



Philippines-San Jose
7 new novices :
6 Indonesians and 1 Filipino



Habemus Papam ! (May 8, 2025 – St. Peter's Square).

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*Pope Leo XIV, in St. Peter's Square, on May 18, 2025,
during the inauguration of his Pontificate.*

Editorial

Signs of hope!

In the Induction Bull for the 2025 Jubilee, Pope Francis identified eight cries of distress that Christians are called to transform into signs of hope. The *tragedy of war* awaits peacemakers (Mt 5:9). The *declining birth rate* in some parts of the world constitutes a call to promote the transmission of life. The situation of *prisoners*, deprived of freedom and dignity, calls for the help of every person of good will to restore hope. The *sick*, whether at home or in hospital, need the closeness and affection of relatives, friends, and Good Samaritans. *Young people*, the joy and hope of the world and the Church, seek companions who help them maintain their enthusiasm and their dream of a better world. *Migrants* seek a welcoming land and a home where they can live in safety. The *elderly*, weighed down by loneliness, cry out for presence and attention. *Poor people* would rather learn to fish than receive a fish every day.

In this Holy Year, how can we respond to these calls for help, wherever we live? Like Saint Francis of Assisi, wherever there is war, let us be peacemakers. And Pope Leo XIV shows us the way :

« Let us disarm communication of all prejudice, rancor, fanaticism, and hatred; let us purify it of all aggression. We do not need thunderous and muscular communication, but rather communication capable of listening, of gathering the voices of the weak who have no voice. Let us disarm words and help disarm the Earth » (May 12, 2025).

Where there is death, let us spread life. Where there is sadness, let us sow joy. Where there is darkness, let us bring light. Where lies germinate, let us make truth flourish. Where hatred and discord take root, let us plant love. In concrete terms, this means:

- to give food and drink to the hungry and thirsty,
- welcome the stranger,
- to clothe the naked,
- visit the sick and the prisoner (Mt 25:31-46),
- take care of young people.

This means: to be signs of hope for those around us!



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In St. Peter's Square: Pope Francis and Leo XIV bring us together...

Funeral of Pope Francis



Funeral of Pope Francis, St. Peter's Square, Saturday, April 26, 2025.

To everyone's surprise, Cardinal Kevin Farrell announced that Pope Francis died in Rome, at Santa Marta House in the Vatican, on Easter Monday, April 21, 2025, at 7:35 a.m., at the age of 88. His funeral was held on Saturday, April 26, 2025, in St. Peter's Square, and was attended by more than 400,000 people.

Throughout his ministry, Pope Francis had strived, through his life, words and actions, to be a sign of hope, especially for migrants, the poor, the elderly and prisoners.

With Cardinal Giovanni Battista Re, Dean of the College of Cardinals, let us take up his request to Pope Francis, which is certainly that of all the people who have regained hope thanks to his presence and his closeness:

"Dear Pope Francis, we ask you now to pray for us and that, from heaven, you may bless the Church, bless Rome, bless the whole world, as you did last Sunday from the balcony of this basilica, in a final embrace with all the people of God, but also, ideally, with humanity that seeks the truth with a sincere heart and holds high the torch of hope" (Homily, April 26, 2025).

Inauguration of the Pontificate of Pope Leo XIV

On the evening of Thursday, May 8, 2025, Cardinal Dominique Mamberti announced the election of a new Pope. He is Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost, 69 years old, born in Chicago, a member of the Order of Saint Augustine and a missionary in Peru for some twenty years. He has chosen the name Leo XIV.

On Sunday, May 18, 2025, our new Pope presided over the mass in St. Peter's Square, marking the official beginning of his Pontificate, in the presence of more than 200,000 people.

Here is an excerpt from his homily which expresses the meaning he gives to his mission :

«I was chosen without any merit and, with fear and trembling, I come to you as a brother who wants to be the servant of your faith and your joy, walking with you on the path of God's love, who wants us all to be united in one family » (Homily, May 18, 2025).

We assure Pope Leo XIV of the support of our prayer and we commit ourselves, at his call, to live each day our faith «so that we may be filled with the hope that only Jesus Christ can give us» (Pope Leo XIV, May 26, 2025).



On May 18, 2025, Pope Leo XIV greets the faithful before Mass in St. Peter's Square.



Community gathered in Manatuto (East Timor)

While the entire Church was gathered in St. Peter's Square for the inauguration of the Pontificate of Pope Leo XIV, Brothers Stéphane Le Pape and Philippe Douti welcomed their third confrere, Brother Eric Mugisa, to Dili and then to Manatuto:



Bro Stéphane in a class at Manatuto high school.

«Our community is now complete! It's a great joy! Brother Eric will quickly begin the process of obtaining a missionary visa and will soon begin his Tetum course, while Brother Philippe and I, at the request of the parish priest, will begin to get involved in the parish school where there are more than 1,000 students. The parish vicar is the Director. Brother Philippe, for his part, will help reorganize the school library, while I will start in high school, replacing a teacher who has just left the school. Soon, I may also take charge of an evening class for teachers and people from outside who wish to learn English. We won't be short of work, it seems!» **Brother Stéphane Le Pape**



From left to right: Bros Eric Mugisa, Philippe Douti, Stéphane Le Pape.

Bialet-Massé (Argentina): Chapter of the District Divina Providencia (Argentina-Bolivia-Chile-Uruguay)

The District Chapter had two moments: from April 9 to 11, the Assembly of the Mennaisian Family with lay people from all the places where there is a community of Brothers; then from April 12 to 13, the Chapter of the Brothers. Brother Miguel Aristondo, Assistant General, represented the Superior General. The important themes addressed were: Mennaisian Family, Youth, Vocational Ministry, Educational Mission, Fraternity and Prayer.

«We know that the road ahead is both a challenge and a joy for us. We return to our communities with hearts full of gratitude and hope, renewing our commitment to building schools that are homes, workshops, temples, and frontier places; spaces where each person can feel called to live fully and in service to others, trusting in our five loaves and two fish, always with God alone.» **Brother Carlos Lovatto, Visitor**

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Chapter of the Province of Jean de la Mennais (Canada, United States, Mexico)

The Provincial Chapter, in La Prairie, from May 16 to 18, 2025, was a time of listening to the Spirit, of fraternity and of discernment.

With realism and hope, the Chapter endeavored to discern seeds of hope in the new phase the Province is experiencing. The moments of exchange among the Brothers and the search for ways to animate the entire Mennaisian Family were the culmination of a long process of preparation, reflection, and prayer by all the communities and lay groups of the Province.

At the end of the Chapter, the Chapter Brothers renewed their consecration to Mary, with the same prayer used at the General Chapter in the Basilica of Saint Mary Major in Rome in April 2024.



Opening of the Chapter, Brothers and Laity.



Final celebration at the Chapel.



ASIA



Indonesia

Entry into the novitiate of San José, June 6, 2025

Previously, the novitiate of the St. Francis Xavier District was located in Yogyakarta, Indonesia. Following the reorganization of the initial formation program, the novitiate was transferred to San José, Philippines. A new novice Master, Br. Ewald Guerrier of the Province of Haiti, and an Assistant Master, Br. Michel Gougeon, were appointed to accompany this first group of seven novices (six from Indonesia and one from the Philippines). As has been the tradition for several years in the District, entry into the novitiate officially took place on June 6. Good luck to the new novices and their formators!



The Novices in their classroom.



The 7 novices surrounded by their trainers, Br Michel Gougeon, Assistant Master, on the left, and Br Ewald Guerrier, Master of Novices, on the right.

Presence of the General Council in Indonesia

As announced, Brother Superior General and the Brother Assistants held their usual June working session in Indonesia, from June 16 to 30 in Yogyakarta and then in Larantuka from July 1 to 4. Brother Hervé Asse, the Secretary General, accompanied the Council, and this was his first visit to Indonesia.

On June 14 and 15, the visitors were warmly received by all the Brothers and young people of the house: Brother Daniel Lefrère, Superior of the community, Brother Zenobius Meo Pasu, Director of the postulancy and Brother Gildas Prigent, one of the Brother Assistants, and Visitor, as well as by the 3 scholastic Brothers and the 5 first-year postulants.

On July 5, they participated in the final celebration of the 25th anniversary of the Indonesian Mission and the perpetual profession of Br. Adrianus Andi in Larantuka.

Welcome of Brother Gildas Prigent, Brother Assistant and Visitor, the Brothers, the scholastics and the Postulants from Yogyakarta, Sunday, June 15.



The General Council is at work from Monday morning, June 16.



AFRICA



Senegal

Final commitment of Brother Alexandre Diop

On May 4, 2025, **Brother Alexandre Mbissane DIOP** made his final commitment to the Congregation of the Brothers of Christian Instruction of Ploërmel. The celebration took place in his parish church of Farar, in the Serer country of the Diourbel region, in central Senegal.



Brother Alexandre,
Brother Hervé Zamor
and the Brothers
present.



Traditional
arrival of Brother
Alexandre,
on horseback.

Uganda, South Sudan

3rd Convention of the Mennaisian Family

The event : The Mennaisian Convention (March 14-16, 2025) in Nabinoonya was a special and long-awaited moment by the entire Mennaisian Family of the Province and its fraternities. It was an opportunity to meet, to discover the dynamism of a common Mennaisian spirit, to share the experiences and realities of the different fraternities, and to commit to anchoring the Mennaisian charism throughout the Province and its establishments.

Decision : At the conclusion of the Convention, the delegates representing their respective Mennaisian institutions unanimously agreed to bring the Mennaisian charism to life and develop it in their schools. They planned to hold regular meetings as fraternities and seek opportunities to animate the schools. The Mennaisian Convention would be held annually at the same time. A new leadership team was also elected. **Brother Christopher Mukwire**



The Mennaisian Family gathered in Convention
at Nabinoonya.

RD Congo

Visit of the Brother Superior General



With teachers in Isiro.

Brother Hervé Zamor, Superior General, visited the District of Saint-Joseph (DRC), currently a Delegation, from April 1 to 25, 2025. In the four locations of the Congregation presence, he was able to meet the Brothers and the educational communities of the institutions.

In this country, which faces immense challenges,

he stressed the importance of the mission of Mennaisian schools, calling in particular for 'weaving bonds of BROTHERHOOD'.

This visit was particularly important for the Brothers of Congo who live the step of foundation of their new District.



Brothers and lay people in front
of the Nabinoonya reception center.



With students in Bunia.

AMERICAS



Argentina

Brother Walter's perpetual vows

At the Chapel of Santa Inés, Luján de Cuyo, Mendoza, we celebrated the perpetual profession of Brother Walter on Saturday, March 15.

Family, friends, brothers and sisters, and the entire Mennaisian Family of the District of South America gathered to celebrate with him this decisive step in the service of children and young people.

"Thank you for your commitment which expresses your abandonment to Providence, thank you for your 'yes'; may these two YESES be the seeds for new Mennaisian vocations in the service of the Kingdom of God."



Brother Walter during the celebration.

New house, new name San Damián Center (Argentina)



Location of the new Juan María Center.

The Mennaisian Family of the Teodelina Fernández de Alvear School has been supporting the San Damián Center in Villa Gobernador Gálvez, Argentina, for over 15 years, helping children and young people in precarious situations. This Center is located on the site of a chapel founded around the year 2000 by Capuchin Father Luis Dri (now cardinal) and Sister Daniela Cannavina, a Capuchin nun.

The San Damián Non-Formal Education Center opened its doors in 2021. This project grew in importance and the need for a larger space to better accommodate children was recognized. A loan application was submitted to the municipality to use a neighboring plot of land.

In 2024, we sought help from SAL (Spain) and ASSIFIC (France) to acquire and adapt four 12-meter-long containers. Thanks to the help of our Cardenal Copello school (Buenos Aires) and other voluntary contributions, we were able to acquire them in 2025. To mark a new beginning, the center will have a new name: Juan María.



New logo and new name.



Adapt the containers.

Haiti

La Vallée de Jacmel : The Léonce Mégie school will soon be 100 years old

Founded in 1926, the Léonce Mégie School has established itself over the decades as a vital educational pillar at the heart of La Vallée community. Among its alumni, the institution counts prominent figures, such as Cardinal Chibly Langlois, an emblematic figure and worthy son of La Vallée.

On Tuesday, May 13, 2025, the Saint-Jean-Baptiste Church in La Vallée de Jacmel hosted the solemn mass marking the official launch of the centenary celebrations of the Léonce Mégie school.

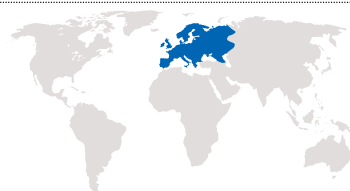


Children from the Léonce Mégie School during the centenary launch celebration.



Centenary commemorative plaque.

EUROPE



France

New Mennaisian Family portal on the Web

Here is a link that will allow you to access the various sites of the Province and the Mennaisian Family in France:

<https://mennaisien-france-dcbr.glide.page/>

On this portal you can find various publications from the Congregation and the Province: La Mennais Click Infos, Letters to the Mennaisian Family, Spiritual Notes, Info-Province, etc.

You will also find ideas for daily "breathing," based on a word from Jean-Marie de la Mennais, and suggestions for prayer.



Spain

Mennaisian Education Assembly – Santo Domingo de la Calzada – May 19, 2025

We must educate with the MIND, with the HEART and with the HANDS (Pope Francis).

As every year, we celebrated the Mennaisian Educational Assembly.

It was a moment of dreaming, of meeting, of celebrating life and commitment to the Mennaisian Family.

This is a very important moment because it reflects the work accomplished throughout the year, marks a strategic step towards the future and strengthens our network of Mennaisian centers.

A time to recognize and thank others and ourselves for our commitment to each other, the world, and the Gospel.

1. Recognition to UNICEF for its work and to each of our educational centers for acting as its intermediary.
2. Recognition to ASTI-BILTOKIA, Christian groups of the school.
3. Recognition to the scout group of the San José de Reinosa school for its work in the fields of ecology and the environment.

Ultimately, this means that we are alive and effectively serving this society in its constant search for meaning.

After more than 200 years of Mennaisian schooling, we remain determined to «go where others do not go» to offer opportunities to all, following the example of Jean-Marie de la Mennais.

A big thank you to everyone who makes this possible.

Photos taken in Santo Domingo de la Calzada during the Mennaisian Educational Assembly.



POLYNESIA

A Mennaisian recollection to discern together, in prayer

On May 8, 2025, the Mennaisian Family of Tahiti gathered for a day of retreat dedicated to spiritual discernment and fraternity. Bringing together more than 40 members of Mennaisian schools, movements such as the MEJ (Eucharistic Youth Movement), the FSCF (Sports and Cultural Federation of France), the Foyer des Îles, the MJFM (Mennaisian Family Youth Movement), and communities of Brothers, this recollection was a true experience of breathing fresh air as a community at the heart of our daily commitments.



During the Eucharist.



Part of the group that participated in this Mennaisian peak moment.

EAST TIMOR

Our three missionary Brothers have been together in Manatuto (East Timor) since May 18. Let us welcome their testimony.



« For my part, after four months in East Timor and after two weeks of teaching, I have noticed a general low level among the students and very little interest in using the Portuguese language. On the other hand, for our integration, it is really important that we know and practice Tetun, even if many of the young people we meet prefer that we use English! We still have a long way to go. We are counting on your fraternal support. » **Br. Stéphane Le Pape**

« I am happy with the warm welcome, spontaneity, proximity and availability of the Timorese, especially towards the Consecrated; which facilitates our integration and learning of Tetun. We hope to have as soon as possible a pastoral insertion in order to be closer to young people, to children and to perfect our language skills. Thank you for your prayers on which we can always count. Communion of prayer. » **Br. Philippe Douti**



« My colleagues and I are excited about our first experience in this new mission country. Despite our apprehensions, we are filled with hope and joy. Joy, the fruit of a community that welcomes its mission and the warm welcome of the Timorese people, is essential for our integration. It soothes us. It's really good to live here, despite the climate being a bit harsh. The difficulties we've encountered so far are related to the language. There isn't one language, but many. Linguistic diversity is indeed a challenge, especially for teaching, where we can switch from one language to another during the same lesson. » **Br. Eric Mugisa**





to share with the entire Institute some seeds of hope that have been sown and are growing in their Province or District.

With them, let us give thanks to the Lord for all these small gestures which allow many children and young people to believe in a better future.

Seeds of Hope

Following the 2024 General Chapter and as part of the Holy Year, we have asked the Major Superiors



One of the twelve plaques at the Mother House in Ploërmel.

FRANCE : At the roots of our hope

Twelve plaques mark the Mother House to help pilgrims immerse themselves in the place and allow themselves to be imbued with the advice of Jean-Marie de la Mennais. The idea of this «Mennaisian stroll» was expressed during the first capitular assembly in February 2019. Mennaisians and visitors can thus go to the source and enter, little by little, into the secret of Jean-Marie de la Mennais's life. This is what Lay people and Brothers will do during our next capitular assembly, which will take place in October 2025 and which we are already preparing through various Mennaisian evenings.



Lunch time with students participating in the "Connect – Connect yourself" project.

BOLIVIA and HAITI : Service for the Poorest

1 - Bolivia: Restarting your life...

At the «Aynjasiñani» Center in the city of El Alto, a new project, «Connect - Connect Yourself», has been launched since the beginning of 2024. Specifically, it involves welcoming young people and adolescents from the educational organization who are experiencing academic failure. We offer them breakfast, support tailored to their situation, and lunch. Thus, we work with them, at their own pace and according to their specific needs.

This project is possible thanks to numerous volunteers: parents, educators, students, and thanks to the help of the NGO SAL.

2 - Haiti: Educating the street children of Cité Soleil

Located in the largest slum of Cité Soleil, in Port-au-Prince, the educational center: Centre Éducatif Noël des Anges (CENA) welcomes, despite the situation of violence that prevails in this neighborhood, children who are not in school, often too old to enter a first year of traditional schooling. By offering them a quality education, the CENA empowers them to build a better future. It embodies for them a fairer and more equitable future.

We salute the generosity of donors past and present, that of our schools of the Saint Louis de Gonzague Province who, through their contributions, support us in our fight against social exclusion and help us to bring smiles back to these children during their school career. We also salute the availability of the Brothers and Lay people who spare neither their time nor their energy to be present among our little brothers and sisters of Cité Soleil. We thank them wholeheartedly.



First Communion celebration at CENA, May 2024.

RWANDA – CONGO – UGANDA – SOUTH SUDAN : Boldness of the call and the formation to the consecrated life

1- Rwanda : Dare to go to the peripheries to call

The Brothers of the Commission for the Pastoral Care of Vocations of the District of Notre-Dame de Kibeho visited Dioceses in the country where we are not established in order to present our Institute to young people who are thinking about a vocation to the consecrated life.

We ask the Lord to bless what has been sown so that it may bear fruit a hundredfold, sixtyfold, thirtyfold (Mt 13:23).



2 - RD Congo : Leave everything to follow Christ

This year, the Bunia Postulate welcomes nine young people from several regions of the country, notably from Aba, from Bunia, Dungu, Isiro and Kinshasa. It is a real sign of hope for the District to see young people who want to follow Christ more closely in the manner of Jean-Marie de la Mennais and Gabriel Deshayes.

We give thanks to God for these young people who have decided to leave everything for Christ and we ask Him to bless their journey in our Institute.

3 - Uganda – South Sudan : Promoting vocations to Brothers

Since the last General Chapter, efforts have been made to promote vocations to the life of a Brother. This has begun to bear fruit. In the first year, there are 12 postulants: 7 from Uganda and 5 from South Sudan. The presence of these young people allows the Province to look to the future with confidence and hope.

TANZANIA – KENYA : Commitment to quality education

The Brothers of the Province of Saint Michael the Archangel (Tanzania – Kenya) do their best to provide quality education and to make Jesus Christ known and loved by children and young people. They educate through their presence and closeness.



*Brothers Erneste and Alphonse,
on a vocations pastoral tour.*



The Postulants and their Formators.



First-year Postulants.



*Saint Padre Pio (Timau, Kenya):
Some students and the three Brothers.*



SOUTH AMERICA – Training course, Mennaisian pilgrimage

This is a formation course focused on understanding the Mennaisian roots and the context in which Jean-Marie and Gabriel lived and together launched this great dream and challenge of "Making Jesus known and loved" through education.

The main objective of this program is to better understand what has been, and continues to be, a source of inspiration to continue **living the Mennaisian charism**.

This three-year program will allow us to explore each place, each event and each calling, first personally, then in community, in order to learn to nourish together our faith and our Mennaisian life.



Online training session.

FRANCE – Mennaisian Fraternities Day



Fraternities "mixed" for a meeting meal.

On March 16, 2025, the Mennaisian fraternities met in Ploërmel, **as a family, as a community, and as a Church**, for our annual meeting. **All fraternities** (about fifteen) **were represented** (except Lourdes due to the distance), and in several cases, with all their members, all generations combined.

In the morning, after a coffee at the reception center and a prayer offering for families in crisis, there was a meeting and an information session with games, and an update on the activities and finances of Cocofram Coordinating Committee of Mennaisian Fraternities) for the past year.

We then benefited from a **spiritual and Mennaisian contribution** under the leadership of Brother Régis to shed light on the chosen theme **"Becoming a family"**.

In the afternoon, a **small group sharing** based on the morning's contribution allowed some questions to emerge which then feed into a **third moment with three witnesses, two Brothers and a lay person**.

After **information given about the latest news from the Mennaisian Family**, the day ended with the **celebration of the Eucharist** in the oratory.

Marie Le Breton



Reflection and sharing in small groups.



SPAIN – Holy Week in the Mennaisian Family

The Brothers of the Santo Domingo community welcomed, as family, Brothers and lay people as a family **to celebrate the Passover of Jesus together**. Starting on Good Friday, the group relived the experience of the Stations of the Cross and meditated on the seven words of Jesus on the cross. They then joined the neighboring parish community. Saturday morning provided a good opportunity for the disciples' first day without Jesus, with a few key words to help them know how to seek him, wait for him, or discover him: WATER-PEACE, SKY-FREEDOM, FLOWER-BEAUTY, MOUNTAIN-STRENGTH.

Saturday afternoon with another witness, Mary, the mother and disciple. She is often silent, «Mary kept all these things in her heart,» but sometimes she makes her voice heard, «Do whatever he tells you.» Then, in silence, we took the road to Emmaus, walking to the city of Santo Domingo. At the end of the day, we experienced the Easter celebration in the parish community: the joy of the Light that floods life, the joy of the risen Jesus. And to conclude, a new message: "Return to Galilee, there you will find him."



The entire group in Santo Domingo de la Calzada.



Time of blessing.



Images from the JAM camp in Uganda.

UGANDA – Mennaisian Young Adults Camp

In order to give new impetus to the Mennaisian Young Adults (JAM) group, the Province of Saint Teresa of the Child Jesus organized a one-week camp (last week of February) to bring these young people together around Mennaisian spirituality.

The group is committed to working hand in hand with the Brothers to mobilize more members, especially those trained by the Brothers in the various schools.



Bro Geniaud Lauture and some members of the Mennaisian Family at the Juvénat de Pétion-Ville

HAITI – Pilgrimage to Saint Pierre de Pétion-Ville

As part of the Jubilee, as pilgrims of hope, the fraternity of the Mennaisian Family of Saint Louis de Gonzague, crossed the **Holy Door of the Church of Saint Pierre in Pétion-Ville**, on Sunday, April 27, 2025. A long-awaited and very moving moment of grace was experienced in fervor and piety because we knew that we were in communion with all the pilgrims who make the same approach throughout the world.

After Mass with the parishioners, we gathered at the Pétion-Ville Juniorate for a long time of silent adoration. One of the pilgrims testified: «I felt the presence of the Lord invade me in a profound silence, his voice telling me and still telling me to continue to hope in Him, the source of all hope and all good.»

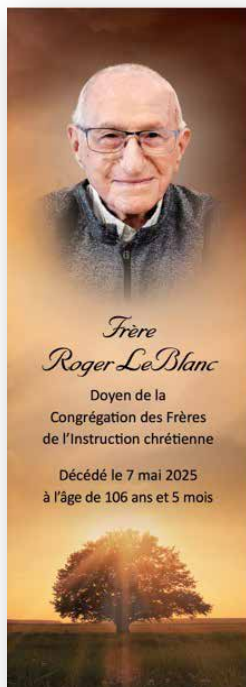
The morning of prayer ended with the recitation of the **Chaplet of Divine Mercy** to implore God's forgiveness for our country and the world, the scene of so much suffering.

The day ended with a **fraternal lunch**, shared with the Postulate community and the young people in formation.



Fraternal lunch with the Postulate community.

At 106 years and 5 months, Brother Roger LeBlanc, dean of the Institute, joined his Lord on May 7, 2025.



Brother Roger was a solid, proud, and original man throughout his life. He succeeded in every role and responsibilities entrusted to him. A scientist by nature and passion, he was organized, methodical, and meticulous. He is certainly one of the few FICs to have piloted an airplane, and his own plane at that.

Born in Mauricie (more than a century ago!), he returned there to live out his final years. He leaves his colleagues the memory of a friendly, interesting and curious-about-every-thing elder, who loved to converse, laugh, and run behind his walker, and, above all, pray. Since his centenary celebration, Roger had become incredibly grateful. If you talked to him for 30 minutes, he would repeat at least 20 times, «I am happy!»

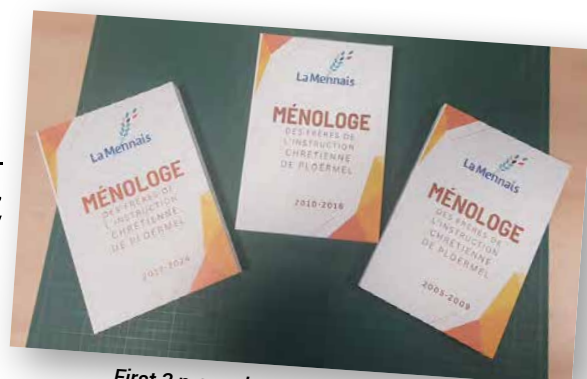
Brother Roger, continue your life mission among us. Thank you for the loving legacy you leave us.»
Brother Mario Houle, Provincial



Bros Mario Houle, Roger LeBlanc, Mgr Martin Laliberté, Bishop of Trois-Rivières, during his 90 years of religious life and during his 106th birthday.

New menologes: "memory of our Brothers"

The last Brothers cited in the 7th volume of the Menologes, composed by Brother Louis Balanant, date back to 1990. Since then, nothing had been published, except for the pages at the end of the Annuaire books since 2010. The Secretary General has taken up the task of filling the gap. 4 new volumes have been published : **2024-2017 ; 2016-2010 ; 2009-2005 ; 2004-2001**. 2 are remaining : 2000-1996 (in progress) and 1995-1991. These menologes commemorate all the Brothers who have died since 1991, that is: 883 Brothers.



First 3 new volumes of the Menology 2024-2017; 2016-2010; 2009-2005.



Bro Franco Graziosi, assistant archivist, in the middle of filing.

Transfer of the Archives to the Mother House in Ploërmel

Those who know the Archives of the Generalate House can guess the magnitude of the task! Brother Régis Lefrère, assistant archivist of the Province of France, came to Rome for a week to help see what should be kept, donated, or left behind (everything that is duplicated!)... The Mother House of Ploërmel already has many treasures! Brother Franco Graziosi has already been sorting for many weeks!



1. Senegal, Diourbel

Renovation of the **Paul VI College** opened by the Brothers in 1978. Over time, the college was becoming too small. Solutions had to be found to meet demand. Classes were over-crowded: an average of 60 students.

The project, financed by three Swiss NGOs, includes the construction of 18 new classrooms (two blocks of 9 each) for the **Collège** and a new **High School** from the next academic year, the new toilets and changing rooms, the construction of the boys' dormitory, the multi-functional sports ground and the complete renovation of the old classrooms. The former Community of Brothers becomes the administrative block of the College.



New constructions.

Renovated buildings.



2. Uganda, Kisubi

St Mary's Kisubi (SMAK): A refectory for students is about to be completed



3. Uganda, Kampala

CALTEC Academy, future girls' dormitory.



4. Togo, Ogaro : electricity in Battebangbang

Founded in 1991, the Jean de la Mennais School Complex now welcomes 681 primary and secondary school students. Thanks to the help of our partners, it has finally been connected to the electricity grid. This is good news for the school's administration and for teaching. It's also a new opportunity for students from this very poor area who will now be able to work on their lessons and homework in the evenings.



Brother Daniel, director.

5. Tanzania, Arusha

St. Mary's secondary School at Duluti is constructing a fence to better ensure its development and security.



General Chapter of the Daughters of Providence of Saint-Brieuc at the Mother House of the Brothers

«Anchored in Hope», begins the letter of invitation to the ten Sisters who were present in Ploërmel for this «meetings» which was held from June 10 to 20, 2025.

« This chapter, in fact, took on a particular importance for the thirty-two Sisters of the Congregation in these times when the number and age of the Sisters call for a great abandonment in the hands of Providence by entrusting themselves to the Church. »

« Let us know how to accompany our Sisters with our fraternal prayer so that the Spirit may give them the peace and strength they need today to discern the path to follow in order to be faithful, together, to the call they have received from the Lord. »



General Chapter of the Daughters of Providence of Saint-Brieuc in Ploërmel.

103rd Assembly of Superiors General



View of the Plenary Assembly of Superiors General.

120 Superiors General met in Rome around the theme «Witnesses of Hope»... experiencing more spiritual times, times of exchange, testimony of 4 young religious men and women, witnesses of Hope...

The Assembly ended on the last day with a speech by Cardinal Mario Grech, Secretary General of the Synod of Bishops: « **Consecrated Life, a sign of hope in a synodal Church** ».



Cardinal Mario Grech.



Plenary Assembly of the Superiors General in Rome

The XXIII Plenary Assembly of the UISG (International Union of Superiors General) was held in Rome from May 5 to 9, 2025, with the participation of more than 900 Superiors General from around the world.

Our Generalate shared this event by welcoming six Sister Superiors General: three from France, two from Congo DRC, and one from Uganda. We experienced together the Church's most recent major events: the death of Pope Francis, a tribute to consecrated life in St. Peter's Basilica on Saturday, May 3, the conclave and the moment of 'Habemus papam'!

Everything about the UISG Assembly :



Birthday of St. John Baptist de la Salle, patron saint of educators

The Brothers of Christian Schools and the entire Lasallian Family celebrate the **75th anniversary of the proclamation of Saint John Baptist de La Salle as Universal Patron of Educators**, made by Pope Pius XII on May 15, 1950.

To commemorate this 75th anniversary, the Office of Lasallian Heritage and Research prepared an exhibition at their Generalate, retracing the historical process that led to the proclamation of La Salle as Patron Saint of Educators, as well as other symbolic and representative events. Brothers from our Generalate in Rome joined in the joy and gratitude of the Lasallians and participated in the inauguration of this exhibition.



Pilgrims on the path of hope with Pope Leo XIV

« Brothers and sisters, I would like this to be our first great desire: a united Church, a sign of unity and communion, which becomes leaven for a reconciled world.

In our time, we still see too much discord, too many wounds caused by hatred, violence, prejudice, fear of the other, by an economic paradigm that exploits the Earth's resources and marginalizes the poorest. And we want to be, at the heart of this dough, a small leaven of unity, communion, and fraternity. We want to say to the world, with humility and joy: look to Christ! Draw near to Him! Welcome his Word that illuminates and consoles! Listen to his proposal of love to become his one family: in the one Christ, we are one. And this is the road to travel together (...) with all women and men of good will, to build a new world where peace reigns!

Brothers and sisters, it is the hour of love! The charity of God that makes us brothers is at the heart of the Gospel... With the light and strength of the Holy Spirit, let us build a Church founded on the love of God and a sign of unity, a missionary Church, which opens its arms to the world, proclaims the Word, allows itself to be challenged by history and becomes a leaven of unity for humanity. Together, as one people, as brothers and sisters, let us walk towards God and love one another. »

Leo XIV, homily at the Mass of Enthronement, May 18, 2025



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