

## IS GRAY HAIR A SIGN OF WISDOM ?



A group of younger Daughters of Wisdom of Europe met at St. Laurent-sur-Sèvre from August 4 to 13, 2015. At first the group made a three-day pilgrimage and sharing time at Saint Laurent, then at Mervent, and back to Saint-Laurent.

**At the Mother House**, Sr. Desneiges Giroux, DW introduced us in the history of our Congregation. Step by step, the group went back through the centuries thanks to the high tech presentation at the Chêne Vert. Halts were improvised, giving time to share on the courage that our Sisters deployed and their faith and creativity in front of trials and ordeals. These first days filled us with hope...

The experience was continued with Sr. Marie-Laure who guided us to the **key sacred places of our Mother House**. Everything took place as a meditative pilgrimage. We were invited to enter in the spirituality of our Founders through their writings, prayer and hymns.

The following day, we took the **route to Mervent**. After a warm welcome by Sr. Myriam, we walked on the steps of Montfort in the southern part of Vendée : **St. Pompain**, Montfort's grotto in Mervent, then **Vouvant**.

Back at Saint Laurent, we lived a 7 day retreat with Father Arnold Suhardi, Montfort Missionary. The proposed theme: *Is Gray Hair a Sign of Wisdom?* During the year of the Tercentenary, this retreat invited us to dwell deeply into "The Love of Eternal Wisdom." It allowed renewing our understanding of this founding book of the spirituality of St. Louis-Marie de Montfort.

**We hope to find each other again in Saint-Laurent, in 2016, this time with a wider group of the Montfort family.** We are grateful for this encounter and for another opportunity to deepen our spirituality.

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