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Sr Marie Reine Gauthier, General Councillor

"Your gates will always be open, they will never be closed, neither by day nor by night, so that the wealth of the nations may be brought into your house." (Is 60:11)

When we listen to the news, we witness upheaval on a global scale. Wars, disasters, droughts, famines and climatic incidents are taking place before our very eyes with appalling consequences for the people. Often having lost everything, entire families take to the road in search of safety, a better life and work to provide for their families.

This road is strewn with pitfalls, difficulties and people or groups who want to take advantage of their situation. At the borders, the reception is mixed. They face discrimination, arbitrary decision-making, illegal profiling and prolonged or arbitrary detention. When welcomed into a country,

their situation often remains precarious.

In his message for the World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2022, Pope Francis reminds us that building the Kingdom of God means building the future with migrants and refugees, recognizing and **valuing what each of them can bring to the building process.** *"The presence of migrants and refugees represents a great challenge, but also an opportunity for cultural and spiritual growth for all. Thanks to them, we have the possibility of getting to know the world and the beauty of its diversity. We can mature in humanity and together build a greater **We.**" [1]*

Through these pages of the International Bulletin, we will discover various experiences with migrants, refugees and immigrants. Although the values of hospitality, proximity, solidarity and fraternity are present, is there a deeper invitation?

During this pascal season, I invite us to take a contemplative look at our daily lives, at our world, and to listen to the deep desire that arises.



Can we detect in it the beauty of diversity and the call to live with our brothers and sisters the "We" of the Kingdom?

Happy Easter!

[1] Message of Pope Francis for the 108th World Day of Migrants and Refugees, Building the Future with Migrants and Refugees, 25 September 2022



NEWCOMERS: ONLY IN MAJOR CENTERS?

Sr Marie-Claire Pelletier, in close collaboration with Sisters Rachel Morency and Rachel Lajoie, Canada

The answer, you know as well as we do, is **"no"**. Newcomers enrich populations with their talents and experiences in many places in Canada. And so, we wish to share what is happening in Northwestern New Brunswick, in Madawaska County in Edmundston, Clair and Saint-François.

Like everywhere else in the world, this is a new geographical and social phenomenon. In the 1950s, in this county bordering Quebec and the

United States, the population consisted of families who knew each other for generations. A stranger was easily detected and became a topic of conversation. This person, coming from another country, was either a health or education professional or an adopted child.

With the growing number of newcomers, the City of Edmundston opened a Newcomer Centre. These people have found work at the Edmundston Regional Hospital or in various businesses or industries in the region. **According to the latest statistics, they come from sixty different countries.** These diverse cultures have one thing in common that connects them: **"human contact"** - their life insurance or survival!

Since the years 2019-2020, our population is growing day by day and so very quickly that it is causing a lack of housing in our area. Recently, an announcement from the New Brunswick Community College - Edmundston sector urgently sought families that could accommodate university students as of December.

In March 2021, twenty families, comprising 60 people, arrived in Edmundston. They had to be housed and confined in a city hotel for 15 days and then relocated to our Upper Madawaska parishes, namely Clair and Saint-François. Here they were

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able to find work in the chicken industry in Clair. **Needless to say, the children have increased the number of students attending Clair Elementary School!**

Industries that take on newcomers require them to sign an agreement to remain in their jobs and homes for a period of three years. For example, a Filipina woman, a teacher in her native country, obtained a part-time teaching position at the English language school. On days when she is not in class, she works at the factory, hoping to get a full-time position at the school next year.

For the first time in August 2020, we welcomed two people from the Philippines. In March 2021, on a freezing day, a Haitian man arrived and, faced with the cold, ran off to his apartment. We hardly had time to see him!

We are very interested in everything

that concerns new arrivals and are in constant communication with the Center that cares for them. **Naturally, we have a closer connection with the first arrivals and we are aware that we do not have the same connection with the most recent ones.**

We find that the provincial government is taking in these people without much planning as to where to house them. However, we recently learned that an Ontario entrepreneur has purchased a building locally to house international students beginning in January 2023. **The good news is that 140 international students arrived last September and another 80 at the end of December.**

They are attending either the College or the University of New Brunswick in Edmundston.

Since last year we have celebrated the birthdays of five friends by presenting a special meal. Christen,



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from Haiti, was so happy and expressed his great joy by exclaiming, **"Oh, this is the first time in 51 years that my birthday has been celebrated!"** For a second time, we will be sharing our Christmas meal with new arrivals.

Our last arrival was at the end of August. Maeva had just come from Cameroon as a student when we met her at a store near her apartment. She was going home with a big bag of groceries and we offered to drive her. **Thus, another bond of friendship was created.**

At the moment it is winter. **The temperature is minus 15-20 degrees Celsius.** Despite the biting cold, some newcomers are walking around outside, sandals on their feet, more or less dressed according to our seasonal reality.

We are pleased to have presented our latest social project which addresses an urgent need in our local community. We will be involved in the Newcomers Project as long as our health permits. It is an apostolate in line with Marie-Louise, who enjoined us to **"take good care of the poor"**. At the same time, we continue our commitment to the pastoral care of the elderly and sick, bringing Communion to their homes once a month, as well as to maintain a strong link with people with special needs at the Montfort and La Résidence

homes and the Atelier Tournesol.

N.B.: Since we are no longer in a position to make concrete commitments in the ministry the Daughters of Wisdom of Canada have sponsored in recent years (caring for two Syrian families who were fleeing conflicts in their own country), we consider that welcoming these immigrants contributes to the development of the Canadian society while enriching each other with their presence among us.



THERE IS A TIME TO SOW..... A TIME TO HARVEST.

Sr Marie-Suzanne, Belgium

A page is turning in the year 2023. The last community closed its doors on January 12 and we are all now in the rest home in Tournai-Vertefeuille.

We constitute one community in two places as some sisters live in apartments in the Residence-Service adjacent to the Rest Home.

After so many years of presence in

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the four corners of the country and far beyond our borders, our vocation continues day after day to live the first call of our youth until the day of the definitive encounter with God.

The time has come and we are "**present**" among the residents and staff.

All our lives given to the Lord are presented to Him like a huge bouquet of flowers that we offer every morning.

There is a time to sow... and a time to reap!



SIX YEARS IN A REFUGEE CAMP

Sr Denise Hamann, Canada

Yellow- Indonesian province/ Pink- PNG country

In October 1983, I arrived in Papua New Guinea (PNG). In early 1984, there were rumors that people from the Indonesian province of Irian Jaya (now West Papua) had built shelters in the bush. Indeed, shortly afterwards, these refugees who were fleeing from this province **in the hope of obtaining their independence one day**, approached our villages.

The line that divides the two parts of the island is artificial and cuts through the villages and lands of people who are the same as those in Papua New Guinea. Many have relatives on both

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sides of the border. Within a few weeks, **10,000 refugees had crossed the length of the border from north to south.**

In the parish where I lived, we had four groups (Camps) of refugees - about 1000 people.

The refugees from the north were people from the cities, including university students. They were mostly Lutheran. Those from the south, in our region, were farmers from small villages, and mostly of the Catholic religion. **Little by little they came to us seeking material help,** medical care and the religious services of our parish.

One of my companions who knew a little Indonesian could communicate with them. For a few years they lived with us and we got to know them. In **1988**, after returning from my first missionary leave, I offered to work with the refugees by teaching English as a second language.

During my leave, the United Nations had forced all the refugees from

north to south to move to our province on land purchased in an isolated area in order to facilitate the distribution of aid (food, housing materials, etc.)

This new camp, lowara (Yowara), had a population of 5000 refugees. **Some had refused to move and remained near the border;** others had returned to their country of origin.

Before I arrived, **Sr. Rachele Carmel Leblanc** traveled periodically to lowara to work with the refugee families and teach English to a group of girls who had asked her to do so. She stayed for a few days in a house provided by the United Nations.



A classroom for teachers

When I came to lowara, we had a house of our own, so I could stay there without having to come and go. **Three of my companions worked at the camp with me at different times.** There were also times when I was alone.

During the six years I lived in this camp, **I witnessed what refugee life is like.**



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I represent Catholics in an ecumenical service.

At first the UN and the government provide rice, canned meat and fish, soap, salt, tea, sugar, and materials to build a shelter. During this time, the refugees are asked to start a garden and prepare bush materials **to build a more permanent home**. This lasts for a year or two, and then gradually the refugees must learn to be self-sufficient - something they find difficult.

The UN also helps build clinics and provides materials to build bush schools. They pay the salaries of medical staff and teachers. The diocese of Daru-Kiunga, under the direction of **Bishop Gérard Deschamps**, has also helped to facilitate the lives of these new arrivals, regardless of their religion...Catholic or not.

During my years with the refugees, I **taught English classes**, trained ESL teachers in the camp villages, visited our seven elementary schools to help the teachers learn the local curriculum, and went myself for a few weeks to the refugee villages to teach on site.

As soon as I arrived, I made an effort to learn Indonesian so that I could communicate with the people in the villages-especially the women who did not speak English. **There was a great ecumenical** spirit among the refugees and we were often invited to prayer services, weddings, funerals, etc.

In **1994**, I was appointed to train young women who wanted to become Daughters of Wisdom. I therefore had to leave the camp. However, we had the joy of receiving two young women from the refugee camp who are now professed in our Congregation.

There are many stories to tell about this experience. **We have been through all kinds of situations**, celebrations and crises. Some of my companions have written about it in books.

Living with the refugees has marked my life, and I am grateful to the Lord for the six years that I have been able to share their lives.

GIVE EVEN A LITTLE RELIEF

Sr Eugenia Genovese, Italia

My name is Eugenia. I am 26 years old and I was born and raised in **Ventimiglia**, a border town in Italy. Since 2015, the migration situation in Ventimiglia has increased dramatically and we were all surprised by the arrival of so many people.

I always wanted to go to Africa, but somehow **"Africa"** arrived here. As soon as I turned 18, I started volunteering: first at Campo Roya, a **camp for adults in transit**. I distributed food and sometimes gave Italian lessons; and then at the **Gianchette**, a church that opened its doors to women, children and isolated minors. The volunteers did everything from distributing food and clothes to organizing activities with the children. When it was closed, I continued to help at Campo Roya, always with the children and women.

Here we had created a space dedicated to these people, a kind of toy library for the children and a space for the women where they could relax and enjoy a moment of normal daily life. In 2020, during **COVID**, the Campo also closed, and all services were handed over to Caritas Intemelja, which was already operational.

Caritas offers many services to both migrants and residents in vulnerable and fragile situations, as well as to the homeless.

A typical day at Caritas can be summarized as follows: from 9 to 11 a.m., the person can access the canteen for breakfast and lunch, where he or she can eat a hot meal; if clothing or medical advice is needed, it can be obtained. In the past, there was also shower service. However, after COVID, it was only offered to women and children and for special or emergency situations.



There are also three offices:

- the listening desk in collaboration with the social services, where people can confide certain problems they encounter, access certain facilities, etc.
- the migration space, where several organizations collaborate
- the socio-legal office, where people can access legal information and guidance, know

their rights, the rights of a foreigner on Italian territory, asylum applications, etc.

In addition, Caritas, in collaboration with **Save The Children**, has a project to protect isolated minors, family units and single women. They have created a safe space, a day center where the most vulnerable people can spend the day and access their services.

Currently, after **8 years of volunteering**, I work in this project with women and their children and single minors. **Caritas Intemelia** has a strong team of educators who take care of all these most fragile and vulnerable people and work with educational interventions in the Ventimiglia area.

The **Daughters of Wisdom** also make a valuable contribution and, thanks to their "**international**" presence, offer a touch of Wisdom to the volunteers and people who come every day seeking help and comfort.

At present, Caritas is the only place where people who want to continue their journey to France or the rest of Europe can find a moment of comfort and regain some of their human strength and dignity.

Being part of this "**giving even a little relief**", sharing a little of their despair and pain to make people lighter, gives

me the strength to continue and to think that together we can do something. "**Good begets good**".



I WAS A STRANGER AND YOU WELCOMED ME

Sr María Asunción de Jesús,
Pérou

I was crossing a street when I saw a Venezuelan family, both parents and children, begging. All of a sudden, this biblical phrase that touched me deeply, resurfaced in my heart: "**When I was hungry, you gave me food; when I was thirsty, you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you welcomed me...**" (Mt. 25:35).

As I approached these people, I immediately became aware of the situation. Indeed, they needed food, which at present consisted of cookies and soft drinks. But they also needed shelter; they were sleeping on the banks of the **Huallaga River**.

As Wisdom seeks to strengthen our capacity "**to love until it hurts**", the next day I find another family, with a small child. The two families know e

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each other being in this same circumstance and they decide to go together to the city of Iquitos.

What a great opportunity to actualize and incarnate our charism! I wondered if Marie Louise had been in my place, what would she have said? Perhaps *"if I were food, I would give myself"* *"if I were a house, I would give myself"*. This encouraged me to seek support for food from the family group called *"Les fous du Christ"* and housing from the Centre de Réhabilitation de la Vie *"CREVAI"*.

Without doubt, through Wisdom who penetrates the hearts of people, solidarity emerged. Given that they were passing through the city, the families received food and a few days accommodation at the Rehabilitation Center. We managed to get enough money to buy travel tickets. Thus they left for the city of **Pucallpa**.

We know that Wisdom goes before us through all things and waits for us at the crossroads. They met another kind soul in Pucallpa, a nun - a friend of one of our sisters. In coordination

with the parish priest, they were hosted for a period of 10 days, during which they worked in the manufacture of adobe bricks.



This allowed them to collect money to continue their painful pilgrimage in search of better living conditions.

Wisdom inspired us to live the experience of a "humanitarian corridor". In community we understood how important it is to *"reach out"* to the other. The burden is lightened and the union is strengthened, because the struggle is for one cause: **the poor migrants**.



WORKING WITH REFUGEES IN THE NORTH OF ENGLAND

Sr Eileen Farrell, G.B.I

Here I was back in my own country, to a new community wondering what ministry awaited me. I had ministered with the homeless in Scotland and I soon found myself once again with the homeless. Again, I found in our church bulletin, a need for people to teach English.

Very soon I was caught up in this new ministry, to asylum seekers, refugees, some seeking freedom, many needing care, understanding, acceptance and above all love. **I felt I had found my niche.**

They came from Argentina, Estonia, Libya, Morocco, Belgium, Turkey, so many separated, from loved ones.

The circle widened with the influx of Syrian refugees coming on a tortuous journey via refugee camps in Jordan, some for many years.



They came through a government settlement and needed intense lessons, as they had to face their first English exam in six months.

These lessons took place in a Methodist church hall, where they also received meals, food to take home and clothing. **It was a challenge at times, especially with those who had no formal education, mainly the ladies and girls!** However, patience good humour and love between all, brought us through to the Covid pandemic, when they had managed their first exam.

So gratifying an experience, the blossoming of friendships and although help and food came from the Christian communities, the Muslims were equally at home.

We teachers are from many different churches and so ecumenism has brought us all together to people in need.

After the pandemic we slowly came together again, lost some teachers and found others. New people from Bangladesh, Hungary, Hong Kong, Spain, Venezuela and the latest from Ukraine, **all mingling in harmony, some we were helping, were helping others in turn.**

For me, it is a very privileged ministry, for which I thank God, that as a Daughter of Wisdom, in some small way, in collaboration with

others, to Widen the Space of our Tent and to Love without Borders.



HOSPITALITY CONTINUES IN THE NORTH WEST OF IRELAND.

Sr Margaret Morris, G.B.I



When we, Daughters of Wisdom, lived at Cregg House, Sligo **hospitality became part of our mission** as we welcomed many visitors. Now we are delighted that the new owners of the property have shown great hospitality to over **300 Ukrainian refugees** who are living in accommodation previously occupied by people with intellectual disability.

They have been given a place **to rest and relax after a long and hazardous journey.** Some of them have been

able to get work in **Sligo town**, children are settling down in local schools and there is new life with the birth of several babies.

Our Diocesan Bishop who was concerned about the pastoral care of the refugees has extended **hospitality to a Ukrainian priest** who has come to live in Sligo and we have been able to join some of the refugees for Mass in the Byzantine Rite in the old Chapel at Cregg and in our parish church.

The majority of the refugees are Ukrainian Orthodox Christians with a smaller number being Roman Catholics. In a different way the hospitality of Wisdom continues.



ECUMENICAL PARTNERSHIP SUPPORTING UKRAINIAN REFUGEES AT WISDOM CENTRE, ROMSEY

Sr. Maureen, G.B.I

The Daughters of Wisdom and the wider Christian community in Romsey have been **greatly touched by the sights coming from the Ukraine**

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following the Russian invasion. Fiona Jenvey, Friend of Wisdom and manager of Wisdom Centre joined an ecumenical partnership with Anglican Romsey Abbey, Freedom Church and the United Reformed Church.

Wisdom Centre was identified as an ideal venue for refugee support. However, we did not have enough volunteers to make such a venture possible without being part of a co-ordinated approach. **Freedom Church** co-ordinated host families and provision of food via their food bank. Romsey Abbey co-ordinated volunteers in partnership with an ecumenical Bible Study group which meets in Wisdom Centre.



Accommodation was the first priority and a network was set up by the family support group at Freedom Church.

Daytime English lessons for adults were then organised. During the evening it was agreed that the children's English lessons would take place at Wisdom Centre. Wisdom Centre has been an ideal venue because Ukrainian parents were able to meet there socially. **Being close to parents was important as some of the children were very traumatised.**

The relaxed surroundings, the hospitality of the Wisdom Centre and the willing team of volunteers has enabled these teaching and social sessions to flourish and **meet the current needs of the Ukrainian guests.**

However, this is a joint effort which would not have been possible for Wisdom Centre without the efforts of the churches and the local Ukrainian Support group. **Almost a year since the first refugees arrived in Romsey,** our aims have changed. With the help of volunteer drivers children and adult parents come together at Wisdom Centre socially.

Children are now integrated in schools and now spend their time at Wisdom Centre playing together. English lessons continue at the Freedom Church and URC.

Many of those in the Ukrainian community now have employment and are able to rent a small family home. Early on, volunteers and staff

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at Wisdom Centre helped Ukrainian adults fill in job applications and prepare for interviews. The support group at **Wisdom Centre** has enabled this and for friendships to develop between Ukrainian families.

Ukrainian women have formed community households where two or three mothers live together with their children. This has enabled them to work opposite shifts and share childcare between them without having to pay a nursery. If it were not for the friendship and community they have found at Wisdom Centre, employment and living independently may not have been possible.

Wisdom Centre is also the main mental health hub for Romsey. **We have been able to support Ukrainians suffering from trauma** by using the expertise of mental health professionals working from Wisdom Centre.



UNANIMA INTERNATIONAL

Catherine Sheehan, USA

Since **2000**, with an invitation from

Catherine Ferguson, SNJM for interested religious congregations to form an NGO (non-governmental organization) **to advocate at the United Nations on behalf of women and children**, UNANIMA International has been advocating, influencing policy, and making a difference.

In 2005 UNANIMA International received Special Consultative Status with the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). At the UN World Summit for Social Development back in March **1995** in Copenhagen governments reached consensus on the need to put people at the center of development working to overcome poverty and bring about the achievement of full employment.

Today we have the UN Commission on Social Development Committee to promote these goals.

UNANIMA International has significantly expanded its access and outreach to the UN, Member States, and other key stakeholders through its participation on the NGO Committee for Social Development. **Jean Quinn**, D.W., Executive Director, is the Chair of the NGO Committee for Social Development for the **2022 - 2024** term.

This February will be the 61st Commission for Social Development. The priority theme is Creating full



and productive employment and decent work for all as a way of overcoming inequalities to accelerate the recovery from the **COVID-19** pandemic and the full implementation of the **2030** Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The Daughters of Wisdom are one of the **22 women religious communities** with over **22,000 members in 85 countries** throughout the world that are UNANIMA International.

Through this work we are deepening our commitment as Daughters of Wisdom **to bringing about more just and equitable life for all.**



TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FRIENDS OF WISDOM MADAGASCAR

Mrs. Marie Françoise Rose de Lima RAFARANIAINA
National Secretary of the Friends of Wisdom, Madagascar

From August 17th to 20th 2022, the Friends of Wisdom in Madagascar celebrated their twenty-five years of existence.

The meeting took place during **4 days** in the village **Aina Benasandratra** Antananarivo, gathering 114 Friends of Wisdom and about thirty Daughters of Wisdom.

"Live a relationship with Jesus Christ Wisdom" is the theme of the celebration.

A great event not only of exchange and celebration, but also of knowledge of the history of the first Friends of Wisdom at the time of Saint Louis-Marie de Montfort and Marie Louise, as well as the history of the Friends of Wisdom in Madagascar for each community.

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In **1996** in Vatomandry, Sister RABOZIMENA Jeanne d'Arc founded our first Friends of Wisdom in the island. And it was on February 2, **2018** that the most recent one was born in Antsiraraka.

During these 25 years of existence, the number of Friends of Wisdom in Madagascar continues to grow. In 2022, there are **280** Friends of Wisdom distributed in the **15 communities of the Daughters of Wisdom** out of the 22 communities in Madagascar. Among them, **112 have made the consecration**, 26 of them during this jubilee.



Together: let us love, live and proclaim Wisdom, the Friends of Wisdom in Madagascar are inspired and live by the spirituality of Wisdom that animates them.

We revive this spirituality with the international training, which contains 4 modules.

Stage I: Our life path, a path of Wisdom?

Step II : Towards Wisdom with Louis-Marie and Marie-Louise

Step III : Wisdom at work in history

Stage IV : Becoming Friends of Wisdom : living the Wisdom charism.

Our mission with the Daughters of Wisdom is based on the continuity of the mission of Louis-Marie de Montfort and Marie-Louise who encouraged us to go to the poor and to be with them.

Below is a summary of our missions:

- To educate disadvantaged children.
- Build houses for those in need.
- Caring for orphans, the disabled and the elderly.
- Visit patients and prisons.

We begin the next 25 years by continuing the good things that have been accomplished. Twenty-five years requiring a greater participation in the spiritual aspect and especially the **transmission of this spiritual heritage** to those whom people call "**zinona**": without voice, without decisions and without consideration within the community.

Wisdom expects from us a sincere participation, with faith, with confidence, because this is how Saint Louis Marie de Montfort lived: **simple, humble and accepting everyone as he is.**



IN THANKSGIVING

Sr Jain Benitta , India

Almost nothing is presented to you on a silver platter. You have to really work for it.

I thank God for his immense blessings upon me and guiding me especially in all my ebb and blow. **Receiving this award is an absolute honour**, and I must admit, it took me back to many memories. I am grateful for being recognized as the **best teacher from Bengaluru district, Karnataka.**

I intend to live up to the level of success this award demands. I am well on my way to implementing a new strategy to improve the efficiency and acknowledge the service rendered. **This award will go a long way in slotting the new mechanism into place.** I would also like to duly recognize on whom my success rides.

I especially thank my congregation for the spiritual formation and education, the management and my dear staff who had been journeying with me till now and shouldering my responsibility. **I look forward to working with many more challenging tasks with the same zeal and commitment.**



IN Thanksgiving

This award will propel me towards my set goal of academic contributions made. **Being a teacher is an award in itself.** We always mould the minds and lives of the future generation with grace and measured intellect.

The uncertainties and challenges motivated me to do better in my field of education. As a result, I have been awarded as the Best Teacher and **this award motivates me to love my profession and to strive to achieve much more.**

The formula in which I believe is **Hardworking + Dedication = Success.**

As it is rightly said, "Teaching is a profession that teaches all the other profession".

I assure that this award will serve as a great motivator for all my future endeavors. I will strive to tread the path shown by my moral compass, while making the world a better place to live.



Dear Sisters, it is with great joy that we announce the composition of newly formed Councils and the change of status of certain Entities.

NEW LEADERSHIP COUNCIL FOR THE DELEGATION OF ASIA-OCEANIA

Sr Henedina Latayada (Gina),

Delegation Leader

And Councilors:

Sr Avilia Inur, Sr Valérine Marthe Zafindramana, Sr Veronica Paison



NEW LEADERSHIP COUNCIL FOR THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION

Sr Catherine Sheehan,

Delegation Leader

And Councilors:

Sr Evelyn Eckhardt, Sr Marie Chiodo, Sr Patricia Torre



NEW LEADERSHIP COUNCIL FOR THE DELEGATION OF BELGIUM

Sr Annie Joly,

Delegation Leader

And Councilor:

Sr Monique Goris



NEW LEADERSHIP COUNCIL FOR PROVINCE OF MALAWI

Sr Mary Chimalizeni

Provincial Leader

And Councilors:

Sr Dorothy Chimwala, Sr Mary Immaculate Makina, Sr Agnes Mdzinga



NEW LEADERSHIP COUNCIL FOR THE DELEGATION OF R.D CONGO

Sr Virginie Bitshanda Bofonga

Delegation Leader

And Councilors:

Sr Valérie Mboma Sona, Sr Marie-Thérèse Watundake Moseka, Sr Henriette Boyoma Libota

We wish them a fruitful mission.

COMMITMENTS IN THE CONGREGATION

Perpetual profession

<i>France</i>	Sr Christine Pichery	January 15, 2023
<i>Asia-Oceania (Indonesia)</i>	Sr Maria Hermi Irawati Parera Sr Elizabeth Samur	February 18, 2023
<i>Maria Luisa</i>	Sr Katty Jhanet Castillo Janampa	March 25, 2023



MONTFORTIAN FAMILY AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2022

The Congregations that make up the Montfortian family extend over several continents and bring together members who are devoted and committed to their faith and their service to the poorest populations. These figures, transmitted at the end of 2022, testify to the vitality of the Congregations.

	Total Members	Temporary vows	Novices
Filles de la Sagesse	935	73	47
Frères de St Gabriel	1086	222	65
Compagnie de Marie	763	165	43



IN MEMORIAM

"I know in whom I have put my hope..."

Filles de la Sagesse

			Birth	Profession
Décembre 2022				
09	Sr Marina dell'Eucaristia Gallo Marina	Castiglione (TO) Italie	12-06-27	02-08-51
11	Sr Thérèse Normandeau Gilles de la Sagesse	Maison Accueil-Sagesse Ottawa	02-10-29	02-02-52
20	Sr Marie-Henri du Christ Julienne Muylaert	Tournai Belgique	17-04-30	02-02-52
20	Sr Federica dell'Immacolata Bassanelli Federica	Castiglione (TO) Italie	23-01-36	02-02-58
29	Sr Agathe Leclair Agathe du Divin-Coeur	Maison Accueil-Sagesse Ottawa	05-09-24	02-02-45
31	Sr Elvira della Sapienza Egidia Cappelletti	Sanremo Italie	07-05-30	02-02-53
Janvier 2023				
07	Sr Jeannine Fleurent Rachel-Marie de la Sagesse	Chemin Montréal Ottawa	18-02-31	02-02-53
11	Sr Madeleine Giraudeau Madeleine-Marie de la Croix	N.D. de la Sagesse St Laurent	08-10-25	02-08-48
13	Sr Marie-Paul de Saint Joseph Madeleine Thomas	La Chartreuse - M.L. Trichet France	14-08-20	02-08-48
13	Sr Theresa McAnelly Gerard Francis of the Immaculate	Romsey - Abbey House England	04-12-31	02-02-58
27	Sr Germaine Caron Germain de l'Eucharistie	Maison Accueil-Sagesse Ottawa	14-05-36	02-02-62
Février 2023				
03	Sr Rosaleen Dunne Ita of Our Lady	Romsey - Abbey House England	14-03-37	02-02-61
13	Sr Margaret Suntjens Helen of the Rosary	Edmonton Alberta Canada	19-10-25	02-02-44
13	Sr María de la Inmaculada María Inés Jara Torres	Enfermeria María Luisa Bogotá	03-06-32	02-08-54
14	Sr Josephina J.M. Geerts Ancilla-Maria Van het H. Heart	Maison Accueil-Sagesse Ottawa	02-02-62	22-08-67
23	Sr Marina Palazzi Lucia Rosaria	Sanremo Italie	13-06-35	02-08-61

IN MEMORIAM

"I know in whom I have put my hope..."

Mars 2023

05	Sr Marie-Thérèse Martin Marie-Thérèse de St Joseph	Pleurtuit France	27-10-35	02-02-62
23	Sr Michel de Marie-Immaculée Solange Beulque	N.D. de la Sagesse St Laurent	17-10-23	02-02-45

Compagnie de Marie

Décembre 2022

09	P. Maurice Piquard	Marillais France	78 ans	57 ans
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Février 2023

25	P. Pierre-Marie Guiot	Pontchâteau France	79 ans	57 ans
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Frères de St-Gabriel

Janvier 2023

19	F. Rocco Bianchi (F. Giuseppe)	Vasto Italie	89 ans	69 ans
20	F. Jozef Leurs (F. Amandus)	Liedekerke Belgique	90 ans	72 ans

Février 2023

23	F. Abilio Fernández Tobar	Burgos Espagne	79 ans	60 ans
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Mars 2023

25	F. Raf Fouquet	Boechout Belgique	94 ans	76 ans
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**Dear Sisters, I join the General Team
in wishing you a Happy Easter,
symbol of renewal and rebirth.**

**We hope that this celebration will
bring you the grace and light needed
to illuminate your life throughout
the coming year.**

Xavier Le Roux

