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Editorial

Serving the poorest!

"The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life" (Mark 10:45). Whom does he serve first? Those on the margins, on the fringes of society. Indeed, he heals lepers (Luke 17:11-19), he restores sight to the blind (Mark 10:46-52), he feeds crowds (John 6:1-13). He, the Master, washes the feet of his disciples (John 13:1-17); he welcomes and blesses children (Mark 10:13-16). How can we, today, Mennaisian laity and Brothers, learn from him, following in the footsteps of our Founders: Jean-Marie de la Mennais and Gabriel Deshayes?

Serving the poorest is part of the very DNA of our spiritual family. It is our reason for being. Moved by compassion for children and young people left to their own devices, who did not attend school, Jean-Marie de la Mennais and Gabriel Deshayes decided to found an institute of religious educators whose mission was "to provide the children of the people, especially those in the rural areas of Brittany, with truly pious teachers" (Treaty of Union, June 6, 1819). Faithful to their intuition, the "first Little Brothers" lived in poverty, sometimes lacking even the bare necessities. Faced with administrative difficulties regarding the subsidies granted to his schools, Jean-Marie de la Mennais pointed out to the authorities that their elimination or reduction threatened the very existence of his establishments, especially those in the smallest and poorest communities, which had been his primary focus when founding his Institute (CG VII, 171). To certain mayors, he reminds them that his institutions welcome all underprivileged children who come to them free of charge. To Brother Lucien, who is worried about the upcoming closure of his school, he reaffirms his preferential option for the most disadvantaged: "Even if we had lost our case, we would not have turned away the poor: they are sacred to us." (CG VI, 169). To the Brothers, he recommends paying special attention to the least virtuous and most difficult students. To those leaving for Guadeloupe and Martinique, he advises them to treat the slaves with great kindness.

Today, regardless of our age or state of health, Pope Leo XIV, in his first apostolic exhortation "Dilexi Te" and in his 2026 Lenten message, invites us to take concrete actions that demonstrate our love for the poor. Let us dare to answer his call.



Br. Hervé Zamor, SG
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Three Missionary Brothers from the Province of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus (Uganda – South Sudan)

This year, the Province of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus decided to contribute to the missionary efforts of the Institute. Following the example of the pioneers, three Ugandan Brothers agreed to leave their country to instruct, educate, and evangelize children and young people.

Since mid-January, Brother Festo Maditkwo has joined the mission in East Timor, and Brother Julius Mandella is in Paris learning French in preparation for service with the Institute. Brother Aloysius Ssekajigo is preparing to go to Spain to learn Spanish before joining his mission country in Argentina in January 2027.

Let us welcome the testimony of these three new missionaries.

Brother Julius Mandella,

« On January 10, 2026, I landed at Charles de Gaulle Airport in Paris. Brother Yannick Houssay, Provincial, Brother Michel Bouvais, Superior of the community, and the other members of the community warmly welcomed me in a spirit of brotherly love and joy. Currently, I am studying French at the Catholic University of Paris. ».



Brother Aloysius Ssekajigo, Spain

«By our vocation, we are missionaries. Like the Apostles and Christ himself, I am sent to proclaim the Gospel (Lk 4:18-19; Mk 6:7ff). Since the Lord has called me to serve children and young people in Argentina, my heart can only offer an unreserved YES to his will. I am happy to have this period of preparation in Spain because learning Spanish will allow me to fulfill the mission entrusted to me in Argentina».

Brother Festo Maditkwo, East Timor

«From the very first day, I was welcomed with great warmth and simplicity. I didn't feel like a stranger. Discovering a new culture, a new language, and a new way of life teaches me humility. I experience my missionary vocation as a gift and a call to serve with open-mindedness, trust, and gratitude.».

Brother Festo, first on the right, on the day of his arrival at the Manatuto community

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PROVINCIAL OR DISTRICT CHAPTERS

Since the 2024 General Chapter, each sector of the Congregation – according to the Rule of Life – has embarked on a journey to hold a Provincial or District Chapter. These Assemblies translate the guidelines of the last General Chapter into the realities of each sector and result in guidelines and decisions for the entire Mennaisian Family of the Province or District.

The latest Click Infos (No. 10 to 13) have already echoed the assemblies of the Provinces of Uganda and South Sudan, France-England, Canada-USA-Mexico, South America and finally West Africa.

In this new Click Infos, we focus on the latest Chapters that have taken place in recent months: Haiti, Spain, Asia.

Haiti – St. Louis-de-Gonzague Province

The Provincial Chapter took place at Pétion-Ville from the 26th to the 31st of December 2025. Her is one of the capitulants' testimony: *"The satisfaction and joy were evident on the faces of the Chapter members. Despite the deteriorating security situation, all delegates to the Chapter were able to attend. No incident disrupted the smooth running of this pivotal event in the life of our province. We entrust ourselves to Providence for what comes next. United in prayer."*



Capitulating Brothers in Pétion-Ville



Spain – Province Nuestra Señora del Pilar



After Christmas 2025, the Mennaisian Brothers and Laypeople of Spain celebrated a pre-capitular assembly and the Province chapter in Bilbao



Organized around six key themes (Experience of God, Mennaisian Family, Mission, Vocational Ministry, Prayer Life, Fraternal Life), all participants worked to synthesize the reflections undertaken by all the communities during the year 2025. They thus defined the objectives and action plans that served as a reference for the Brothers of the Chapter. "This journey breathes new life into our mission, because seeing lay people and Brothers dreaming together confirms that we form one large family."



Indonesia – Japan – Philippines: St. Francis Xavier District



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ASIA



The District Chapter



The highlight of 2025 was the holding of the 2nd Chapter of the St. Francis Xavier District in Yogyakarta from October 31 to November 3. Presided over by Brother Jean Paul Peuzé, First Assistant, the Chapter brought together 12 delegates (5 ex officio members and 7 elected members). Young Indonesian and Filipino Brothers constituted the majority, reflecting the District's growth. The Chapter worked from the reflections of the communities on six specific themes: vocation ministry, initial formation, studies for young Brothers, community life, apostolic mission, and the Mennaisian Family. Twenty-three guidelines were adopted; these will direct the District's activities for the coming years.

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A New Bishop in LARANTUKA

After 21 years as bishop, Bishop Fransiskus Kopong Kung submitted his resignation to Pope Leo XIV. He is succeeded by Bishop Yohanes Hans Monteiro. Bishop Monteiro was born on April 15, 1971, in Larantuka. A diocesan priest, he spent many years in Austria pursuing his studies (earning a doctorate in liturgy) and serving as a parish vicar. Upon returning to Indonesia, he worked as a professor and instructor in various major seminaries until his appointment as Bishop of Larantuka. We wish him a fruitful episcopate!

Bishop Yohannes Hans Monteiro



SDK La Mennais - Larantuka



After a decade of operation, during which priority was given to classroom buildings and the indoor sports field, La Mennais Primary School has begun construction of its administrative block. This will include the headteacher's offices, the secretariat, the bursar's office, as well as the teachers' room and the student infirmary. Several rooms are also planned for archiving and storing various materials.

**SDK La Mennais LARANTUKA,
construction of the
administration block**



AFRICA



UGANDA: a new mission and a new community

Comboni College, Ngeta Lira

For the past few months, the Brothers of the Province of St. Therese of the Child Jesus have been involved at Comboni College in Ngeta, near the city of Lira in northern Uganda. This college, founded in 1937, came under the patronage of St. Daniel Comboni in 1960 and has continued to grow, becoming a full-fledged secondary school that currently has 648 students and about sixty teachers.



Community of the Brothers: main building

Since October 3, 2025, Brother Hilary Byabasheija and Brother Kagoda Richard have become the new administrators of the College. They work closely with an active Board of Trustees, the members of the Parents' Association, the teaching staff, and the students they have joined at the school.



On January 1, 2026, the Provincial Superior and his Council sent two more brothers on mission: Brother Pius Zobole and Brother Francis Tumusiime. Thus, a team of four brothers is now responsible for the administration and running of the school. They now form a new community whose foundation has been approved by the Superior General and his Council.

SENEGAL – Diourbel: Paul VI College continues to grow

«Paul VI College in Diourbel, located 150 km from Dakar, the capital of the country, is a magnificent gem where Christians and Muslims live side by side. It is a fraternity that transcends religious divisions. Teachers and students alike contribute to the building of social cohesion, essential to Mennaisian education. Initially a small school, it has grown significantly with the opening of its first high school classes! New buildings have sprung up for both the college and the boarding facilities. The Brothers and Lay Mennaisians are always happy to share their human, spiritual, and professional experiences to better advance together on the Path of Fraternal Communion».



New building and sport ground

Br. Alexis Kombate. Headteacher

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RWANDA: Visit of the Superior General

«During this month, we had the honor of welcoming the Superior General of the Brothers of Christian Instruction of Ploërmel, who came to visit the communities and works of the Notre-Dame de Kibeho District (Rwanda). His stay was marked by moments rich in exchanges and sharing».



Brother Hervé with the Brothers and Postulants of Nyundo

He visited the schools run by the Brothers, where he met with students, teachers, and administrative staff. At each school, he took the time to listen, encourage, and reiterate the fundamental values of Christian education: respect, responsibility, and service. He also visited the Nyundo postulancy.

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IVORY COAST – Abidjan: Visit of the Cardinal-Archbishop

«On Saturday, February 7th, late in the morning, we had a pastoral visit from Cardinal Ignace Bessi Dogbo of Abidjan. It was a true joy to welcome him to our community. It was also an opportunity to introduce the members of the community and to recount the history of our arrival in Ivory Coast, while highlighting the key elements of our charism.»

Cardinal Ignace thanked the Brothers for their presence and their contribution to the mission of evangelization through catechesis in the various parishes and pastoral work (retreats, pilgrimages) with young people. He invited the Scholastic Brothers to continue their mission of formation with faith and hope. He also encouraged the community to redouble its efforts in the face of the challenge of vocation ministry and not to hesitate to go to the peripheries to invite young people to follow Christ in the manner of Jean-Marie de la Mennais. Before leaving, he blessed us and assured us of his support».



The Scholastics and their formators around the Cardinal

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Brother Alexandre Diop
Brother Wilfried Fara



AMERICAS



MEXICO - Huatusco: "Sowing in hope"



The event organizers

From February 13 to 15, 2026, the **Vocation Pastoral (VP) Leaders' Day of the Ecclesiastical Province of Xalapa** took place. Approximately 150 VP leaders from the eight dioceses that comprise this province gathered for this event. A body dedicated to formation and ecclesial communion proposed, within the synodal framework, the ever-relevant theme **"SOWING IN HOPE,"** in order to be mediators of God's call to new generations. Our role is to ask for seeds and plant them; God takes care of the harvest. The second meeting was held on the weekend of February 21 and 22 at the John Paul II Center – Mennaisian Center – Huatusco.

CANADA: "Discoveries 2026" Meeting

On February 7 and 8, the third edition of the "Discoveries" weekend at the "Pavillon au bord de l'Eau" in Laval, Quebec, was a joyful, meaningful, and fruitful gathering, open to all Mennaisians at heart who wished to explore together the demanding challenge of **FRATERNITY**. Present in their dozens, either in person or remotely, Brothers and lay people were able to savor this experience.



Thanks to our facilitators: Julie, who helped us to better understand our own space and that of others in our interpersonal relationships; Michel, Martine, Claude and Arlette, moving witnesses, who invited us to take the risk of difference and openness; and Father Christian, who encouraged us to launch the call to risk the fraternity of the Gospel.

CHILE - Culiprán – Retreat led by Fr. Hervé Zamor



The Brothers of the District of Divine Providence with Brother Hervé Zamor at the Sanctuary of Lo Vásquez

The Brothers of the District of Divine Providence held their annual retreat from January 3rd to 9th. The retreat was led by Brother Hervé Zamor (Superior General) and focused on **fraternal life in community** and the new text of the **Chapter 6 of the Rule of Life**. Following the retreat, the entire district renewed its consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary at the Lo Vásquez Shrine. Several young Bolivians also participated in the retreat, along with a group of lay people who joined online.



Mass at the end of the retreat in the Chapell of Culiprán



On the left, Brother Ange; on the right, Brother Walter; and in the center, Yamil (postulant), accompanied by Álvaro and John (young Bolivians)



EUROPE



FRANCE – Two key moments to experience fraternity and ecclesial communion



February 2nd - Day of Consecrated Life at the Monastery of Our Lady of Joy

In the same spirit of celebrating the Church as Communion, and to mark the Day of Consecrated Life celebrated annually on February 2nd, the Brothers of the Mother House and the Sisters of Kermaria—two communities located in Ploërmel—joined the Cistercian nuns of the **Monastery of Our Lady of Joy in Campénéac**. The day was marked by fraternal fellowship and the celebration of the Eucharist together, as well as a time of relaxation and sharing.

Christmas Session in Ploërmel

As every year, the Brothers of the Province of Saint John the Baptist gathered in a festive and fraternal atmosphere from December 26 to 28, around the **social doctrine of the Church**, to reflect together on the challenges we are called to face today.



SPAIN - 40th anniversary of the Berrio Otxoa Asti Biltokia Association

To commemorate the 40th anniversary of the Berrio-Otxoa Asti Biltokia youth association, a series of very special events were organized. On Friday, February 6, 2026, the celebration of a mass was a wonderful opportunity to come together, remember, and celebrate all that had happened over the years.



Sunday, February 8th, was a day of celebration with all the families and many children who are now part of Asti Biltokia. A celebration of the Word at the end of the day was the highlight of the festivities, a moment filled with emotion and gratitude.



ITALY – Rome: 10th Tutti Fratelli meeting

Ever since the year of Consacrated Life announced by Pope Francis (November 30, 2014 – February 2, 2016), the group of Brothers, Tutti Fratelli, meets annually to celebrate the gift of the vocation to religious brotherhood in the Church. The group brings together members of Congregations of Brothers, present in Rome. This was the tenth annual meeting. More than 80 Brothers from various Institutes participated, among them, about ten from our Congregation. The keynote speaker was Brother Ugo, member of the Institute of «Christian Brothers», on the theme of "The culture of encounter."

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Group of the Brothers in the Chapell of the Lassallian Brothers



POLYNESIA



165 years of Mennaisian presence



Celebration at La Mennais High School



January 24, 2026. Brothers, Heads of Institutions, Mennaisian Family Animation Committee...

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On October 17, 2025, the La Mennais College-High School in Papeete celebrated the **165th anniversary of the Brothers' arrival in Polynesia**. To mark the occasion, students and staff gathered for festive Eucharistic celebrations, with high school students at the school and middle school students at the nearby Maria No Te Hau Church. Adults and students alike attested to the atmosphere of sharing, reflection, and joy that characterized these celebrations. The evening's 165th anniversary celebration was a memorable one for all involved, both for the shared joy and the quality of the various performances.

At the beginning of 2026, on **January 24th**, representatives from all components of the Mennaisian Family in Tahiti and the Marquesas Islands gathered at Maria No Te Hau: the communities of Brothers, the schools and residences, and the various groups, movements, and fraternities. In addition to giving thanks for **165 years of the Mennaisian presence in Polynesia**, they committed themselves to the mission, both today and for the future. The seed sown in Polynesia has sprouted and grown into a large tree with many branches. For 165 years, the Brothers, later joined by numerous lay people, have worked to educate and evangelize, a mission they wish to continue together.

Preschool section in Faa'a



Since August 2025, Saint-Hilaire School in Faa'a has written a new chapter in its history with the opening of its nursery. A project eagerly awaited by families, it has already been a great success: 85 children began the new school year in its first year. Four classrooms welcome young children. Located in the heart of Faa'a, Tahiti, the school, which now has 510 students, reaffirms its dynamism and commitment to Polynesian families. A promising opening... and the beginning of significant growth for Saint-Hilaire.



Karine Giraud. Director

EAST TIMOR

«The Manatuto community welcomed Brother Festo, a Brother from Uganda, who arrived on January 19th. He took a Tetum language course in Dili and is continuing his studies within the community, while also taking opportunities to meet people. Brother Philippe and I are involved in teaching; he teaches Portuguese at the high school, and I teach English at the middle school. We are happy to contribute to the education and formation of the young people at the school. Our community is vibrant, and we are open to meeting and exchanging ideas with the people of Manatuto».

Br. Stéphane Le Pape



Brother Stéphane in class

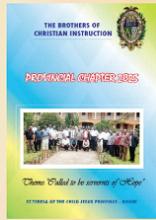


Brother Philippe teaching Portuguese

Brother Festo's arrival in Dili

Called to be servants of hope

This was the theme of the General Chapter in 2024, which also inspired the directions taken by each Province and District, according to their own specific circumstances.



1.- CHAPTERS: TIME FOR LISTENING, DIALOGUE AND DISCERNMENT

«Personally and in community, in the Congregation and the Mennaisian Family, to practice discernment. To discover, through listening and dialogue, what the Lord expects of us for today and on what paths we must advance in the Church and the world of our time.» CG 20,2



Chapter of the Nuestra Señora del Pilar Province - Spain



A moment of relaxation during the Chapter of the Province of St. Louis de Gonzague - Haiti

2.- CHAPTERS: SHARING OF EXPERIENCES

«To share our fraternal experience in order to be servants, pilgrims, and prophets of hope and to radiate it within educational communities.» CG 22,1



St. Francis Xavier District Chapter - Asia

3.- CHAPTERS: TESTIMONY OF FRATERN LIFE

«In community, we put ourselves at the service of one another in daily life, to take care and to build a true fraternity.

For us, the new wine represents the joy of living together, fraternal life, and communion. Thus we will be "callers," prophets, and signs of the Kingdom of God.» CG 21,1





Lay members of the Mennaisian Family – Chapter of the Divine Providence District (South America)

4.- CHAPTERS: BROTHERS AND LAY PEOPLE LIVING 'IN THE MENNAISIAN FAMILY MODE'

«Working towards the development of the Mennaisian family”, a sign of hope for children, young people, and families. Our joy and enthusiasm become a call and a challenge to those around us. This is what it means to be servants of hope.» CG 22,2



Chapter of the Province St Jean-Baptiste - France

5.- CHAPTERS: TO SERVE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

«Called to the service of the education of children and young people, to develop, within our educational communities, our readiness to help, listen to, and support them by offering them a holistic formation that includes the head, the heart, and the hands.» CG 21,2



Chapter of the Province of St. Therese of the Child Jesus - Uganda and South Sudan



6.- CHAPTERS: SHARED SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCE

«We are called first and foremost to listen to Jesus” This requires a spiritual renewal to encounter him in prayer, reading, and meditation on the Word of God. Today, as at Cana, Jesus needs servants so that his "hour" may come and his salvation may be manifested.» CG 20,3

St. Paul District Chapter West Africa



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



The Capitular Assembly of the Mennaisian Family of October 21-24, composed of 26 Lay People and 13 Brothers, set itself the objective of reflecting on some questions developed during three Mennaisian evenings experienced in three different locations in May and June 2025.

From the beginning of our assembly, Brothers and Lay people "called" by the Coordination of the Mennaisian Family, divided themselves into 6 groups around questions.

Thanks to the diversity of the members, the discussions were very enriching. Everyone felt free to express their thoughts, be heard, and listen to different perspectives. We talked a lot about training, but also about the importance of building bridges between the various entities within the Mennaisian family. Getting to know each other better will allow us to be more open to everyone and more committed to the educational mission, whether in schools or other educational organizations.



Group work

After three days of discussions, conducted in a spirit of great fellowship, the participants: —school principals, members of Mennaisian fraternities, volunteers from Estival or Assific, Brothers, guardianship delegates, formators, and others— got to know each other better. The work in working groups, then in thematic committees, and finally in plenary session, led to the drafting of these proposals.

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At the conclusion of this assembly, a great joy filled the hearts of everyone present. There was also pride in having agreed on what will strengthen ties and build bridges between the individuals and institutions of the Mennaisian Family in France.

The feedback was unanimous: we experienced that living within this family gives renewed energy to the mission entrusted to us. For some who have been Mennaisians for years, this feeling had never been so strong... It was a time of celebration, a time of prayer, a time for sharing, for discernment. The Spirit was at work... Much remains to be done. But the fraternal spirit and the commitment of each and every one of us will allow us to take decisive steps toward the future.

Brother Yannick Houssay, Provincial Superior

Retreat of the Mennaisian Family of the Grand Sud, La Vallée de Jacmel



Dear Brothers and Lay people of the Mennaisian Family, we give thanks to the Lord for giving us the joy of gathering for three days, from February 16 to 19, 2026, for our spiritual retreat around the theme: "Brothers on the way, servants of charity", which allowed us to deepen our faith in God.

During this retreat, we had the grace to be accompanied by Reverend Father Jean-Claude Lauture, Parish Priest of Saint-Jean-Baptiste de la Vallée, who helped us to enter into this important time with a renewed spirit, open to listening to God and to inner conversion.

With Father Stevenson Vaillant, vicar of the Sacred Heart Parish of Musac, we experienced powerful moments through the celebration of the Eucharist, the sacrament of reconciliation, the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and teachings which helped us to put into practice essential values such as tolerance, understanding, compassion, gentleness, gratitude and fraternity.



We leave with powerful words from our Parish Priest and our Brother Provincial, inviting us to allow God to transform us during this Lenten season, while continuing to be good and faithful servants of charity in our respective fraternities and in our various mission locations.

Mrs. Émilienne, Fraternity of La Vallée

Haiti: A neighborhood school in Port-au-Prince

Gobolino Modern Institution: A school in the heart of Siloé..



Group of students

«To educate a child is to teach them to do without us.»

I am Yvette Pierre Louis MEUS, a Mennaisian Lay Associate of the Province of Saint Louis de Gonzague. A French language and catechism teacher at the Saint Louis de Gonzague Institution since 2003, I have always been passionate about the education of children and young people.

After the devastating 2010 earthquake, I witnessed the critical need for education in the Siloé neighborhood of Delmas, which lacked a public school. With my husband's support, I founded the Gobolino Modern Institution, a preschool and elementary school for children whose parents couldn't afford to enroll them in nearby private schools. **Today, the school has about one hundred students:** approximately 40 children in preschool (ages 2-3 and up), and about 60 in elementary school.

The teachers are mostly young university graduates or students. The school, although secular and private, is deeply inspired by the Mennaisian charism and pedagogical advancements. Children are considered active participants in their learning, within a caring and positive educational environment, with Jesus at the center. Spiritual life punctuates the school year: teacher training, Masses, mini-retreats during Advent, Christmas, and Lent, prayers, and Christian reflections. We strive to live the three pillars of Mennaisian education: to instruct, to educate, and to evangelize. The Brothers of the Province are familiar with and support this work through their visits, guidance, and sometimes financial assistance (a scholarship for a child, construction of the premises begun in 2022). In Port-au-Prince, two other schools run by Mennaisian Lay Associates have already been operating for over twenty years. They are recognized as ECAFIC (Schools affiliated with the Brothers of Christian Instruction) by the Province. Our mission is part of this dynamic: to offer the children of Siloé a quality education, rooted in faith and open to the future.

Yvette Méus



A class at work

Mennaisian Young Adults

FRANCE-RWANDA: educational partnership in Kirambo

From February 4th to 19th, 2026, an educational partnership, between Rwandan high school students from Kirambo, and French high school students from the Lycée St François d'Assise in Savenay, France, took place in Kirambo. Brother Olivier Migot, who accompanied the group, tells us about it:

"Welcome to the Teacher Training College (TTC) in Kirambo, a Mennaisian Teacher Training College preparing future teachers in Rwanda! This is the fourth year that the **Saint Francis of Assisi High School in Savenay,** France, has established an educational partnership with the TTC: what better way for French and Rwandan high school students to meet than through this educational service? We were welcomed with a wonderful sense of family into the community of six Brothers, in their home, like lifelong friends."

For two weeks, 16 young French Students were introduced to the teaching profession in a spirit of camaraderie that truly fostered this shared mission. Just like the Rwandan high school students, each young person from Savenay completed their internship in kindergarten and primary school classrooms across three schools, where they could apply, experiment with, and learn pedagogy.

A true initiation also into the spiritual life of the teacher and into the interculturality that our world so desperately needs.

No amount of thanks is enough for all the support from the Rwandan Brothers, which touches the young people deeply.



High school students at the Brothers' community



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Pedagogical Experience

165 years of FIC presence in Polynesia

On October 17, 1860, five Brothers of Christian Instruction arrived in Tahiti from Ploërmel, France. The Superior, Brother Albert Marie, was 27 years old, and his companions were 19. On December 5, 1860, the first school opened in Paofai, in the former lancers' barracks. From the outset, the Brothers faced significant difficulties, particularly in their dealings with the local administration. These difficulties were gradually overcome, allowing for the establishment of new schools to fulfill their charism of educating and instructing young people. In 2025, eight Brothers of Christian Instruction lived in French Polynesia, spread across three communities in Tahiti (Papeete and Faaa) and one in the Marquesas Islands (Taiohae). With the help of numerous lay people, they ran eight schools.

«The works of God only grow in the shadows, and it is in the night that the dew of heaven falls» (Jean-Marie de la Mennais)

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EXPOSITION
"165 ANS DE PRÉSENCE DES FRÈRES EN POLYNÉSIE"
 DU 03-13 FÉVRIER 2026

Entrée libre et gratuite, possibilité de réservation pour des groupes
 Lundi /Mardi/Jeu/J/ Vendredi/Samedi : ouvert de 7h30 à 11h30.
 Mercredi : ouvert de 7h30 à 11h30 et de 12h30 à 15h30
 Espace : Salle des fêtes Paroisse Maria no te Hau. Mission-Papeete

Venez découvrir l'histoire de la mission éducative des Frères au service des familles et de l'Eglise Catholique de Polynésie de 1860 à aujourd'hui.

«For the 165th anniversary, people consulted with one another, dedicated themselves, and gave their time for the evening show (October 17, 2025), for the 165th anniversary mass (January 24, 2026), and for the exhibition (February 1-15, 2026). May these flowers bear abundant fruit.» Brother Xavier Frogier

Pilgrimage to Valparaiso, which welcomed the FIC in 1860 on their way to Tahiti

On January 9, 2026, at the end of the retreat, the Superior General, accompanied by the Brothers of the Divina Providencia District (South America), traveled to **Valparaiso, in Chile**, for a pilgrimage to the places where our Brothers, sent on mission to Tahiti by Jean-Marie de la Mennais in 1860, had stayed. They stopped at the **Marian Shrine** of Lo Vasquez to renew together the consecration of our Institute to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.



At the Marian Shrine of Lo Vasquez, the Brothers together renewed the consecration of our Institute to the Immaculate Heart of Mary



The Brothers' school, currently closed to the public, is on the right in the photo

Then, they went to the center of Valparaiso to the Church of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary for Mass and a visit. Adjacent to this church is the school where the Brothers were once housed and where they worked. Unfortunately, following the recent earthquakes, it was severely damaged and has since been sold to a university. Since public access was strictly forbidden, the Brothers followed in the footsteps, from a distance, of our Brothers who stayed in Valparaiso... 165 years ago!

Achievements, Construction Sites and Current Projects



Indonesia – Larantuka

New administrative block



Uganda: Kakooge



St. Jude Elementary School, New Boys' Dormitory

Uganda: Ibanda



Ste Therèse Primary School, Blessing of the new boys' dormitory



Uganda: Kasasa, Novitiate

Renovated building

Senegal: Diourbel



Renovation of the boarding Student's hostel



Uganda: Kabojja

SMAKA, Boarding School Construction Site

Daughters of Providence of Nebbi: Young comit themselves



The 3 Professed Sisters: Sabina, Loice and Felicity



Sisters Brenda and Eunice pronounced their first vows

«The celebration of the commitments took place at the cathedral of Nebbi, our parish, on December 8, 2025, in the presence of the founding bishop and the current bishop of the diocese of Nebbi: 2 Sisters signed their first commitments, just before receiving the veil, a sign of their consecration, and 3 other Sisters confirmed before the bishop their desire to commit themselves for life to the Daughters of Providence of Nebbi.»
Sister Louise Touchette, Superior General of the Daughters of Providence of St Brieuc

Nominations

At its last meeting, the General Government of the Congregation made several appointments to lead the Congregation. Click Infos is pleased to announce them to you.



Brother Wilfried FARA (Benin)
 Visitor of the District of Saint Paul (West Africa)



Brother Jean-Baptiste NDIAYE (Senegal)
 Deputy Secretary General



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The Government General also appointed the members of the International Commission of the Mennaisian Family for the next 3 years (2026-2029):



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Follow Jesus, our elder Brother

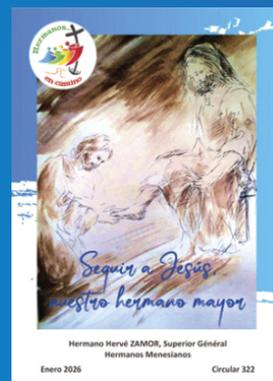
On Mount Horeb, the prophet Elijah seeks the Lord in the earthquake, the hurricane and the fire. But the Lord reveals himself in the gentle breeze (1 Kings 19:11-13). Very often, the same thing happens to us: we look for the Lord in important decisions, in the peak times of community life, while he reveals himself in everyday events: attention to a brother, discreet service, a word of encouragement. Elijah's experience, therefore, invites us to learn to encounter the Lord in the ordinary moments of our fraternal life. Our God is present in the brother who is hungry and thirsty, the stranger to be welcomed, the sick or the prisoner to be visited, the poor to be clothed (Mt 25:31-46).

The prophet Elijah teaches us to be always attentive to the needs of others. He gave food to the widow of Zarephath and raised her son from the dead (1 Kings 17:8-24). Our communities are therefore called to develop this same attention to others, especially the poorest. Setting up a tent for Elijah means keeping our doors and hearts open to brothers in need.

Elijah also teaches us the art of discernment. God is in the gentle breeze, not in the hurricane. During our community meetings, in our chapters and councils, do we know how to listen to the barely audible cry of a colleague, to the meaningful silence of those who no longer have the strength to raise their voices? Discernment sometimes requires patience and time. Elijah learned to wait for God's time. The seeds sown today will bear fruit for generations to come. Do we know how to commit ourselves, relying solely on God and abandoning ourselves to his Providence? Discerning the signs of the times is learned by listening to the wisdom of our elders and welcoming the prophecy of our young people. Fraternal life in community is the best school for such learning.

The prophet Elijah continues to encourage us to be open and receptive to the surprises of the Holy Spirit. He invites us to leave a place at our table, a space in our plans and schedules, a window open to the One who is always ready to make all things new. It is the Spirit who comes to our aid when our communal prayers open themselves to the joys, sufferings and expectations of the world, the Church and our Institute. He enables us to hope against all hope by opening our eyes, warming our hearts, and sharing with us the bread that allows us to set out again to join our brothers and sisters in Jerusalem (Lk 24:13-35). It is there that the Lord invites us to be witnesses of hope.

Circular 322, Brother Hervé Zamor, Superior General



Closing of the annual retreat of the Brothers of the Divina Providencia District in Culiprán (Chile)