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First-year Postulants on the 25th anniversary day

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Brother Hervé Zamor with three young Indonesian Brothers in Larantuka

Editorial

Peace and hope, light and holiness!

As part of their Jubilee, from July 28 to August 3, 2025, more than a million young people gathered in Rome around Pope Leo XIV. This is a wonderful opportunity to welcome his first messages to the youth of the world!

At the end of the opening Mass presided over by Msgr. Rino Fisichella, Pro-Prefect of the Dicastery for Evangelization, the Pope surprised everyone by greeting the young people gathered in St. Peter's Square. At his invitation, they chanted repeatedly and together: "We want peace in the world"? In the prayer vigil at Tor Vergata, he showed them the path that leads to it: "Love one another! Love one another in Christ! Know how to see Jesus in others. Friendship can truly change the world. Friendship is a path to peace. ».

During this same visit, the Holy Father also reminded young people that they are the message of hope that our world so desperately needs today. To carry out this mission, he invites them, quoting Saint Augustine, to let themselves be led by the Lord: "If Christ had not become the principle of our hope, he would not lead us. As leader, he guides us; as way, he makes us walk in him; as homeland, he directs us towards himself."

That same evening, after greeting the young people, Leo XIV said to them: "You are the light of the world" (Mt 5:14). In order to be this lamp that illuminates the night of their different places of life and mission, he advised them to draw the necessary oil from listening to the Word of God and from assiduous communion with Jesus in the Eucharist. In this way, Christ will gradually become their most precious treasure.

In his homily at the closing Mass of the Jubilee, Pope Leo XIV urged young people to aspire to holiness. He cited as examples Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati and Blessed Carlo Acutis, who were canonized on September 7, 2025. He invited them to imitate their friendship with Christ by cultivating prayer, Eucharistic adoration, daily communion, frequent confession, and charity.

Peace and hope, light and holiness: Pope Leo XIV's first messages to the young people of the world. This is a whole program of life for them and for every Christian: it is the path to "being saints by making saints." May Saints Pier Giorgio Frassati and Carlo Acutis help us embody these beautiful values in our daily lives!



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In Rome: Meeting of Major Superiors and pilgrimage to St. Peter's Basilica

Meeting of Major Superiors



*The Major Superiors
in Assembly at the
Generalate*

From September 21 to 27, 2025, the ten Major Superiors and the five members of the General Government met at the Generalate in Rome for the first in-person General Conference after the Chapter Assembly of 2024.

"Called to be servants of Hope" is the mission entrusted by the last General Chapter to all members of the Institute and the Mennaisian Family. The objective of this conference was to discern together how best to respond to this call of the General Chapter.

Several themes were on the agenda. First, we devoted a day to the discovery and deepening of our new Rule of Life, in particular the first eight chapters. This work was carried out in synodal mode. Then we analyzed and approved the Economic Directory of the Institute while specifying the real estate and movable property that belong to the stable patrimony of the Congregation. Then, the various commissions made up of Major Superiors and a Brother Assistant General reported on the progress of their work. Finally, various questions were addressed: support for victims of sexual abuse, the use of the Vademecum by the Major Superior, communication and publications in the Institute.

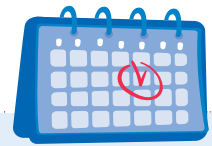
This entire week of meetings and exchanges took place in an atmosphere of mutual listening and fraternal attention. When is the next one?

Jubilee Year: Pilgrimage to St. Peter's Basilica

The General Conference took place within the framework of the Jubilee Year. In communion with the Brothers of the Institute and the members of the Mennaisian Family on the one hand, and with Christians from all over the world, pilgrims of hope, on the other, we crossed the holy door of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome on Thursday, September 25. Then, after renewing our profession of faith before the tomb of St. Peter, we participated in the Eucharist, the source and summit of our hope.



On pilgrimage to St. Peter's Basilica, Rome



Saint-Paul District Chapter (West Africa)

The Saint-Paul **District Chapter** was held from August 3 to 6, 2025, just after the retreat, at the Brothers' novitiate community in Dapaong (North Togo) in the presence of **Brother Vincent SSEKATE, Assistant General**, who himself presided over this Chapter.

Between committee work and plenary debates in a fraternal atmosphere, and under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the capitulant Brothers reflected during these three days on different axes (5 in total). They adopted texts that will guide and punctuate the life and future of the District during the next six years, based on the calls that our life and the world today address to us. Among the new challenges to be met: the pastoral care of vocations, self-sufficiency, the means to respond effectively to our mission as Mennaisian educators in a constantly changing world.

Two lay people participated in the entire Chapter and in particular contributed to the reflection on the Mennaisian Family.



Closing of the Chapter around Mgr Dominique GUIGBILE, Bishop of the Diocese of Dapaong

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7 young people make their first vows in Dapaong, and 6 young people enter the novitiate

On August 24, 2025, Brothers Désiré ANIBOTI AKALINGA (Congo), Glory to God KINDIA MANGBAZO (Congo), Henry Alain NSABIMANA (Rwanda), Jean Claude NIYIBIGENA (Rwanda), Samuel ALETSA LIKAMBO (Congo), Makenson JEAN GILLES (Haiti) and Isaac SOSSAH MEVI HOHIONOU (Togo) made their first profession within the Institute in the church of the parish of Saint Paul Apôtre des Nations in Dapaong, Togo

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The 7 new professed

September 8, 2025, 6 young people – 2 from Togo, 4 from Rwanda – have officially started at the Novitiate in Dapaong (Togo). 3 postulants from Congo DRC were unable to join the other novices due to lack of passports. To await the next group, they will do an apostolic internship at the Jean-Marie de la Mennais primary school in Bunia, while remaining at the Postulate Community.

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The 6 new novices with their trainers at the center

August 31, 2025: Plöermel Jubilee Day and Mennaisian Family Day

As every year, at the end of August, the Province of St. John the Baptist celebrates its jubilarians, and it is also the launch of the new year for the communities and the entire Mennaisian Family. On this occasion, Brother Hervé ASSE was honored for his 50 years of religious life. A successful day under a radiant sun that allowed for the celebration of the Eucharist in the beautiful green cathedral of the Mother House.

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Renewal of vows, in the foreground, Brother Hervé Asse then the other jubilarians of the year

ASIA



Perpetual profession of Brother Adrianus ANDI



Brother Andi makes his profession before Brother Superior General

Children, primary school staff and parents were heavily involved in the preparation of the Eucharistic celebration and, more broadly, in the festivities for the 25th anniversary of the arrival of the Brothers in Larantuka. **The community of the Brothers of Larantuka** worked hard to ensure the success of this exceptional event.

Saturday, July 5, 2025, in Larantuka, **Brother Adrianus ANDI**, originally from Indonesia, pronounced his perpetual vows before Brother Hervé Zamor, Superior General, and in the presence of a large audience. The Bishop of Larantuka presided over the celebration, surrounded by several priests from the diocese. The celebration took place on the indoor sports field of the La Mennais primary school, thus placing this event at the very site of the Brothers' mission.

After the Eucharistic celebration, the celebration carried on with a meal accompanied by dances and music performed by the children of the SDK La Mennais primary school. The festivities continued until the end of the afternoon.



The students also joined in the celebration with their dancing



Brother Andi presents a 25th anniversary souvenir to Brother Superior General

Brother Andi, who has just completed his university studies in English in Kupang, will now continue his mission in Larantuka as a teacher and as leader of the group of aspirants. With his two other Indonesian colleagues of perpetual vows, he shows the way to the different groups of young people engaged in initial formation, especially the 8 postulants and the 7 novices.

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Celebration of the 25th
Anniversary of the Mission in
Indonesia
and Perpetual Profession of
Brother Andi



AFRICA



East Africa: Vocational Animation Session

From August 6 to 9, 2025, a group of 23 Brothers, including the heads of Vocations Ministry and members of the Vocations Committees from Rwanda, Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, and South Sudan, gathered on the beautiful Nabinoonya estate to reflect on vocations ministry, which is so important for the future of the congregation. They were joined by the heads of the various formation houses and the Major Superiors of East Africa.



Participants in the session at Nabinoonya



Intervention by Brother Damien (Rwanda) during the session

The session was based on the new Rule of Life of the Brothers which recognizes that: *"All those who believe in Christ, whatever their state and condition, are called by the Lord to the holiness which is that of the Father, each according to his personal vocation"* (Rule of Life 112).

Vocation ministry therefore aims to help members of the People of God to engage freely and discerningly in the life to which God calls them. We have reflected on ways to achieve this, with an emphasis on meeting young people, accompaniment, and discernment.



October 1, 2025, was a special day for the Province of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus. It was not only the usual Mennaisian Family day, but also the launch of the centenary celebration of the arrival of the Brothers in 1926, with the start of fundraising for the construction of a home for the elderly Brothers in Kisubi.

The centennial year will culminate on September 5, 2026, with a major celebration in Kisubi. One hundred years after the arrival of the first four Canadian Brothers, the Province will give thanks for the progress

made and for the mission that continues to grow. Today, more than 190 Brothers make up this Province (Uganda and South Sudan).

The number of establishments entrusted to the Brothers is also constantly increasing, with, for example, in October 2025, the arrival of the Brothers in Lira in northern Uganda.

The Major Superiors of the Congregation, who will meet in Kisubi next September with the General Government, will participate in the centenary celebrations.



Laying of the foundation stone of the future Home for Elderly Brothers, October 1, 2025



View of the Assembly on October 1, 2025

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AMERICAS



MEXICO - Huatusco: Noah's Ark



An activity at Noah's Ark

Noah's Ark is not just a summer school: it's a place where children aged 5 to 14 discover their talents, make friends and have unforgettable experiences; and this year this was the case in particular thanks to karate, English, manual activities, cooking, sports, music and the expression of their emotions through the Creative Journal

Mennaisian spirituality in action: The experience of the Ark helps to live specifically Mennaisian traits in everyday life, thus:

- All the facilitators and workshop leaders have become messengers of joy and support, reminding everyone that a simple gesture can be a light in a child's life. **(Angel)**
- Each space of the Ark is a sacred meeting place, where we learn that playing, singing, cooking, and sharing are also ways of approaching the transcendent. **(Temple)**
- The Ark is also a refuge for children and artists who have found a place of rest for their souls, a place to heal the wounds of routine, shyness and worry. **(Hospital)**
- Beyond from the walls of the John Paul II Center, organizers carried the Ark to six nearby rural communities, transforming the project into a bridge that touches hearts where such offers are rare. **(Frontier)**
- At a time when many summer activities focused solely on entertainment or study, Noah's Ark, by combining instruction and education, offered something different: a space for coexistence, learning, and human growth, inspired by values that shape and transform. **(Alternative)**



"The most precious thing is not the activities, but the laughter, the hugs and the magic of sharing simple moments"

18 years of history: In 2025, Noah's Ark celebrated its 18th anniversary. For nearly two decades, it has accompanied generations of children, many of whom return today as leaders to give back what they received.

"Noah's Ark is a seed that grows, multiplies and continues to be an alternative for education and hope in Huatusco."

An everlasting souvenir: Noah's Ark 2025 taught us that living intensely in the present is the greatest gift of all. In a Mennaisian spirit, we learned that being angels in the lives of others, reaching beyond borders and proposing alternatives, helps keep this mission alive.

In the end, what matters most are children: their laughter, their bright eyes and their spontaneous words that disarm and enchant.

"Thanks to them, the Ark continues to sail, reminding us that life has meaning when it is shared."

HAITI: Annual Retreat from August 3 to 10



Group of Brothers in Pétiön-Ville



Group of Brothers in Les Cayes

The insecurity generated by the activity of armed gangs has led to a slowdown in traffic between the capital and other cities in the province. In Port-au-Prince itself, waves of kidnappings continue to claim victims. For all these reasons, the Brothers of the Saint-Louis Gonzague Province celebrated the retreat, grouped in two different locations. The Brothers from the north (Cap-Haïtien and Ouanaminthe) and those from the south (Jacmel, La Vallée, Cayes) met in Les Cayes, with the Franciscans. The Brothers from the communities in the metropolitan area (Turgeau, Delmas, Pétiön-Ville) met at the juniorate in Pétiön-Ville. The preacher, Brother Hervé Zamor, Superior General, spoke from Rome via videoconference with both groups. In Pétiön-Ville, a Salesian priest provided chaplaincy services; in Les Cayes, this service was provided by the Franciscans.

The end of the retreat was marked by the renewal of vows by many young Brothers and the commitment of the LAM (Lay Mennaisian Associates) for two years.

CHILE: Brother Nico Urreta



During the months of July and August, I had the opportunity to live with the Brothers of Chile, sharing the life of the communities and visiting friends and acquaintances of the Brothers. Thank you for the Mennaisian life shared and lived in Chile!



EUROPE



SPAIN - Nanclares de la Oca: The Assembly of the Laity and the golden wedding anniversary of three Brothers

On July 27, 2025, the Assembly of Lay People and Brothers of the Province of Nuestra Señora del Pilar (Spain) took place in Nanclares de la Oca, followed by the golden wedding anniversary of three Brothers.

Brother Provincial Carlos Capellán invited Brothers and Lay People to pray and share some information about the Province of Nuestra Señora del Pilar: changes in the organization and animation of the Province, recent news. An annual retreat of the Brothers followed this festive day of the Mennaisian family in the Province of Nuestra Señora del Pilar.



From left to right, Brothers José Ángel F. Sobrino, Joaquín Grijalvo and José Antonio Morante

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SPAIN - Nanclares de la Oca: Ministry of Time



Participants in the Mennaisian Camps – July 2025

From July 15th to 26th, various summer camps took place in Spain. More than 150 young people, aged between 8 and 19, participated, from schools in Bilbao, Madrid, and Portugalete. On July 18th, the youngest students joined the **"Ministry of Time"** in Nanclares de la Oca, along with their Primary II classmates. They attempted to solve various puzzles and mysteries that took place at different times in history.

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FRANCE - Paris: Jubilee of Consecrated Life in France

On September 6 and 7, 2025, several hundred consecrated people (apostolic and monastic religious life, hermits, secular institutes, consecrated widows, consecrated virgins and consecrated lay people within associations of the faithful) from all over France gathered in Paris for a national Jubilee, in connection with the Holy Year.



Some 16 Brothers from the Province of St. John the Baptist decided to join the 800 religious men and women who traveled to Paris to participate in these two days of celebration and reflection.

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This major spiritual event, under the theme "Pilgrims of Hope on the Path to Peace," took place in the form of a three-stage pilgrimage through symbolic places of the Catholic Church in the capital: Notre-Dame Cathedral, Saint-Eustache Church, Saint-Sulpice Church and the Basilica of the Sacred Heart of Montmartre. This highlight was experienced as a time of prayer, fraternity and mission.

POLYNESIA



TAHITI AND THE MARQUESAS

As delegate of the Brother Superior General for Polynesia, Brother Gildas Prigent visited the area from August 23 to September 6, 2025. This visit was the occasion for multiple meetings. The meeting of all the **Heads of Mennaisian schools**, first on site, and then all together, made it possible to renew ties and learn about the realities and challenges of education today in Polynesia. Maintaining the Congregation's supervision over schools historically linked to the Brothers remains a strong demand, both from the leaders of the local Church and the establishments.

The Mennaisian Family gathered in large numbers at the Lycée La Mennais on Saturday, August 30. This was an opportunity for the Brother Assistant to discuss the diminishing presence of the Brothers in this part of the world and the need to structure the Mennaisian Family more strongly. A reorganization, in the form of geographically located Mennaisian groups, should allow for local activities and more numerous meetings between Mennaisians from the same sector.

The Mennaisian Family Commission (CAFAM), already well organized, would see its role increase not only in the coordination of the activities of the different groups but also in their animation and the training of members of the Mennaisian Family.

In Polynesia, the Brothers have a long-standing presence in **various movements and associations serving children and young people**. Today, many Mennaisian laypeople are present there and continue to uphold this tradition. The Brother Delegate was able to meet, in particular, with the leaders of the MEJ (Eucharistic Youth Movement) and the FSCF (French Sports and Cultural Federation). All were encouraged to continue this educational service, which is highly valued by families, especially for sports and leisure activities. These organizations also contribute to the training of young leaders to lead summer camps.



The directors of the Mennaisian schools



Meeting of the Mennaisian Family at the Lycée La Mennais



With the leaders of MEJ Tahiti

Young Brothers.... On the way



Students at La Mennais Primary School, Lantuka

On the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the congregation's arrival in Indonesia, a District-specific application was developed on which the Brothers were invited to share their stories: their life journey, their formation, and their apostolic experiences. Here are some excerpts from these life stories!



Brother Israel DE OCAMPO

Brother Israel is a Filipino brother. He is currently the second-year postulancy director in San José, Philippines. He teaches at Saint Antony College (SAC), a large educational institution in San José City. Brother Israel is also responsible for the vocation ministry for the Philippines.

The charism that Venerable De La Mennais received from God to be an image of Jesus, the Master to the children and young people is our service to the Church and the Community where the Brothers are. Whether we are in school or in a house of formation, the mission is to bring these young people closer to Jesus Christ which is a journey of a lifetime. Here comes the two challenges that each Brother is facing. First is **BEING AVAILABLE TO THE SERVICE OF EDUCATION** and part of it is to challenge the young people to choose the path of growth and development in all aspects of their lives. And the second is **TO BE GOOD EXAMPLE** especially in terms of faith, hope, charity, humility and sacrifice.

The extraordinary spirit of the Founder, Fr. John Maria de la Mennais, was the guiding light that illuminated my formation journey at that time. He inspired me with his true vocation to serve children and young people, watering my heart with a spirit of love and dedication. **IN EVERY STEP I TOOK, I BELIEVE AND TRUST THE PRAYERS OF FATHER DE LA MENNAIS WERE ALWAYS SURROUNDING ME, GUIDING MY STEPS AND THOSE OF THE BROTHERS WITH WISDOM AND WARMTH.** The call to serve, especially children and young people, is not only a duty, but also a gift and a joy. In formation, I felt the seeds of this ministry flourishing, nurtured by the passion that flowed from the heart of Father de la Mennais. Every step forward was colored by the light of love and service, as if continuing the journey started by the Founder. Through his inspiration, I learned that service is not just a duty, but a sacred calling that brings meaning and blessings to life as a brother.



Brother Adrianus ANDI

Brother Andi is an Indonesian Brother. He has just made his perpetual profession and completed his English studies. He teaches at SDK La Mennais in Lantuka. He is also responsible for aspirants.



Brother Paskalis HERON

Brother Paskalis is a young Indonesian Brother, in his third year of scholasticate in Yogyakarta. He is attending the city's Major Seminary.



Students from Indonesia during a reflection dynamic

John Maria de La Mennais once said "experience is the best teacher, but only if we are able to reflect on it through the lens of faith and wisdom". **FOR HIM, SELF-REFLECTION BUT ALSO EXPERIENCE IS AN ESSENTIAL PART OF OUR PROCESS OF BECOMING FULLY HUMAN.** This process of becoming fully human involves all aspects of our lives. The invitation is clear, let's become new human beings and be part of a person who is able to interpret life in whatever form it takes.

Entering the community has also made me understand more about the life of a religious. I had heard that being a religious meant leaving everything behind. In my mind at that time, "everything" meant maybe only parents, relatives and so on. For me, it was not a big problem because I was used to living in a boarding school, and I had experienced being away from my parents from junior high to high school. **LEAVING EVERYTHING BEHIND ALSO MEANS LEAVING BEHIND ALL MY EGO AND WORLDLY AMBITIONS IN ORDER TO HUMBLY FOLLOW JESUS TOTALLY.** It means that the obsession and purpose of life must be directed towards God. Leaving everything behind also means trying to always present God in all my life decisions.



Brother Faby is an Indonesian Brother from the Kupang community. He has just completed his studies as a Catholic religion teacher (religion is a compulsory subject in primary schools). Brother Faby currently works in vocation ministry in Indonesia.

Brother Fabianus LAGUR

Brother Alexander, also known as Richard, is a young Indonesian Brother in his third year of scholasticate studies in Yogyakarta. He also attends the Major Seminary of Yogyakarta, near the community.

Every individual has potential in his or her vocation. However, most people do not realize their calling clearly. The most important thing to find a calling is about a meaningful life and purpose. And the question is, are we happy with our current calling in life? **IF WE LIVE OUR CALLING WELL, LIVE IT ACCORDINGLY, WE WILL FIND AND FEEL PEACE WITHIN OURSELVES. LIFE'S CALLING IS A UNIQUENESS AND ALSO A PRIVILEGE THAT GOD GIVES TO EACH PERSON AND SHOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR.**

Brother Alexander DARSOBOLI WOKAL



Spain: Mennaisian Lay Associates (LAM) "give freely what you have received freely"

We are **Marisol and Alfonso**, LAM. Our story is truly a gift: a family in which we grew in faith, a journey of faith connected with others, and an opportunity to develop our vocation as Mennaisian educators.

As a couple, and with our daughters, we are happy to be able to see that the dream of Jesus of Nazareth and Jean-Marie de la Mennais—to live as "brothers and sisters"—is possible. We experience this knowing that we belong to a family larger than our blood family: the Mennaisian Family.

Within this community, with other lay people and Brothers, we share faith, life, and mission. In this context, when the Congregation proposed the possibility of welcoming lay people as Lay Associates, we felt called to enter into this process.

The year of formation and discernment was an opportunity to grow with others and discover what this calling meant.

At the end of this process, individually and as a couple, we decided to make a public commitment to the Brothers and Laity, to the Mennaisian Family, to live our lives according to the style of Jean-Marie de la Mennais, committed with others to the education of children and young people.



Mennaisian Family meeting at Santo Domingo de la Calzada

This commitment is a path of personal growth, an opportunity to live the Mennaisian project more intensely and with shared responsibility. It is, above all, a great opportunity to give life, with others, to this project, to "sow much" (JM), to "give freely what we have received freely" (Mt 10:8).

Marisol Martín and Alfonso Blázquez

Rome: Presentation of the Mennaisian Family Survey at the General Conference

On Wednesday, September 24, the Mennaisian Family Office participated in the General Conference (meeting of Major Superiors) in Rome. Yvette Méus, a member of this office, presented, online from Haiti, the **results of the survey** on the Mennaisian Family that was conducted at the beginning of this year 2025.



View of the General Conference assembly

Linking this to the decisions and guidelines of the last General Chapter in 2024, she particularly highlighted:

- The role of the Mennaisian Family Animation Commissions in the Provinces and Districts, whatever their names are. They have a mission of coordination, animation, training, links with local groups... There are now 6 of them, but it is necessary to create them elsewhere, as has just been done in French Polynesia.
- The celebration of a Mennaisian Family Day in half of the Institute's entities, on different dates.
- The importance of local groups. Often known as Mennaisian fraternities or under other names, they are found in many countries of the Mennaisian Family. These groups meet periodically to pray together, build fraternal bonds, and share in the mission of the Institute. A call is made to continue the journey by animating and supporting the birth and growth of new local Mennaisian groups.
- The existence of Lay Mennaisian Associates (LAM) in 6 countries. The objective set by the Chapter is to promote training and discernment for those who wish to become LAM. It is also to organize the Association at different levels.





Young participants with their guides

Metanoia

Mennaisian training process for young people

Metanoia is a formation process for young Mennaisians in South America (District of Divine Providence: Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, and Uruguay). Personal work, sharing with the Brothers' community, meetings at the District level... a process that helps them discover God's passage in their lives from a Mennaisian perspective. Today, some young people from Montevideo would like to share their experience with us.

THANK YOU !

Mercedes

23 years old. Biotechnology student. Former student of the College and member of the Community of Young Mennaisians (CJM) of Montevideo.

Metanoia was an incredible experience. Not only did it help me connect more deeply with my faith and God, but it also helped me stay connected to school. It was a space to stop, look within, and share with others who were going through the same thing.

The best thing, without a doubt, has been the people with whom I have shared the journey: the meetings, the discussions and everything we have experienced together over the years.

If I had to sum up Metanoia in one sentence, I would say that it is a time to reconnect with yourself, with God and with the community.

I would say to any young Mennaisian to dare to live it, because it is an experience that touches you, makes you grow and connects you with people who want to share the same path.

Franco

26 years old. Chartered accountant, Former student of the college and member of the Young Mennaisians (CJM) community of Montevideo.

"Metanoia gave me the gift of taking the time to reflect on myself, which allowed me to discover a facet of my life and my relationship with God that I had explored very little before.

It also allowed the formation of a group of people in which, despite generational differences, we were able to come together through training and the sharing of Mennaisian experience and values beyond the years spent at high school.

The path of Metanoia is unlike any other, but it allows for personal transformation on many levels and a new way of accessing God; and that is why I recommend that all those who are invited take the opportunity to experience it.

Melanie

I am 28 years old. I have a degree in translation and am a certified English teacher. I am a former student of College La Mennais, where I also have the pleasure of teaching now.

"School has always been like a second home to me.

Being part of the metanoia process has allowed me to learn much more about the Mennaisian community and has brought me closer to God in a very thoughtful and different way.

I changed my image of God; I was able to see a God who accompanies and transforms certain beliefs that inhabited me. I was able to experience this process alongside a group of wonderful people: those who lived the process with me, and the training facilitators. If I had to describe the path of Mennaisian metanoia for young people in one sentence, it would be: "the transformation of faith."

"I am so grateful for this opportunity and experience. Thank you, thank you again!"

Young people with two people who are escorting them in the chapel of the La Mennais school in Montevideo



Brother Nicolas Mediavilla (1946-2002)



The Saint Francis Xavier District has just celebrated its 25th anniversary in Indonesia. Brother Nicolás Mediavilla was one of the first four Brothers to arrive in Larantuka in 2000.

Brother Nico was born on March 12, 1946, in Amaya (Burgos). He committed himself to living his baptismal consecration as a Mennaisian Brother forever on the day of his perpetual profession in his hometown, August 15, 1975. He died suddenly and quickly, a victim of malaria, on the island of Flores (Indonesia), on December 30, 2002.

Brother Nico loved humility; he was a simple man, with an easy smile, a man of prayer. A brother, a teacher, a friend

of young people, he stood alongside the poor and expressed with his words and his fingers the mystery that seduced him, and that his gaze could not conceal: he was deeply in love with his Lord Jesus. Thus, he arrived in Indonesia in January 2000. For him, the Lord was his only treasure. There was no possession of value in his room in Larantuka. He lived to go where his Lord desired, regardless of the suffering and insecurity that might be implied.



Nico, young Brother, left, teacher in Reinosa. School year 1969-1970



1st community in Larantuka in 2000

Nico was a born teacher, a mathematician devoted to evangelization, a friend and brother, a humble servant, unconditionally available, welcoming, hardworking, and always eager to learn. At the end of his life, he lived at the Darius School in Larantuka, on the island of Flores (Indonesia).

Like Jesus, he accepted his death with peace and faith. Brother Nico's remains rest in Larantuka, on the island of Flores, where he always wanted to be, close to the community, with the people, in simplicity. From there, he attracts many people who come to his grave to pray, light candles, and enjoy his tenderness, his smile, and his attentiveness. He looks at us smiling, opens his eyes, raises his finger, as usual, and says: "I am alive! I am alive! Don't look for me among the dead. You will find me

in the laughter of the poor and the little ones, in the classrooms, on the street corners of the neighborhood, and at recess. I am where I worked hard and lived, among the simple people, the young people and their dreams, my family, my brothers, and in the laughter of this people. I am more alive than ever, beyond space and time, and I say to you: Always be joyful, never be afraid."



The General Council, accompanied by some Indonesian Brothers and several young postulants, prays around the tomb of Brother Nico. July 4, 2025

Achievements, Construction sites and projects underway in Uganda



Kabojja

Blessing of the first part of the future residence of the Brothers for the secondary school of Kabojja

Attiak, District Zombo

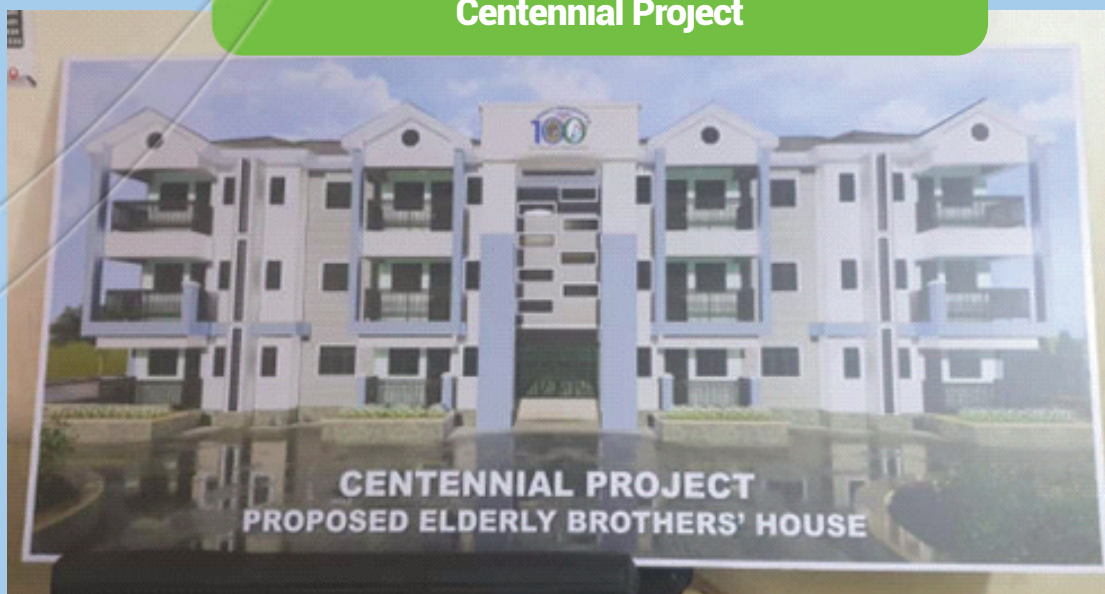
The Bishop of Nebbi blessed the new community house and inaugurated the Brothers' oratory



Girls' dormitory under construction. Caltec Academy

Kampala, Marekere - Caltec Academy

Centennial Project



A project for the centenary of the Congregation in Uganda (1926-2026): residence for elderly Brothers in Kisubi

General Chapter of the Daughters of Providence of St-Brieuc

"Gathered around the tomb of Father de la Mennais, we experienced during this Chapter of June 2025, a significant moment in our history. Providence calls us to move forward with confidence as our journey as an Institute seems to be entering its "phase of accomplishment"...Leaving what was...to welcome what is coming..."

(Sister Louise Touchette, Superior General).

Lifelines for the years to come:

- **Welcoming into the Church a new path of life**, accompanied by an Apostolic Assistant, appointed by the Dicastery for Consecrated Life: Brother Yannick Houssay. This choice gives us security and offers us the chance to live our Mennaisian spirituality by continuing to transmit it, notably to the Sisters of Nebbi.
- **Nourishing our commitment and our mission from our heritage**, made up of our charism and our goods, remaining the Daughters of Providence, wherever we are, open to the world.
- **Implementing a strategy to enable the sisters of the Nebbi association** to gradually become autonomous: continue to train the sisters humanly, spiritually and professionally, developing and supporting the mission...

"May this new stage be lived in peace, hope and the certainty that your life and your commitment have eternal value."

(Br. Yannick Houssay, Apostolic Assistant)



The Sisters around the tomb of Jean-Marie de la Mennais

Canonization of Carlo Acutis and Giorgio Frassati



Carlo Acutis

Pope Leo XIV, surrounded by cardinals, decreed the canonization of Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati during his first public consistory. Scheduled for Sunday, April 27, this canonization had been postponed due to the death of Pope Francis. It was celebrated in Rome on September 7.

Pier Giorgio Frassati was a young layman from Turin at the beginning of the 20th century, involved in politics and helping the poor, while Carlo Acutis lived at the end of the 20th century and is considered one of the first Internet missionaries.

This Sunday, September 7, Saint Peter's Square resounded with joy: two figures dear to the universal Church officially entered the procession of saints! The common canonization The presence of these two young saints has the value of a sign. As if the Church wanted to demonstrate that holiness makes its way across centuries and contexts, that it takes on multiple faces, but retains the same heart. Their message is clear: holiness is not an unattainable ideal, it is a universal vocation.



Pier Giorgio Frassati



In St. Peter's Square, before the canonization ceremony

Pilgrims on the path of hope with young people with Pope Leo XIV

Centuries ago, Saint Augustine grasped the deep desire of our heart, which is the one of every human heart... He too experienced a tumultuous youth, but he was not content with that, he did not silence the cry of his heart. Augustine was seeking the truth, the truth that does not disappoint, the beauty that does not pass away. And how did he find it? By meeting the one who was already seeking him, by meeting Jesus Christ. How did he build his future? By following Him, his lifelong friend... Friendship with Christ, which is the basis of faith, is not just one help among many others for building the future, it is our North Star. [...]

Jesus is the friend who always accompanies us in the formation of our conscience. If you truly want to encounter the Risen Lord, listen to his word, which is the Gospel of salvation, reflect on your way of life and seek justice in order to build a more humane world. Serve the poor and thus bear witness to the good we would always like to receive from our neighbors. Be united to Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. Adore Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, the source of eternal life. Study, work, and love after the example of Jesus, the good Teacher who always walks beside us. [...]

Our hope is Jesus. It is He, as Saint John Paul II said, "who awakens in you the desire to make something great of your life, [...] to make yourselves better, to improve society, making it more human and more fraternal." Let us remain united to Him, let us remain in His friendship, always, cultivating it through prayer, adoration, Eucharistic communion, frequent confession, generous charity, as Blessed Piergiorgio Frassati and Carlo Acutis taught us... Aspire to great things, to holiness, wherever you are. Do not settle for less. You will then see the light of the Gospel grow every day, in you and around you.

Leo XIV, Youth Jubilee, Vigil and Mass at Tor Vergata, August 2, 2025



Group of young Mennaisians from the Province of Spain in Rome, during the Jubilee, August 2025