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The Brothers open 4 communities

Indonesia-Kenya-Uganda



From left to right: Bros Philippe BLOT, Adrianus ANDI and Fabianus LAGUR form the new community of Kupang, on the island of Timor, Indonesia.

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Serving life !

Jesus gives us an example of this: he washes the feet of his disciples. Thus, he did not come to be served, but to serve and to give up his life (Mk 10:45).

Mary is showing us the way: she goes to her cousin Elizabeth and devotes herself to the humble tasks of daily life (Lk 1, 39-56). The apostle Paul provides us with the methodology: to go further, always further to proclaim Christ to those who do not yet know him.

John-Mary de la Mennais encourages us to make of our life a pleasing service: we are created to know, love and serve God (S I, 272). Saint Teresa of Calcutta, by the example of her whole life, is coaxing us to serve, with joy and with a smile, the poor who happen to be crossing our path of life.

After having renounced his papal office, Benedict XVI reassured the people gathered in Saint Peter's Square by announcing to them that he will continue to serve Christ and the Church with the same dedication and the same love with which he sought to do it until then, but in a way more suited to his age and strengths. Service is our commitment at all stages of life.

At Christ's invitation, and following the example of these pioneers, let us not be afraid to serve our brothers and sisters. Let's learn to take care of the fragile members of our family, our community, our students, our school, and our neighborhood. This is the way to live and to support ! It's our daily choice !

May "La Mennais Click Infos", our digital magazine, be this tool that helps us to live up this service as our vocation and our mission !



Br. Hervé Zamor, s.g.
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Latest Circular of Br Hervé Zamor, s.g.

« Go and see ! In a Mennaisian Family mode »

« Encouraging to live this invitation of the General Chapter as a call from God for each Lay person and each Brother, here and now » is the heart of the new circular that Br Hervé Zamor, Superior General, just published. It is to discover and to deepen alone, in a team and in community, as a training course. »

The "In Mennaisian Family Mode" is developed in three chapters. The first, to **return to the Source** which plunges us into the heart of our spirituality by making us contemplate the humble, obedient and servant Christ (Phil 2: 5-11). Br Hervé emphasizes welcoming Christ in us, like Mary, « a woman for others ». Humility is the source which gives fruitfulness to our apostolate.

The second chapter, **risking the encounter**, urges us to place fraternity at the service of the life of children and young people (Mk 10, 13-16). The latest chapter has invited us to the missionary conversion which prompts us to go out and **dare the peripheries** to serve the poor, those who are far away (Mk 6: 34-44).

Excerpts

- «Go and see!», This is the invitation that the Lord extends today to the entire Mennaisian Family. Responding to this call with generosity and availability will save us from withdrawing into oneself, this evil that kills by asphyxiation. Life belongs to those who dare the outskirts.
- What type of bread does our world need today? If we refer to the biblical letters that make up that term, the bread that Jesus would break in 2021 would be called presence, love, identity and food.
- Breaking bread is the *raison d'être* of our congregation. Today it is an urgent mission. To meet this missionary challenge, the Brothers and Laity of the Mennaisian Family are invited to lend each other mutual support. As members of the same body, we are called to be mothers, fathers, brothers or sisters, bakers when it comes to meeting the different needs of the children and young people entrusted to us.

The full text of Br Hervé Zamor, read here : <https://www.lamennais.org/document/circular-of-the-superior-general/?lang=en>

APPOINTMENTS

General Council

Appointments of 10 Brothers to serve 10 countries

During the May-June Council meeting, Br Hervé Zamor, s.g, with the consent of his Council, appointed as of July 1, 2021 :

Uganda- South Sudan. Province of Ste Thérèse

Brother Provincial : **Br. Casio AIZIRE** and his Assistants :
Bros **Rogers KAZIBWE** and **Gerard BYARUHANGA**

Japan-Philippines-Indonesia. St-François-Xavier District

Brother Visitor : **Br. Gildas PRIGENT**
and his Assistant : **Br. Stéphane LE PAPE**

Canada - Mexico - USA. Province Jean de la Mennais

Brother Provincial : **Br. Mario HOULE**
and his Assistant : **Br. Claude GELINAS**

Haiti. Province of St-Louis de Gonzague Brother Provincial

Brother Provincial : **Br. Géniaud LAUTURE**
and his Assistant : **Br. Joslyn GONTRAND**

Italy. Delegation of the General Council

Major Superior of the delegation : **Br. Jean-Paul PEUZÉ**



1st row, top, from left to right :
Bros Casio AIZIRE, Rogers KAZIBWE, Gerard BYARUHANGA,
Gildas PRIGENT, Stéphane LE PAPE

2nd row, bottom, from left to right :
Bros Mario HOULE, Claude GELINAS, Géniaud LAUTURE,
Joslyn GONTRAND, Jean-Paul PEUZÉ



**February 7, in Kisubi,
Uganda**

Closing of the Bicentenary 2017-2021



The world health situation has upset the program of the closing of the Bicentenary as intended by the General Council for the beginning of February in Kisubi in the presence of the major Superiors. The Ugandan Brothers took up the challenge of this beautiful celebration and enabled many Brothers and Laity from all over the world to follow the day of February 7 on the Internet.

The General Council warmly thanks the Province of Ste-Thérèse of the Child Jesus for the organization and the success of this event which came to close a memorable event which had begun in May 2017.



Beautiful closing celebration of the Bicentenary of the Congregation on February 7, in Kisubi, Uganda. Mgr. Cyprian Kizito LWANGA, Archbishop of Kampala accompanied by Bros Peter KAZEKULYA, Provincial, and Vincent SSEKATE, Assistant General.

Theme of the year

Serving life

Each school, community, family, and team is invited to discover and deepen the theme of the year «Serving life». Elements of animation and formation are disseminated in each Province and District.



The current Rule of Life for the Brothers was the culmination of a long process, following the Second Vatican Council, and was published in October 1983. Since that date, important documents on consecrated life and fraternal life in community have been published by the Vatican.

A commission has been set up, with the mission of updating our Rule of Life, which is 50 years old this year. The fruit of this work will be submitted to the 2024 Chapter.

Rule of Life

50 years and an update

This commission met online from May 31 to June 2 and on September 15. It was renewed in 2020, with 3 new members. It is composed of : **John Bosco DDUNGU** (Uganda - South Sudan), **Victoria DRAPER** (Argentina - Uruguay), **Michèle HETU** (Canada - Mexico - USA), **Yvette MÉUS** (Haiti), **Belén Coruña MOZO** (España - Bolivia - Chile), **Françoise LE BRETON** (France - England - Italy), **the four Brothers of the General Council and the Brother Secretary General.**

The Commission endeavored to encourage the emergence of Mennaisian groups and to accompany laypeople who would like to get involved in the Association of the 'Lay Mennaisian Associates'. It also reflected on the Chapter's invitation to develop the place of young Mennaisians in the Mennaisian Family.

International Commission of the Mennaisian Family Projects



Members of the Mennaisian Family Commission invite all to develop projects.

ASIA



Vows and novices !

Indonesia

Celebration of the 1st vows of Br Albert, and 3 started their the novitiate

The District of St-François Xavier continues to develop ! This June 5, Brother **Albert GAT**, novice, made his first vows and with 3 new novices who started their novitiate. This now makes 12 Indonesian Brothers ! The religious profession took place on June 5, at 6pm in the community of Yogyakarta, which was chaired by the parish priest.



The Brothers present during the celebrations of June 5-6 in Yogyakarta.

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Another joy of the District of Saint-François-Xavier was the admission to the Novitiate of Yogyakarta of 3 new novices : **Wilfridus, Alfridus and Paskalis**. The entrance into the novitiate occurred on the evening of June 6 and took place in the chapel of the community of Yogyakarta.

Philippines

Renewal of the vows of Brother Israel

Br. Israel DE OCAMPO renewed his vows for one year in San José, Antique. **Fr. Michael PARULAN**, E.H.M, presided over the celebration. **Br. Edgar MATIONG** made the first reading, **Ladies Corazon MONDRAGON** and **Ms Nelda SUMACULOB**, Mennaisian associates, read the intercessions. **Dinnes**, a new Aspiring in San Jose, was also present.



The communities of San Jose and of Pandan surround Brother Israel.



In training in September 2021. New **aspirants** : 5 in Lantuka, 1 in San José.. 5 **postulants** in Yogyakarta, 3 **novices** in Yogyakarta and 1 **scolastique** in Yogyakarta.

Schools. The health crisis is seriously affecting our schools in **Pandan and Lantuka**. It requires a lot of energy on the part of the Brothers and the Laity. Our schools in Japan are less affected. In the Philippines, **Br Nolin ROY**, Rector of Pandan Bay Institute (PBI), with the agreement of the Brother Visitor, appointed **Br Edgar MATIONG**, as High School Principal.

Return to Canada. After 23 years in the service of the Philippine Mission, successively in Davao, San José and Pandan, **Br Richard DOYLE** made his definitive return to La Prairie, Canada. Thank you, Brother.

AFRICA



6 Brothers make a commitment for life

Uganda-South Sudan

On February 7, the teams of the Province organized with joy and pride the closing day of the Bicentenary which was broadcast live. It included the celebration, addresses, the planting of the Bicentennial tree and the meal. Many local authorities were present.

Here are the highlight of this beautiful day : **Bros Delefino MUHINDO, Mathias MULUMBA, Matthew KATONGOLE et Geoffrey YIGA** made their perpetual vows. **Br Vincent SSEKATE**, Assistant General received the vows during the celebration presided over by **Mgr. Cyprian KIZITO WANGA**, Archbishop of Kampala. A quality choir gave a special touch to the day.



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Togo-Benin-Ivory Coast-Senegal

On December 27, there was a major celebration at the Saint Paul District of West Africa. **Brother Philippe DOUTI** –Togolais- and **Brother Ferdinand SOGLO** –Beninese- made a definitive commitment to the congregation, in Parakou, in Benin, in the parish of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart of Banikanni, the parish of origin of Brother Ferdinand.

The Eucharistic celebration was presided by Mgr. Pascal N'KOUÉ, Archbishop of Parakou, Benin, and surrounded by all the Brothers of Benin, and even some from Togo from their families, men/women religious, friends, and a fervent Christian community.



Bros Philippe and Ferdinand made their final vows in the presence of Br Jean Baptiste NDIAYE, in the center.

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Tanzania-Kenya : The opening of the new school in **Nanyuki au Kenya**, and the associate community to help strengthening the development of the 'St Michael, the Archangel' Province.

Congo-Rwanda. The district of St. John Paul II is the **youngest in the congregation with an average age of 36 years**. The development of schools and educational works continues actively.

West Africa. **Income-generating activities** are developing in several countries, which is essential for a greater financial autonomy. Many projects are underway, with prospects for new works. In this month of September, the **St-Paul district** totals 4 pre-postulants, 2 novices and 8 scholastics.

AMERICAS



Haiti

Haiti earthquake. The Bro. Odile Joseph school is appealing for help to start again

«Haiti goes from trial to trial,» testifies **F. Hervé ZAMOR**, Superior General, present in Haiti during the events. On Saturday, August 14, at 8:29am, an earthquake struck the southern peninsula of Haiti. More than two thousand dead and thousands more were injured, many houses and public buildings were destroyed or seriously damaged. During the earthquake, the Brothers of 'Les Cayes' were already in Port-au-Prince for the professions of the Brothers.

The 'Frère Odile' College, Les Cayes, and the residence of the Brothers were slightly damaged. The structure of the buildings resisted well, the cracks are only superficial. On the other hand, all the playgrounds, the alleys, the corridors, floors, porches, the fence wall of the land in Bourjolly have to be partially redone. Haiti needs prayer and solidarity to overcome these various trials that it regularly faces.

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The F. Odile Joseph school is appealing for help to start again.

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The community hall after the earthquake.

Two Brothers make a lifetime commitment

Brothers Rémy MONDELUS et Wenscky JN-LOUIS made their final vows on August 15. Presided by **Mgr Louis KÉBREAU**, Archbishop Emeritus of Cap-Haitien, the vows ceremony was celebrated in the chapel of the Institution Saint Louis de Gonzague in Delmas. The vows were received by **Br Hervé ZAMOR**, Superior General. The spirit of the celebration and the respect for local circumstances brought together families, Brothers and a few lay Mennaisians. The previous day's earthquake, which affected our school in 'Les Cayes' and the entire southern zone of the country, was present in people's minds. Brothers **Jean Frandy LAGUERRE** et **Rodson EXILUS** also made their first profession. On August 14, three young people **entrés au noviciat** : Marc, Marc-Arthur et Tedy.



Brothers Rémy MONDELUS and Wenscky JN-LOUIS pronounced their perpetual vows in the presence of Bros. Hervé ZAMOR, Superior General and Géniaud LAUTURE, Provincial, here in the company of Bishop Louis KEBREAU.

Canada-USA-Mexico

A record: 110 participants from Canada and Mexico at their retreat

«The happiness of knowing God». Unpublished! A videoconference retreat from April 18-21 had never gathered so many participants in the Province of Jean de la Mennais: 70 Brothers, 30 laypeople and Sisters of Providence! Songs, meditations, lectures, reactions and comments online marked these precious moments. Father Guylain Prince, Franciscan, facilitated the retreat on the theme: «The happiness of knowing God. Evangelisation ».



The annual meeting of the Mennaisian Family has just been experienced in video on September 24-25, 2021
A beautiful meeting ! Finding the testimonials.

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Divine Providence District. Blessing of the San Damián Center.

Capi is the chapel in the San Damián district, on the roadside of Villa Gobernador Gálvez in Argentina. Today, in Capi, the children and adolescents of the district are welcome and supported. For a long time, the Capuchin Sisters and the Mennaisian Brothers have been holding picnics, catechesis and school activities. Now, arrangements have been made in the premises. Educators are convinced of what a song written by Fito Páez de Rosario says: "Who said that all was lost? I come to offer my heart".

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Mennaisian roots. Thirty-four participants from Mexico experienced the joy of being a family and working miracles! 3 days, 3 hours, linked to the St John Paul II Educational Center in Huatusco, Mexico. The goal was to discover Mennaisian roots from its history, its route, and to realize that we can work miracles together, and listen to the Spirit.

EUROPE

Serving
the weakest

Mene Joven's young people at the summer camp with young refugees in Nanclares.

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The Brothers left England. Present for 100 years on British territory, the Brothers have just left. After discerning the realities, **the community of Liverpool** was closed this summer, and the Brothers joined several communities in France. However, they retain the tutelage of **SFX College in Liverpool and Southampton Primary School**. We will have the opportunity to present the history of the century of the Brothers in England in the next issue - now annual - of *La Mennais Magazine*, in No. 48, in December 2021.

The Saint-Jean Baptiste Province. The move from the provincial house of Vannes to the Mother House is nearing completion.

Spain

The Brothers of the **Province of Spain** are doing well and are gradually recovering from the trauma caused by the number of Brothers who died as a direct result of the pandemic. This ordeal showed the support of many people who "love the Mennaisians".

The firm option for the poor and the weakest, with the new project in Zamora, Valladolid, the reception of a new group of refugees in Nanclares, social projects in Mennaisian works... have remained a strong point. A group of Mennaisian lay associates is in the process of discernment.

New
everywhere !

France-England

Supervision of schools. The launching of 12 commissions, intended to animate the educational network of the French Mennaisian by the school supervision team, bringing together the 76 schools, took place on September 22. Pedagogy, charisma, school life, spirituality, internationality, finances, sustainable development, solidarity: so many themes that will irrigate the life of the teams serving 35,000 children and young people.

Educational works with the La Mennais Youth. 500 young people took part in more than ten meetings this summer via the Estival Association, with nearly 100 young adult leaders. Projects are also underway with young professionals. An innovation has occurred: the opening of two «Stopovers» to welcome young people and to help with homework and consequently preventing the school drop out in Landerneau and St-Malo.



School principals, staff and volunteers have joined committees.

OCEANIA



Brothers and laity in action !

Nine Brothers make up the **District of Polynesia**. Although seven Brothers out of nine are retired, all are active with young people, teachers, establishments, and associations: FSCF-Fédération Sportive et Culturelle de France and MEJ-Mouvement Eucharistique des Jeunes.

There is also a small community of lay Mennaisians, established in Paea, around educational and leisure activities for children. The first concern of the Brothers is "vocations". Some great young people from the Foyer des Îles, from the FSCF of Paea, from the Agricultural High School of Taiohae... these are the breeding grounds that the District is considering to train Lay Mennaisians and Brothers.



Christopher LIAU, head of the IT department of La Mennais College-High School in Papeete, shares, here with the entire Mennaisian family, via Ms. Monia TAUMAA, socio-cultural coordinator, an image of the CLM under a starry sky. It is 5am ...



Young people from the Ta'urua Islands home.



Polynesian Culture Day at the Lycée St Athanase formerly CED, in Taiohae, in the Marquesas.



Schools are open again. We are coming out of a one-month confinement which was decided after the first two weeks of school activities in August. The establishments were closed. Lessons were given via internet. The Foyer des Îles (Tahiti) and the Saint-Athanase agricultural school (Marquesas) continued to operate with the boarding school. The reopening of the schools took place on Monday, September 20, 2021.



4 new communities open !

The communities of Kupang, in Indonesia on Flores Island in West Timor and Nanyuki in Kenya, are in the process of being established. Two other communities are open at Zombo and Nebbi in Uganda. *Discovery.*

Kupang – West Timor, Indonesia.

St Joseph Community

Would you know where Kupang (Indonesia) is located ? It is the capital of the region, which includes among others the island of Flores -Larantuka- and the island of Timor. Kupang is located in the westernmost department, with an estimated population of 500,000. It is the 3rd community in Indonesia, after Larantuka and Yogyakarta.

Brothers Adrianus ANDI, Fabianus LAGUR and Philippe BLOT form this new community. Brothers Andi and Faby have begun a cycle of studies: Br Andi in English at the Catholic University and Br Faby at the Catechetical Higher School. Br Philippe will continue his vocational work as well as other services for the mission. The community also aims at welcoming visiting Brothers and give visibility to the Congregation in a university town where many young people from the region come to study. At fifteen minutes from the airport

and the Catholic University, the house is located in a quiet area where Catholics, Protestants and Muslims live together.

On June 28, Brothers Andi and Philippe arrived in their new empty house and, that same evening, after having bought two mattresses, slept there. Br Faby joined them a little later. Then began a 4-week setup: purchases and manufacture of furniture by local artisans and the Brothers themselves... The chapel is gradually taking shape and projects are already emerging. The community also found itself a name: Saint Joseph Community, in the year of Saint Joseph, as it was naturally fitting! The Saint Joseph community is counting on the prayers of all...

Br Philippe BLOT



Four weeks of setup and manufacture of furniture by the Brothers themselves... Bros Philippe BLOT, Adrianus ANDI, Fabianus AGUR.



Brothers Faby, Philippe and Andi in their future oratory.

Nanyuki, Kenya.

Building a school and a community

The construction site of the **St Padre Pio School of TI-MAU-NANYUKI in Kenya** is ending, as well as that of the community. All the basic structures are in place, including the Brothers' residence which has six rooms. The Padre Pio school has an administrative block, a multipurpose hall, a university block and some dormitories.

The administrative block accommodates all the offices involved in the administration of the school, such as the main school office, the deputy principal's office, the teaching staff room, the accounts clerk's office and the Bursar's office.



Construction of the community house is completed.



The large multipurposroom.



The dormitories.

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The Zombo and Nebbi communities in Uganda have been open for several months.



The Brothers have taken over a school in Atyak, Zombo. Two Brothers teach at Atyak Primary School, Bros Joseph KITENGEJJA, Superior and Bro. Aiden RUKUNDO.

The Nebbi community is composed of four Brothers who are responsible for the school.



A growing tree !



1 / The young Brothers of the Scholasticate of Abidjan, Ivory Coast, continue their formation with enthusiasm.

2 / Exchanges between Brothers and laypeople in Kirambo, Rwanda.

3 / Enjoy online the Mennaisian Roots training from Huatusco, Mexico

4 / Homage to the Brothers of Reinosa, Spain for their educational work in the service of the population. A monument donated by the city authorities and contributors has been erected near San José School.

5 / Fraternal retreat last December of the Brothers of the Divine Providence District, Argentina-Bolivia-Chile-Uruguay. Here, the Argentine Brothers.



MYAs are growing

Starting with joy

About twenty Mennaisian youth and adults (MYA) from the **Lomé-Aneho sector in Togo** gathered for the launching of their Fraternity on July 18. It is the community of Lomé, which hosted the event bringing together young students, former students of MEEM-CARTO schools living in Lomé. Testimonies, Mass, teaching, gala dinner, and celebration marked the meeting.

Br Gérard HOUNYETIN,
Head of the MYA commission
Saint Paul District of West Africa.



This is the launching for the youth fraternity in Lomé, Togo.



The 'Camp-Chantier' in Nanclares, Spain. An unforgettable experience!

5 years and projects

The MYA team in the Province of St-Jean Baptiste (France) is enriched with 5 years of adventures and many projects in the making.



«Serving others is the best way to be happy»

"We, 15 young Mennaisians from Spain, aged 17 to 21, had an experience of meeting and volunteering at our college in Nanclares de la Oca, Alava. Coming from three different establishments and forming the «Mene-joven» group, we spent a week in Camp-building site, led by the Brothers and lay Mennaisians. Sandpapering and painting were not the most interesting... The bond created with the young refugees was more significant. These refugees were hosted in Nanclares, in conjunction with the Spanish Commission for Refugee Assistance (CEAR). Being able to share, while painting and conversing, what a wonderful way to question us a lot; and we found proposals for the future, which will be discussed at the Provincial Meeting of "Mene-Joven" - Young Mennaisians - in January 2022. Added to the coming **"The Way to Santiago in 2022"** and the **"WYD in 2023 in Lisbon"**. These projects do warm our hearts and make us dream !»

"The 'Camp-Chantier' was an unforgettable experience. We were all waiting for something, and we were pleasantly surprised. Acting for others without receiving anything in return fills us and hooks us in an unprecedented way. We very much want this to happen again. Volunteering is a unique moment that we will never forget".

Blanca



This summer, during a very lively meeting !



READING

THE 1ST LAY MENNAISIAN ?

When Jean-Marie de la Mennais called on a layman to help him develop the Congregation of the Brothers.

Exciting! The encounter with the image of Jean-Joseph QUERRET (1783-1839) was the catchphrase of the latest issue of the journal 'Recherches Historiques'. Br Arsène Pelmoine offers here a journey to get to know a great friend of Father de la Mennais, a well-known scientist and holder of a Doctorate in Science. While the ecclesiastical college of St Malo, directed by Jean-Marie de la Mennais, could no longer continue his activity, on account of new laws, Jean-Joseph Querret was asked by the founder to be its director after what became then the Institution St Malo. Mr. Querret became one of the founder's confidants. He showed himself available in the intellectual formation and accompaniment of the congregation. In this regard, we could mention his contribution to Br Bernardin, designer of the Ploërmel astronomical clock.

Br Arsène Pelmoine called out: «Isn't Mr. Querret, by his way of living alongside Jean-Marie de la Mennais, the first 'lay Mennaisian' who availed himself with humility and simplicity for the educational mission?».

This N° 54 of "Historical Research" is available now.

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Br Arsène PELMOINE.

« WE PRAY TO YOU, MARY ! » 120 PRAYERS TO MARY WRITTEN BY YOUNG PEOPLE FROM DERVAL, FRANCE

Michaël Barat was the initiator of this project. Deputy Director of the Collège St-Donatien in Derval, France, until the establishment closed in 2020, he led Marian Prayer workshops with young people. These simple yet strong prayers are offered as a manna of hope. This book is a rare initiative, a testimony illustrating how much Mary can nourish and inhabit the lives and hearts of young people with intensity and truth.

The book is available at a price of 10 euros (including shipping costs) by writing to: Friends and Alumni of St-Donatien - BP 20041 - 56350 ALLAIRE - France



LISTENING

THE CANTATA OF THE BROTHERS

A cantata like a rainbow capable of enlightening up a life. Fifteen young people and adults from the Psallette of Ma-lestroit - choir and instrumental ensemble, located at the St-Julien College - France, offered a concert conducted by Marc Huck as a gift to the Congregation of the Brothers on the occasion of their foundation 200 years ago. Gorgeous! This happened last July in Ploërmel, as part of the achievements of the Academy of Music and Sacred Arts of Ste-Anne d'Auray directed by Bruno Belliot.



The choir members, musicians and 4 co-creators of this Cantata.

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SEEING

« YOUR HANDS, TO SERVE » : A CREATION BY BR PHILIPPE BLOT, OFFERED WITH THE POSTULANT BROTHERS FROM INDONESIA

«Give, give again ! You will be close to the young, the old, the stranger ...»

What a rhythm! Joy is at the rendezvous of this new creation. It is the theme of this year 2021-2022 for the whole congregation, the Mennaisian Family, schools and educational centers; it is an invitation! It is signed Br Philippe Blot, from Kupang, the new community which has just been founded in Indonesia.

«The refrain was inspired by St Mother Teresa of Calcutta's words ; and with the postulants, I was able to record the Indonesian version.» It is the La Mennais studio in Yogyakarta/Kupang launched by the Brothers who signed this new achievement.

The words : Give your hands to serve (An English version is in progress)



« Give, give again ! »

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FRENCH CLIP



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INDONESIAN CLIP



« MAY THE PEACE OF CHRIST ACCOMPANY US ! »

Bro. James Hayes' creation, based on a prayer written by an ecumenical Christian community, the Northumbria Community, much influenced by Celtic culture

<https://www.northumbriacommunity.org/offices/morning-prayer/>

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LISTENING AND SEEING



1. A new High School has been erected !

The entering students of the new St Francis of Assisi High School already started their school year in September and were welcomed in a new building with 6 classrooms on the site of the St Joseph Collège in Savenay, France. In a year, it will be the opening of

the High School on a new site. Started in October 2020, work has been progressing well in the Colley area. 850 students will be accommodated on the site, which is managed by Pascal Guesdon. The cost is around 20 million euros, funded by a Catholic education in Loire-Atlantique, the Pays de la Loire region and the Ogec of Saint-Joseph College and Notre-Dame School.

Contact : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2kPxFXctleE>



The new St Francis of Assisi High School takes shape in Savenay, France.

2. Delmas

This building was destroyed during the 2010 earthquake; now, a new building is being rebuilt on the campus of the Institution St Louis de Gonzague in Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

On the campus of the Institution St Louis de Gonzague in Port-au-Prince, Haiti.



3. The Mother House of Ploërmel under construction for several years.

This fall is marked by the start of a construction work at the Motherhouse in Ploërmel. Premises on the 1st floor of the building overlooking Boulevard Foch will welcome Brother Provincial, who has left Vannes. Office and meeting rooms will be set up by next February. Premises for the Guardianship service of the La Mennais France educational network - 8 people - will be arranged on 2 levels in the same building, as well as an apartment for the layperson responsible for welcoming at the Motherhouse. They should be operational by September 2022. Finally, a new entrance will be designed in the accommodation building, which will be transformed to contain 30 bedrooms to suit the required standards. The opening is planned for spring 2022.



The work will be barely visible from the outside: it is from the inside that the Mother House of Ploërmel is transformed. This concerns the buildings in a row, on the left in the photo.



Jubilarian Brothers of France gathered in Ploërmel, last August 22nd.

49 Jubilarian Brothers celebrated

80

DESSUREAULT Normand, St-Romuald
LAROCHE Bruno, La Prairie inf

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RUEST Jean-Claude, Pointe-du-Lac
TARDIF Camille, La Prairie inf
BERGERON Maurice, La Prairie mm
GAONAC'H Jean, Josselin
LEMIRE Jacques, La Prairie mm
ROBIN Bernard, Josselin

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BLANCHET Fernand, St-Romuald
DOYLE Richard, La Prairie mm
DOYON Fernand, La Prairie mm
GERVAIS Guy, La Prairie inf
MARCIL Noël, Dolbeau
ST-LAURENT Julien, La Prairie inf
TARDIF Paul-Émile, St-Romuald

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AGUERGARAY Arnaud, Ciboure
BOISMARTEL André, Derval
BOUVAIS Michel, Nantes ti
CADORET André, Josselin
CAILLET Francis, Taiohae
CRESPÉL Gérard, St-Brieuc
GAULTIER René, Savenay
GAUTIER Pierre, Redon
LAGRÉ Joseph, Derval
PELMOINE Arsène, Ploërmel mm
VALLEE Michel, Lourdes
BEAUCHESNE Claude, Pointe-du-Lac
GOURON Georges, La Prairie inf
ROZAS Gil, Zamora
TESSIER Omer, St-Romuald
CARON Daniel, Alfred

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SSEKITOOLEKO Deogratias, Yokohama
HAMON Jean-Yves, Ploërmel mm

LECOINTRE Philippe, Paris
MINGANT Jean-Yves, Lomé
GUTIÉRREZ Edesio, Portugalete Etx
VILLAGE Miguel Ángel, Larantuka
LEMAY Jean, La Prairie mm
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PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH

Saint Joseph, spouse of the Virgin Mary and guardian of Jesus, we want to put ourselves in your school. Teach us to carry out the will of the Lord in the humble daily existence of our lives. Give us to respond to his call with faith and availability. Make us drink from his source to flourish where we are sown. Give us confidence when he asks us to take the risk of the encounter. Accompany us when he invites us to dare the outskirts. Help us take care of those in our charge. Train us to work for the advent of a more beautiful, more just and more fraternal world. Watch over the Mennaisian Family, as you once did over the one of Nazareth. God alone in time ! God alone in eternity !

Amen !

Br Hervé Zamor, s.g.



I am not aware ! What's new ?

I was not told, and I was not informed! These are expressions we routinely use for a lot of things, right?! As part of its reflection on information, the General Council wished to develop the information tools of the congregation. An overview of all the novelties

• **La Mennais Clic Infos is now received by email 4 times a year.** This novelty that you discover here, this digital newsletter for the entire Mennaisian Family will be sent **4 times a year by email**, directly to everyone. It can be read on all media: i-phone, tablet, computer.

• **The « La Mennais Magazine » becomes annual.** Following changes in manufacturing and shipping costs, the Council wished to stop its publication each quarter. On the other hand, an **annual La Mennais Magazine Album** will be published retracing the major events, and presenting the life of the 26 countries where the Mennaisian Family is at work. This new album will be **diffusé en décembre 2021 – janvier 2022**.

• Finally, **a new version of the website www.lamennais.org is online !** The site continues its information mission. Appointments for news, in countries, for resources (videos, publications...). Are you subscribed to the congregation's facebook address ? Here it is: <https://www.facebook.com/lamennais.org/> Besides, are you watching La Mennais TV with its videos ? The address is: <https://www.youtube.com/user/lamennaisweb/videos>

Surprises are also being prepared with young people, Brothers, lay people... and the whole Mennaisian Family. In short, anyone who wants to be informed... will be able to do so ! See you soon for everyone's news.

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