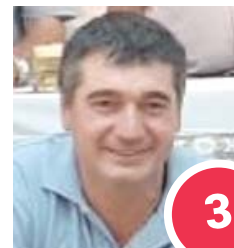




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SERVING LIFE THROUGH SCHOOL
**Growing up by
learning a trade**



The blessing of the St. Joseph trade center in Dungu, Congo DRC, took place on January 26th.
Three apprenticeship courses were open: masonry, carpentry and welding. To discover P. 9

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Editorial

On the way!

Since Ash Wednesday, Christians have been on their way to Easter! Since February 24th, thousands of Ukrainians have been leaving their country, facing the scourges of war and taking the path of exile. Will Pope Francis' recent call for peace be heeded? Since September 2021, the Church has embarked on a long journey that will lead to the next synod on synodality.

Where am I on this path? Am I a priest, a Levite, a good Samaritan? Am I the priest or the Levite who, seeing the wounded man by the side of the road, decides to go to the other side (Lk 10:31-32)? Am I the good Samaritan who, seized with compassion, approaches, bandages his wounds by pouring on oil and wine, loads him upon his own mount and leads him to the inn (Lk 10:33-34)?

On all our continents, the sufferings of our world today cannot leave us indifferent; they appeal to our solidarity, especially in this year when we want to serve life. How does this manifest itself concretely? To serve means to care for the fragile members of our family, our society and our people. It is Christ whom we serve when we come to the aid of our wounded sisters and brothers by the wayside (Mt 25:45).

Today, it is compassion that will save us from indifference and educate us in solidarity. This is the key that will help us to expand our circle in order to reach those who do not spontaneously belong to our areas of interests, even if they are close to us. It is the breath that will provide boldness and creativity when it comes to implementing some volunteering and solidarity projects in favor of the poorest.

Only Jesus, who is the Way, the Truth and the Life (Jn 14:6), can accompany us in our inner journey; and then we will open our hearts, arms, homes and communities to welcome those who need the warmth of fraternity and friendship.



Br. Hervé Zamor, s.g.
superioregenerale@lamennais.org

Getting through the health crisis

«Thanks to the mennaisian Family!», said the children of Portugalete

«We, the children of the Primary cycle of St. Mary's School in Portugalete, Spain...», this is how the children sent a Christmas message to Br. Hervé ZAMOR, Superior General, intended for all the Brothers and for the entire mennaisian Family.

«We are in the time of Advent, a time to thank the people who have been by our side in these difficult times. That is why we turn to you, so that you may reach all the Brothers and the great mennaisian Family, which is everywhere in the world, and **address our greatest THANKS for making our schools places of encounter, fraternity and hope.**»



Students from the first cycle of Primary school Santa María de Portugalete.

Message from Jone Albizu, Primary Coordinator

Br. Hervé Zamor warmly thanked the children:
«Thank you for this message full of simplicity and gratitude!»

See the photos :

<https://www.lamennais.org/christmas-message-to-the-mennaisian-family-thank-you-for-making-our-schools-places-of-fraternity-and-hope-said-the-children-of-portugalete-spain/?lang=en>

Thanks to the mobilized educational teams

This message from the children is an opportunity to highlight, particularly since these two years of pandemic, the even stronger involvement of the educational teams of the 200 La Mennais schools and educational centers in the 26 countries where it is at work.

The 8,000 teachers and staff, in connection with the families, were able to respond and cope as much as possible with multiple initiatives.

Here, we salute all these realities present and lived in each school, holiday center, educational activities, La Mennais team... by children, young people, parents, staff, teachers, and Brothers.

Reopening of schools :
good news!

Schools and educational centers in 25 countries where the mennaisian Family is present are now open, except in the Philippines. After two years of total closure, this is also the case for Uganda. That is also good news!

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At the Sagrado Corazon High School – Sacred Heart – in Llay Llay, Chile, dispensers of hydro-alcoholic gel in the La Mennais colors!



Appointments. 5 Brothers received a mission at the service of the Congregation



From left to right :
Bros Yannick HOUSSAY,
Carlos LOVATTO,
Felix CORADA,
Claude GREGOIRE
and Gildas PRIGENT.

At the end of the General Council, held at the Casa in Rome from February 14 to March 5, Br. Hervé Zamor, Superior General, appointed with the consent of his Council:

Province Saint-Jean-Baptiste – France-England. Br. Yannick HOUSSAY, was appointed Provincial for a new three-year term.

District Divina Providencia – Argentina-Uruguay-Chile-Bolivia. Br. Carlos LOVATTO, new Visitor: for a three-year term. **Br. Felix CORADA** was reappointed as Assistant-Visitor for a three-year term.

General Bursar. Br. Claude GREGOIRE is appointed General Bursar. He will be assisted in his mission by a Council for Economic Affairs, soon to be set up. The Council will have the opportunity to thank **Br. Daniel BRIANT**, who fulfilled this mission during 9 years.

Accompaniment of young Brothers. Br. Gildas PRIGENT already a Visitor of the St. Francis Xavier District – Indonesia-Japan-Philippines – also becomes responsible for the accompaniment of the young Brothers of the Congregation, for a three-year term.

Three Brothers commit themselves to serving life



The joy shared during the profession of the vows in Nyundo, Rwanda. Br. Olivier, on the right.

Br. Augustin BOUDAN, originally from Togo

Feast in Dapaong, in the parish of St. Monique in Togo, on December 27th! The whole Congregation and, in particular, the Saint Paul District of West Africa, rejoiced at the definitive commitment of

Br. Augustin BOUDAN to the Institute.

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Br. Olivier IGIRANEZA, from Rwanda

Joy in our hearts! The Brothers of Rwanda - Saint John Paul II District, members of the mennaisian Family and friends, gathered in Nyundo, Rwanda on January 2nd. **Br. Olivier IGIRANEZA** pronounced his perpetual vows, in the hands of **Br. Hervé ZAMOR**, Superior General of the Brothers of Christian Instruction, in the presence of **Br. Pascal MBOLINGABA**, Brother Visitor.

Br. Léopold DIOUF, originally from Senegal

He committed himself with the perpetual vows on March 27th in Ngascop, Senegal.

Mennaisian Family : a Formation team

The 2018 General Chapter had recommended organizing a formation of Formators (Brothers and Laity) for the mennaisian Family, both in terms of spirituality and Mennaisian pedagogy. A steering team has been set up by the Council for this purpose. It was given the task of drawing up the training program and specifying its duration.

The members of this team are : **Br. Thierry Beauplet** (France-England), **Br. Valmyr-Jacques Dabel** (Haiti), **Jean-Jacques Erceau** (France-England), **Mrs Michèle Hetu** (Canada-USA-Mexico), **Br. Josu Olabarrieta** (Spain). Furthermore, the next meeting of the **International Commission of the Mennaisian Family** will be held in Rome from 5-7 October 2022.

40 Brothers and two meetings

A **session of formators**, concerning 20 Brothers mainly engaged in houses of formation, will be organized in Abidjan from July 18-28.

In addition, a **session of the young Brothers**, who are preparing for their **perpetual profession**, will take place from July 13th to August 13th in Ploërmel, at the Lycée La Touche, with about twenty young Brothers, and will be animated by **Bros Joseph Bélanger, Vincent Ssekate et Hervé Asse**.

ASIA



Philippines-Indonesia

3 Brothers are preparing for their perpetual vows

Three Brothers are admitted to perpetual vows.

They are **Brothers Israel De Ocampo** and **Mamerto Gaugano**, from the Philippines and **Br. Blasius Neno**, from Indonesia. This is the 1st time that Filipino Brothers will commit themselves for life in the Congregation.

The professions should take place next August, in their respective countries.

Indonesia-Manila

Some novelty for the formation of the young Brothers

A new training plan is being launched for the district. The two major changes concern the novitiate, transferred to San José, Antique, Philippines in 2024, and the scholasticate in Yogyakarta (Indonesia) in 2023. The postulate period will be spread over two years, including the 2nd year in Manila to learn English. There will be a transitory period between the old and the new plans. These changes are motivated by studies at the scholasticate and the need to obtain an official degree.

For the transitory period, **Br. Hervé Zamor**, sg, appointed : **Br. Michel Gougeon**, Director of the scholasticate of Manila for one year. **Br. Stéphane Le Pape**, Master of Novices in Yogyakarta for one year.

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Festive meal at SDK La Mennais school, Lantuka, Indonesia.



Br. Daniel Lefrère with students from SDK La Mennais, Lantuka, Indonesia.



Br. Zéno during an online training course.

With neighborhood children in Manila.

«Living with me this year in Manila,» explains **Br. Michel Gougeon**, «there is a single Filipino younger Brother who is taking an online Master's degree at the University. So, I have little animation, but also the management of the house: stewardship and maintenance. And then twice a week, I have an online learning, not to mention that every afternoon some children of the neighborhood are happy to come, let off steam, and play basketball, which is the favorite sport in the Philippines.»



With the children of the neighborhood during the feast of Father de la Mennais, our Founder, on November 26th in Manila.

AFRICA



Uganda

Schools open again!

After being closed for two years, around 22 to 25 schools and educational centers, where the Brothers are present, now welcome children and young people.

That's good news!

The closure, in the context of the health crisis, led to serious difficulties for children and families, and for the economic resources of the Brothers as well. This reopening makes it possible to envisage a positive evolution.

Installation of the new Vice-Chancellor of Kisubi University

On January 3rd, the University of Kisubi, for which the Brothers are responsible, celebrated the installation of a new Vice-Chancellor, **Br. Mugema Deogratias**. He succeeded Professor John Ssebuwufu who had been Vice-Chancellor since 2013. **Br. Miguel Aristondo**, Assistant General, represented Br. Superior General, guest of honor.

Br. Mathias SENFUKA



Br. Mugema Deogratias, new Vice-Chancellor.

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In Caltec Academy of Makerere, Uganda.

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Video of Uganda Martyrs High School, Lubaga, Kampala, Uganda, dedicated to affected schools by covid.

Uganda–Tanzania–Kenya–Rwanda



The Brothers who made profession for the 1st time, surrounded by Br. Miguel Aristondo, Assistant General, and Br. Casio Aizire, Provincial of Uganda.

First religious profession for 12

On December 31st, 12 novices made their first religious profession.

Six Brothers are from Uganda, four from Kenya and Tanzania, and two Brothers from Rwanda. Their vows were received by the Assistant General, **Br. Miguel Aristondo**, delegate of the Superior General. Other Brothers also renewed their vows on that date.

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Br. Hervé Zamor celebrated Christmas in Gisenyi with the Brothers of Rwanda.

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Perpetual vows for 3 African Brothers.

Br. Augustin BOUDAN, from Togo, **Br. Olivier IGIRANEZA**, from Rwanda and **Br. Léopold DIOUF**, from Senegal. **Read P. 3**

Rwanda

Br. Hervé Zamor, Superior General, visited the Brothers from Rwanda and familiarized himself with their apostolate and other activities of the three communities. He was pleased with their good functioning while praying for the perseverance of the young Brothers who work there.

AMERICAS



Argentina-Uruguay-Chile-Bolivia

For the past two years, we have been living through a Mennaisian training itinerary. Brothers and Laity, we have had the opportunity to listen to each other face to face, to share the same table, to work and to hug each other. In **Bialet Massé, Argentina**, what was experienced in February confirmed the progress of each one, and we continue, throughout the year in pairs or by community, a journey of formation for the benefit of others.



At the end of December, meeting of Brothers of the Divine Providence District in **Bialet Massé**. We shared life, prayer, reflection and rest in a festive tone.

We will continue our journey of formation throughout the year among Brothers and Laity.

Haïti

6th anniversary of the CENA Educational Centre.

View photos : <https://www.lamennais.org/with-children-the-educational-center-noel-des-anges-cena-in-haiti-celebrates-its-6th-anniversary/?lang=en>

Canada-USA-Mexico

«Yes to serve life!»

My name is **Mélanie Vachon** and I am one of the Mennaisian Lay People of the beautiful **Shediac** region of New Brunswick, Canada. I am a mother of two children and my role is to be at the service of my family on a daily basis: it is a gift from my heart. I also decided to co-teach catechesis to a group of five children, including my son, Samuel. It is a great source of joy.



«The Mennaisian Family propels me towards a world of services and donations», says Mélanie.

I also started volunteering in the high school cafeteria of my daughter, Liliannel. I find that being part of the Mennais family propels me towards a universe of services and donations. I want to say 'yes' to the life of love, sharing and fraternity that Christ came to offer us, his brothers and sisters.

Mélanie, *Le Trait d'Union Magazine*

9 Brothers tell in a video

A video to discover or rediscover! Nine Brothers testified about their lives in this 33-minute viewing, made in 2013-2014, at the initiative of the Jean de la Mennais Province. Let us listen with joy to **Brothers Robert Gonneville, Yvon R. Roy, Marcel Lafrance, Yvon Poitras, Claude Gélinas, Michel Gravel, Claude Beauchesne, Pierre Leblanc and Luc Frenette**.

Watch the video : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jni0Hv-5vkE>

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Mexico. In training in Mexico City. Br. **Ewald Guerrier**, in charge of the training and **Ángel de Gabriel**, applicant, are in Tlalpan - in the great Mexico City - after a beneficent stay in December-January in Huatusco with **Bros Mario Couture**, and **Daniel Gautier**, and the Mennaisian Family. Ángel de Gabriel will continue his postulate for another six months with the Young Brothers of the Christian Schools and is preparing to begin his novitiate this summer in El Alto, Bolivia. A great collaboration has been established with the Brothers of the Southern Cone.

USA. A La Mennais beer! The «La Mennais Lager» makes its appearance. An alumnus of Walsh University, Canton, Ohio, USA, Mr. **Ben Biery**, produced a custom beer as a tribute to the Brothers. After hearing the story of Walsh, founded in an alfalfa field, Ben wanted to tie the school to its roots with the creation of a beer with an alfalfa honey flavor. The «La Mennais Lager» made its tasting debut at the back-to-school weekend to the delight of many former Walsh alumni. It is available in quantities... limited.



A collector's label!



EUROPE



France-England

Rejuvenation for the Le Palandrin welcoming center

More than 120 guests from all ages gathered on March 12th during the inauguration and blessing of the Palandrin center, located on the south coast of Morbihan. Opened since 1965, it has been managed for several years by the Estival association with 120 animators. The latter, chaired by François Péron, has undertaken a total renovation of the main building.

This Accommodation and Educational center offers a capacity of 136 beds, with full board or adapted formulas. Directed by Laëtitia Mitailé, it also hosts nature classes and focuses on sustainable development. The name "Brother Bob Léaustic" was given to the building because he was a key figure for animators and young people. Sadly, Br. Bob passed away three years ago.

Website : <https://www.lepalandrin.fr>



Young people, friends, volunteers, and Estival members gathered for the inauguration of the new Palandrin center. Here, Br. Yannick Houssay, Provincial of the Brothers, François Péron, President of Estival and Pascal Puisay, Mayor of Pénestin, unveiled the plaque of the building called «Brother Bob Léaustic».

The 18 La Mennais Fraternities meet again

Fraternity Day on March 20 in Ploërmel. Rich of 150 members, Laity, Brothers, young people, they allow times of reunion, formation, exchange and prayer.



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Spain

The Province's educational team has designed a tonic clip to present the La Mennais Educational Network. To be discovered right away!



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Rule of life. On February 26-27, the Brothers of the Province lived a two-day session on the Rule of Life as part of a work of revision of the Rule. A round table was organized with three other Congregations: the Montfort Brothers, the Brothers of St. Gabriel and the Sisters of Wisdom.

Development. Opened since September 2020, Charlton House School, based in Southampton, England, and linked to the (guardianship) Tutelle La Mennais, continues its development and welcomes children: boys and girls, aged 4 to 11 years. This follows the closure of the old school on site.

Website : <https://charltonhouseindependentschool.co.uk/>

OCEANIA



The projects of the Mennaisian Family

All the Mennaisian-inspired institutions were represented in St-Hilaire, Tahiti, during this meeting on January 29: the Foyer Taurua, the FSCF Association, the St-Hilaire School, the St-Jean-Baptiste School, the Sacred Heart School, the Sacred Heart High School, the La Mennais High School, for a total of 26 people. Mennaisian days took place from 13 to 15 December, hosted by **Br. Thierry Beauplet**. It was a matter of following up on that.

The emphasis is on the importance of living the mission in everyday life: acceptance, respect, benevolence. An office of the Family will be set up according to the possibilities. Other avenues were also mentioned: a pilgrimage project to Ploërmel in December 2024, a presence on social networks and the question of expanding parents' associations.



The team of Laypeople and Brothers of the Mennaisian Family of Polynesia during the December meeting.



Staff members of St. Athanase High School, in Nuku Hiva, Marquesas.

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In the Marquesas : a psychology session led by Noélanie Grand with all the staff of the St. Athanase High School took place from February 23-25. A remarkable training time to transform a group into a pedagogical team.



Achievements.

At the heart of La Mennais schools to serve life

The life of each of the 200 La Mennais Schools and Educational Centers in the world bears particular colors according to the places, the cultures, the realities. Inspired by Jean-Marie de la Mennais and Gabriel Deshayes, they all come together in the service of an integral education.

Overview of 7 achievements.

Congo RDC.

They learn a trade

Helping young people get by through learning and training was at the heart of what was highlighted on January 26 during the blessing of the **Dungu** trade center in **Congo DRC**. Three training sectors were open: masonry, carpentry and welding. The ceremony was presided over by **Bishop Émile Mushosho and Br. Hervé Zamor**, Superior General of the Brothers. The project was mainly sponsored by the Italian Episcopal Conference (CEI). **The solidarity association ASSIFIC and the Province Jean de la Mennais-America-** have also made significant contributions.

View photos : <https://www.lamennais.org/learning-a-job-blessing-of-saint-joseph-training-center-in-dungu-congo-drc/?lang=en>

Uganda.

They go back to school!

After being closed for two years, **schools in Uganda** are open again. It is the joy of gathering and the prospect of growing up through integral education, in all its dimensions.

France-Spain.

They visit other teachers

A team from the **Saint-Louis school in Ploërmel, France**, composed of six teachers, the supervisor of these students with disabilities and **Yves-Marie ROBERT**, director, were welcomed in Bilbao, Spain, as part of an Erasmus + project from February 5-12.

They stayed at the community of the Brothers established in Berrio Otxoa. Gathering pupils aged from 5 to 11 years old, the week of observation in classes was a very enriching experience with new pedagogical practices, teaching in three languages, use of digital tools, etc... Strong bonds were created among teachers. Special thanks to **Marian Perez Luca**, project referent, **Emilio De La Fuente and Alfonso Blasquez**, directors, and **Br. Nemesio**, the superior of the community.



The school is back to life at Mugwanya Preparatory School, Kabojja, Uganda. Photo Br. Mathias Senfuka



The team from the St-Louis de Ploërmel school during the stay in Bilbao and Portugalete, Spain. Fruitful exchanges among educators.



Exploring and experimenting: a learning path in kindergarten for children from the age of three.

France.

«Learning Spaces» approach

Nursery sections of the La Mennais France Network are involved in the approach called «**Learning Spaces**» for children of 3 years old and older. The aim is to rethink the layout and timing of nursery classes adapted to the needs of young pupils, with an emphasis on exploration and experimentation during each child's learning journey.

Among the people associated with this dynamic, we find : **Sandra AMIOT**, Saint Jeanne d'Arc school in **Malestroit**, **Cécile BOYER** and **Marie DESETABLES**, Saint Jehanne d'Arc school in **Vannes**, **Sabine AUTRET** and **Nathalie JESTIN**, Saint Anne-Notre Dame du **Folgoët**, **Elisabeth BOUCHET**, resource person.

Information via **Loïc LE TOUZO**, supervisory delegate

France.

They discover a great founder

On February 1st, the 1,000 young people of the **Collège Ste-Marie de Vitré - France** –discovered Jean-Marie de la Mennais and the International Network La Mennais during a day initiated by **Corentin OGIER**, pastoral animator within the establishment directed by **Joseph FAUCHOUX**.

Following in the footsteps of the Founder, going on a team trip, travelling the world discovering the Mennaisian presence, and understanding the solidarity actions carried out at the college meet the needs of the **Mennaisian NGO Assific** : so many activities were experienced that day. In the end, more than 1,800 euros were raised for solidarity projects! Congratulations to the young people!

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Quebec.

They innovate in pedagogy

A **digital historical atlas** was produced by students at the **Juvénat Notre Dame de St-Laurent in St-Romuald, Quebec, Canada**. This achievement received the Pedagogical Innovation Award from the "Fédération des écoles privées québécoises". **Jean-Bernard Carrier**, a teacher, launched a 'You-tube' channel during the 2020 lockdown and led his students to create productions accompanied by maps, timelines, and historical documents. It is part of a research project related to UQAM University. During the 2020 spring lockdown, each student was able to remotely produce a historical atlas.

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Rwanda.

They prepare the foundation of a school

The construction of a new school is foreseen in **Nyundo, Rwanda**. «We opted for a secondary school,» explain the Brothers on the spot. We brought two engineers to the field who prepared an overall plan including classrooms, laboratories, playgrounds, administrative sector, dormitories, refectory and kitchen. We will decide soon according to the estimates that will be presented. »

Information via **Br. André Bilodeau**



A new school project is announced in Nyundo, Rwanda.

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They go on an internship. 3rd and CAPA-1 to the two Marquesan islands of "Ua pou" and "Nuku Hiva" where the young people of the **Lycée St Athanase of Taiohae, Polynesia**, will be able to live an enriching experience to better reflect on their future.

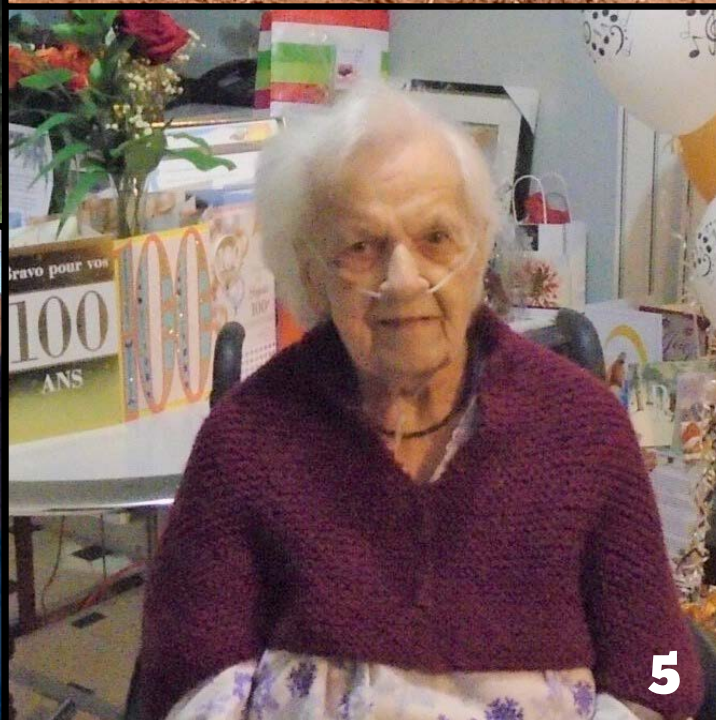
They act every day in each of the 200 La Mennais schools and educational centers : In the 26 countries of presence, at the service of life...



Set sail and live an internship. An internship? A strong opportunity to develop and acquire confidence and skills.

At **CENA – the Angels' Educational Center** – in **Port-au-Prince, Haiti**.





1 / In Congo RDC, the Mennaisian Family of Dungu, in front of the Brothers' residence.

2 / The Brothers' community of Lourdes -France- and the 4 heads of establishment of Lourdes and Saint-Pé, gathered for a fraternal lunch last October.

3 / The team of associates of Alfred, Maine, USA, during the visit of Br. Hervé ZAMOR, Superior General, last November.

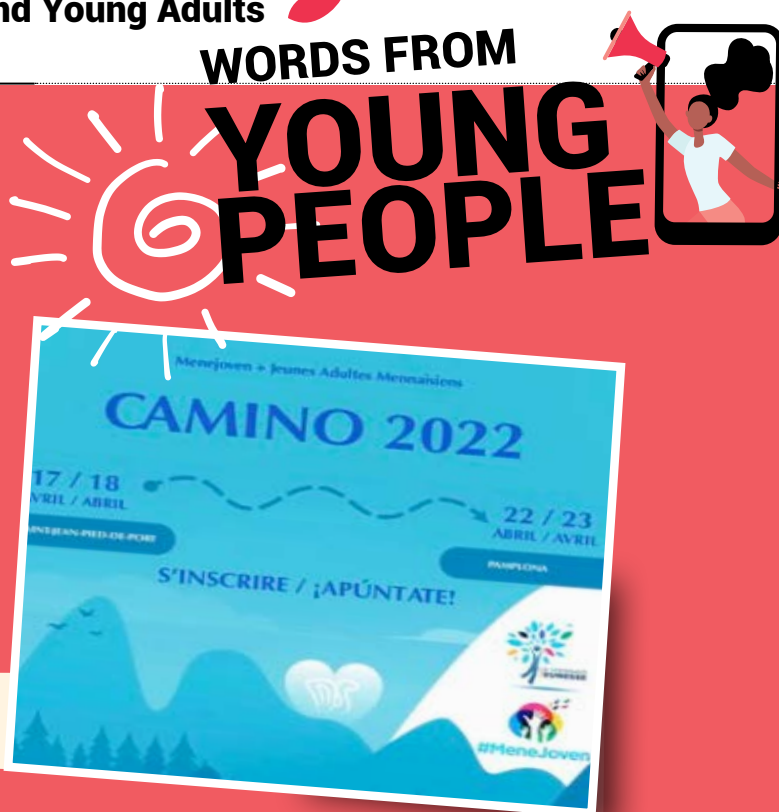
4 / The CARTO Agricultural Center in Togo has welcomed 15 couples in training since last April. In addition to the usual teaching and accompaniment, the Center, directed by Br. Jules TONE welcomed 45 young people for training in the breeding of guinea fowl, chickens and small ruminants. The association Les Amis d'Ogaro is now based at the Lycée Le Nivot in Lopérec and is chaired by Olivier RASCLE, teacher.

5 / Mrs. Jeanne GÉLINAS, pioneer of the lay Mennaisians of Quebec is 100 years old! «Every morning, life is a gift». Read the testimonial : <https://www.lamennais.org/a-hundred-years-old-an-associated-laywoman-jeanne-gelinas-pioneer-of-the-mennaisian-laity-of-quebec-is-100-years-old-life-every-morning-as-a-gift/?lang=en>

On the way to the Camino de Saint-Jacques!

Walking together from April 17-23 will be the project led by the Menejoven teams from Spain and young mennaisian adults, JAM from France. Walk to discover yourself, learn, laugh and make other projects.

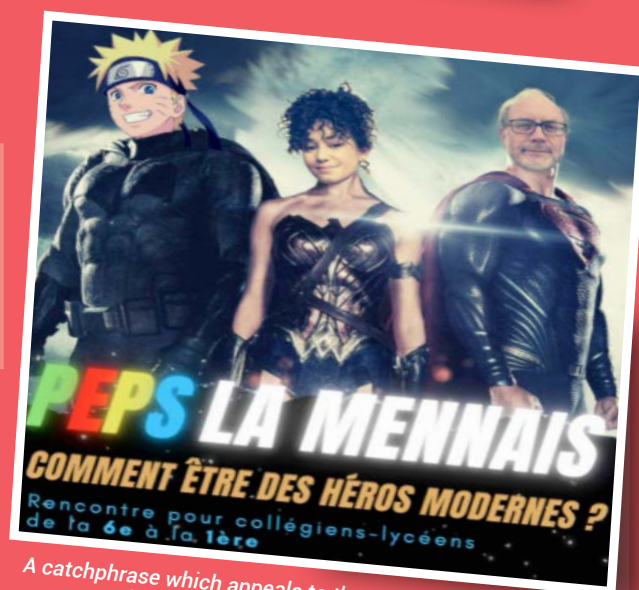
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How to be modern heroes?

This is the question asked during the meeting of the PEPS La Mennais group last February.

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A catchphrase which appeals to the PEPS La Mennais group where we recognize unexpected guests...

New Youth Vision is developing

In Gisenyi, Rwanda, the New Youth Vision Network and the Mbugangali school have special ties and collaborate easily together because the Brothers who lead them live in the same community.



The Youth Vision Network provides large-scale cultural and sports development programs in many cities across Rwanda. Here, the leaders of the VJN and those of the Mbugangali school.



70 YEARS AGO !

Foundation in Uruguay

In 1952, the Brothers of Argentina decided to found a primary school, Colegio Guadalupe in Canelones, Uruguay. In March 1956, they opened another school in Malvin, a neighborhood of Montevideo. Over the years, the *Institut La Mennais* has grown and now provides primary, secondary and preparatory education to 1,500 students. In February 2001, two Brothers settled in the parish of Maldonado Nuevo, 100 km east of Montevideo. Today, the Dionisio Díaz de Maldonado Centre welcomes disadvantaged young people by facilitating their social integration.



The Institut La Mennais.

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50 YEARS AGO !

Return to Kenya

Present since 1931 in Kenya, the Brothers began with the Yala school. They had to leave in 1943 following tensions. Back in 1972, they went to Murang'a and then to Gatundu. St. Martin's High School in Méru has been opened since 1993 by Ugandan Brothers. A student residence was built in Nairobi in 2002. In 2018, the construction of a school was approved in Nanyuki. It is now open under the name St. Padre Pio.



St. Padre Pio's School in Nanyuki.

Departure from Jersey and opening of the Generalate House in Rome

The General Administration of the Congregation was established in Jersey from 1904, while the Brothers had been present on the island from 1896 at the call of the parish priest to run a school. The administration rented a residence and then moved to the Highlands in 1922. The transfer of the Generalate House took place in Rome in 1972. The Institute had acquired the property of Via Della Divina Provvidenza in 1965 and a new building was then built to enlarge the existing one.

As early as November 27, 1972, the Administration occupied its new headquarters. Were present on that date at the Generalate: **Bros Albert Tremblay**, sg, **Carmelo Rizzo**, **Jean Didailler**, **Gilbert Ollivier**, **Jean Le Bihan**, **Paul Latraverse**, **Amans-Alexis Salaün**, **Albert-Marie Tassé**, **Hubert Libert**, **Célestin-Paul Cueff** and **Jean Pétillon**. The 'Casa Generalizia' was blessed on June 9, 1973, by Cardinal Garrone, Prefect of the Congregation for Catholic Education.

*Blessing of the 'Casa',
in Rome, June 9, 1973,
by Cardinal Garrone.
We recognize in the photo
the Brothers Albert
Tremblay, Gabriel Potier, Jean
Le Bihan, Henry Vanasse.*

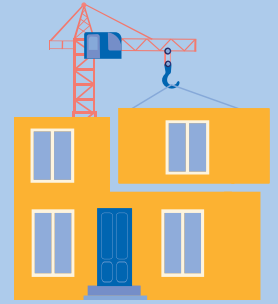


1. New premises at Josephine Bakhita College

The Collège Joséphine Bakhita, located in Rennes, France, is located in the former Collège Sainte Thérèse. Since September 2021, the establishment has been operating in new premises. It is part of the **Ozanam complex** made up of 4 structures, including also the *Lycée Frédéric Ozanam*, located

in Cesson Sévigné, resulting from the merger of the Lycée Sainte Thérèse de Rennes and the Lycée Saint Etienne de Cesson-Sévigné. The Collège Léontine Dolivet, on the site of the High School, opened its doors in September 2021 with the creation of 6th grade classes. Finally, the complex also includes the CFA/CFC Frédéric Ozanam Apprentice Training Centre. The general management is provided by Michèle Coirier.

View photos : <https://www.ozanam.bzh/college-sainte-josephine-bakhita>



The Joséphine Bakhita College - named after the 1st African saint, a former slave born in Sudan - is set up in new premises in Rennes.



2. Laboratories and equipment

Many buildings were added up to the facilities of St. Charles Lwanga Secondary School in **Kasasa, Uganda**. These are chemistry, biology, physics and computer laboratories as well as a multi-purpose room that can be used for various school activities.

Information via Br. Rogers Kazibwe

The labs add valuable assets to St. Charles Lwanga Secondary School in Kasasa, Uganda.

3. A multi-purpose room

In order to be able to provide training and to welcome groups of producers for meetings, a multi-purpose room was built at the **CARTO, Agricultural Center, based in Ogaro, Togo**, during the year 2021. The funding comes from the Ergué-Togo association and the EG Afrique Association, which finances the trainees' equipment. The room also serves as a refectory depending on the circumstances.

Information via André Le Menn, association Ergué-Togo, les sables rouges.

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NEWS

The Sisters of Providence in Chapter

The General Chapter of the Sisters – elective General Assembly – will take place from May 3-16 at Ile Blanche, Locquirec, France. Thirteen Sisters will participate, including three ex-officio members: **Sr. Huguette Provost**, Superior General, **Sr. Louise Touchette**, Assistant, and **Sr. Anne-Marie Frearson**, Counselor.

In addition, the Sisters of Providence of Nebbi, Uganda, are currently welcoming 4 novices. **Sisters Louise Touchette et Emma Mudrick** continue the formation of the Sisters while the Providence School provides courses in carpentry, hairdressing and sewing for 100 young people.



The Sisters of Providence and novices in Nebbi, Uganda.

PUBLICATIONS

17 profiles of Botanist Brothers

To ensure a Christian and human formation: this has become the dual identity required of the Brothers in their formation in order to ensure a fruitful apostolate. As such, the Congregation throughout its history has had passionate members about the natural sciences and especially botany. In the publication «Recherches historiques» of March 2021, **Br. Louis BALANANT** presented a gallery of 17 portraits of Botanist and Naturalist Brothers, with the help of **François BOUTIN**, archivist of the Province Jean de la Mennais with regard to Canadian information.

Some names are more famous: **Bros Cléonique-Joseph BABLEE, Irénée-Marie CARON, GAMELIN, BIZEUL**, all related to Canada, and among more recent figures, we find **Bros Pierre NICOLAS, Joseph MOISAN and Gabriel RIVIERE**. Reading these stories allow us to discover the botanical garden of La Prairie, Quebec, Canada, whose activity extended from 1900 to 1967, and the science museum of the Mother House in Ploërmel. In the end, we are enriched with a natural dive into the history of men and science.

To read and download on : <https://www.lamennais.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/RH55.pdf>

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The experimental garden in La Prairie, Quebec, Canada, in 1915.

Contacts of the 200 La Mennais schools and educational centers

Discover the **Directory of works of the Congregation**, houses of formation, reception, services and associations. Online here: [[EDITION 2022](#)]

The **2022 Yearbook of the Congregation** was also published. New: the updated maps of the 26 countries. It is a precious document with the biographical notes of the 20 deceased Brothers of the year 2021. The **Religious Calendar** with Historical Intentions and Reminders is also available. These three publications are coordinated by **Br. Hervé Asse**, Secretary General.



Prayer of the witnesses

Risen Jesus, you are Lord,
and we want to stay attached to you.

We got started

in our lives as Christians and disciples
to be witnesses to all

of our encounter with you.

We know that through our baptism,
we are called to bear witness to this.

We know our limits and our poverty,
but the **Spirit leads us.**

Walk with us, Word of God,

Precede us, keep us out of fear
and discouragement.

Give us the simplicity of the heart
to talk to our brothers and sisters
and to **hear what you tell us through them.**

Risen Jesus, we trust in you.

In your hands, we lay down our desire
that your name be known and loved by all. Amen.

Prayer shared by Br. Claude Gélinas,
Sault-Saint-Louis Community, La Prairie, Quebec. *Le Trait d'Union.*

«You are risen with Christ ! »

(Col 3, 1)

Morning of Resurrection! Photo Br. James Hayes