Saint-Louis school was taken over by the Brothers of Ploërmel from 1967. The first years were quite difficult, but the dedication of Brother Director Philippe Friot and his colleagues gradually allowed the establishment to become a reference and to develop. Even though the Brothers left in 2002, Saint-Louis remains in the Mennaisian network and under its supervision.

If you would like to learn more about this rich history, order the book «La Traversée du siècle,» which recounts the origins and growth of this middle and high school, from its author, André Martin. You can contact him at this address: amartin@lcsaintlouis.fr

You can also consult the establishment's website on this page: <https://lc-saint-louis.fr/notre-histoire/>





1. Kabojja, Uganda

Main building of the new secondary school, St Mary's Kabojja.



2. Kikusa, Uganda

St. Savio Kisubi Junior School – Kikusa campus, a few kilometers from the main Kisubi settlement.



3. Ploërmel, France

New building of the Lycée La Mennais, behind the chapel of the Mother House.



4. Zombo – Atyak, Uganda

The community, recently established in this area of northern Uganda, now has a residence of its own.



5. Ploërmel, France

The entrance porch of the Mother House, renovated, brought up to standard and decorated for the Bicentenary.

6. Moshi, Tanzania

New refectory building for the vocational school (VTC) located in the Brothers' Center.



New Major Superiors

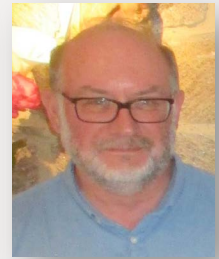
The Superior General, with the consent of his Council, has proceeded to the appointment or renewal of certain Major Superiors :

Province of Saint John the Baptist (France – England)

Brother Yannick Houssay (Provincial) and Brother Laurent Bouillet (Assistant Provincial) for a term of 4 years.



Bro. Yannick Houssay.



Bro. Laurent Bouillet.

District Divina Providencia (Argentina-Bolivia-Chile-Uruguay)

Brother Carlos Lovatto (Visitor) and Brother Félix Corada (Assistant Visitor) for a 4-year term.



Bro. Carlos Lovatto.



Bro. Félix Corada.

Province of St. Michael the Archangel (Tanzania-Kenya)

Brother Anthony Kamuhanda (Provincial) and Brother Martin Muthee (Assistant Provincial) for a 4-year term.



Bro. Anthony Kamuhanda.



Bro. Martin Muthee.

General Chapter of the Daughters of Providence: Anchored in hope...

From June 10 to 20, 2025, the Daughters of Providence of Saint-Brieuc will assemble for their General Chapter in Ploërmel, a place dear to the daughters of Father de la Mennais! Brother Yannick Houssay will be our leader.

Anchored in Hope, we want to look with realism, serenity and abandonment to Providence, our past, our present and our future...

We believe that our mission, carried forward by our predecessors for over 200 years, can and must continue. In particular, two questions will be at the heart of our reflections:

- In connection with our charism and the missions that have been ours, what legacy do we wish to leave, to share?
- In connection with the material and financial assets of the Institute, remembering that they are Church assets, what guidelines should we give to their use?

Thank you to all members of the Mennaisian Family for keeping this event in their prayers. **Sr Louise Touchette, Superior General of the FDLP**



From left to right : Sr Huguette, Sr Louise, Sr Anne-Marie, at the last chapter in 2022.



5 South Sudanese postulants in their first year, in Kisubi.

Postulants from South Sudan at Kisubi

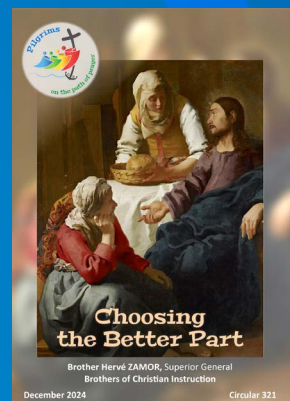
The Province of St. Teresa of the Child Jesus is delighted with the arrival at the Kisubi Postulate of a significant number of young people from South Sudan, a very young country where we have only recently established ourselves. This is a wonderful promise for the future.

Currently at Kisubi Postulate:

- in the first year 8 young people from Uganda and 5 from South Sudan;
 - in 2nd year: 2 young people from Uganda and 3 from South Sudan.
- Let us keep them in our prayers.

On the way

Whether Pharisee or tax collector, man is a pilgrim in the quest for God. He desires to go up to the Temple to pray (Luke 18:10). Like a parched earth or a thirsty deer, his soul seeks the Living Water (Ps 62:2, Ps 41:2, John 4:14). Is this not the fundamental truth that Saint Augustine confesses when he affirms: *«It is you, Lord, who urge us to take pleasure in praising you because you have made us oriented towards you and our heart is restless until it rests in you»* (Confessions, Book I, 1.1) ? Thus, guided by the Spirit and following Christ, we seek God in truth in our life of prayer and at the heart of our actions (Rule of Life 2024). Following the example of Bartimaeus, who did everything to meet Jesus (Mk 10:46-52), let us be beggars who dare to knock on the door of God's heart with faith, humility, and perseverance. It is there that he invites us to meet and satisfy our thirst.



In this ascent to the Temple, Jesus invites us to choose the better part, that of the publican, if we want to allow ourselves to be *«configured to Christ by obedient listening to the Word of God and the sacramental life, which progressively unify»* our whole being (Rule of Life of the Brothers, 2024). This is the path to living love ever better as *«the most beautiful and perfect of prayers»* (Jean-Marie de la Mennais). *Brother Hervé Zamor, circular 321, 2024.*



Moment of prayer during the last PEPS La Mennais meeting in Derval - France.