

Tomorrow's Face Takes Shape Today

For the fifth consecutive year the younger Sisters of the Daughters of Wisdom of Europe got together from August 14 to 20, 2016. During the pilgrimage on the footsteps of our Founders, St. Louis de Montfort and Marie Louise, they took time for mutual sharing. Here is a glimpse of that week.

Welcomed by our Sisters of La Rochelle, we walked on the steps of our Founders. With great joy, we appreciated the commentaries of Sr. Christine de Montalembert, DW. She recounted the history of our Congregation and its first beginnings at La Rochelle. The streets, the churches, the ancient hospitals and schools helped us to relive the early stages of our religious family with its joys and challenges. The strongly marked imprints of Montfort and Marie Louise allowed us to bring their message to date.

We left La Rochelle for a trip to the island of Ré. This time of leisure gave us the opportunity to know each other better. The visit to the Eco-museum of the saltmarsh was something new for each one. We admired the salt production process and the task of the salt workers. Contemplation of the maritime and terrestrial landscape invited us to make the link with our Pope Francis in "Laudato Si" and with St. Louis de Montfort in "The love of Eternal Wisdom.". Back at St. Laurent-sur-Sèvre, we widened our spiritual tent. Brother Arsène (Brother of Saint-Gabriel and Father Arnold (Montfort Missionary) joined us for a time of reflection.

At the end of our stay, as we left Saint-Laurent-sur-Sèvre for our mission and countries, we realized how Wisdom had united us and worked in us. "Wisdom's face of tomorrow takes shape today in each one of us." As the leaven in the dough, we want to remain open to the breath of the Spirit by letting the seed of Wisdom grow in us. May we be witnesses of the love of God by caring mostly for the neglected as Montfort and Marie Louise and so many of our predecessors did before us!

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