



Sagesse Internationale

*“Everyone will know that you are my disciples,
if you love one another” Jn 13: 35*

More than a year has passed since we committed ourselves to “Love without borders.” This is a moment of grace and blessing for the Congregation, called, with its deep spirituality, to reveal the love of Eternal and Incarnate Wisdom for humanity.

At this time, I am asking myself, are we daring enough to look at the borders within and around us that prevent us from building life giving relationship?

Do we avoid looking at the borders of past hurts, of indifference, intolerance, of one’s own interest etc... or do we acknowledge them with humility so that we can be healed (reconciled with oneself and others) and allow ourselves to experience the peace and joy that flows from within?

Pope Francis constantly reminds us that there is no love without compassion and reconciliation. Dear Sisters the quality of the relationships among us is a sign of our passion for Christ and humanity and a life giving witness. For sure, in our fractured world, it is showing another way to live, another way to be. Let us hear the call of Wisdom “to build life giving communities that we may seek Wisdom together and reveal her wherever we are present.”¹

On October 13th we celebrated the opening of the Tercentenary of the arrival of Mother Marie-Louise at St Laurent. Though sufferings and sacrifices accompanied her on her journey, she never failed to be the gentle and caring presence of Wisdom for the poor and needy and especially for her Sisters. Woman of faith, she left us an important legacy, that of being attentive to the signs of the times and of looking forward with vision and courage.

Now, more than ever before, our world needs the example of women such as Marie-Louise....”Women, bearers of hope and joy!”ⁱⁱ Following the example of Marie-Louise and many of our predecessors, let us ardently seek Wisdom, and contemplate her in her compassion and gentleness so that our mission responds to Christ’s invitation to “Love one another as I have loved you.”

You will notice, in this Bulletin, the addition of two pages: one dedicated to Justice, Peace, Integrity of Creation and another to Vocation Awareness. I invite you to share with the whole Congregation, the activities and events in link with these themes and our missions. “As Daughters of Wisdom, we form one Congregation, rooted in the values of Wisdom Incarnate, following the footsteps of St Louis Marie Grignon de Montfort and Blessed Marie-Louise Trichet.”ⁱⁱⁱ

Sr. Rani Kurian D.W

Sr. Rani Kurian DW
Congregational Leader

ⁱ Rule of Life N° 38

ⁱⁱ In dialogue with Marie-Louise

ⁱⁱⁱ Acts of the General Chapter 2018



Look, discern, act as Church...



Let us consider for a moment, the context in which we live:

- The Orientations of the 2018 General Chapter were promulgated for a year now
- In the month of October 2019, the Church is getting ready to live the Synod for the Amazon
- We witness many signs of climate change threatening the future of the planet : Amazon rain forest in flames, exceptional rapid melting of the ice of Greenland, giant fires in Siberia, deadly monsoon in India....

Where are we, as Congregation, in our commitment for Peace, Justice and Integrity of Creation?

Let us listen again to the call that Pope Francis addressed in his Encyclical “Laudato Si!”: (N° 13-14)

“The urgent challenge to protect our common home includes a concern to bring the whole human family together to seek a sustainable and integral development, for we know that things can change. The Creator does not abandon us; he never forsakes his loving plan or repents of having created us. Humanity still has the ability to work together in building our common home. I urgently appeal, then, for a new dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet. We need a conversation which includes everyone, since the environmental challenge we are undergoing, and its human roots, concern and affect us all.

This appeal takes on a particular resonance as the Church prepares to live the Synod for the Amazon convened by Pope Francis for October 2019 on the theme: “The Amazon: New paths for the Church and for Integral Ecology.”

In the preparatory document Pope Francis insists that the Synod must increasingly become the privileged instrument for listening to the people of God, as based on these three verbs:

See : Define identity and aspiration of the Amazon

Discern: For a pastoral and ecological conversion

Act : Build new paths for a Church with an Amazon face.

This Synod commits particularly the Diocese of the 9 countries covering this immense region, key for the future of the planet. We are all concerned. The subjects discussed: inculturation, integral ecology, migrations, urban evangelization, new ministries ...- affect all the inhabitants of our planet. This key region accounts for 40 % of the total area of the tropical forests of the planet and is considered the “lung” for our planet, both for the quantity of oxygen that it produces but also for the quantity of carbon dioxide that it can store in its wood fibers.

In real terms, what can we do, where we are, with each other and with Wisdom, who is inviting us to hear the cry of the universe and of the poor with the UISG who have launched the 2018 campaign “Sowing Hope for the Planet”.

- Follow and accompany this Synod in prayer and by relaying reflection and work.
- Be sensitive and carry the reality of our environment concerning integral ecology, for, where integrity of Creation is respected, peace and justice are promoted.
- Fight for the rights of peoples and respect for Creation.

The projects that you start, the actions that you take, the reflections that you initiate, can be shared on a “JPIC” page in the future issues of the Bulletin “Sagesse Internationale.” Thus, we will be able to support, encourage each other and celebrate the steps undertaken.

*Sr. Isabelle Retailleau, DW
Member of the Leadership Team in charge of JPIC*

2020 - Tercentenary of the Arrival of Marie-Louise at Saint-Laurent

We will soon have the joy of celebrating the Tercentenary of the arrival of Marie Louise at Saint-Laurent during 2020. It is a significant milestone in the life of Marie Louise and of the Congregation that will be celebrated specifically on the following two dates:

October 13, 2019: opening of the Tercentenary as part of the annual Montfort pilgrimage at the Saint-Laurent-sur-Sèvre Basilica.

June 13, 2020: Closing Celebration with the Eucharistic at the Saint-Laurent-sur-Sèvre Basilica.

**Please keep these celebrations in your prayers. Between these two dates,
each Entity can mark the event according to their specific reality.**

The Leadership Team



Called to Light Stars

This is an invitation that Pope Francis addresses not only to the young Christians of the world, but also to the people of God in the Post synodal Apostolic Exhortation, “Christus Vivit!”!

The Lord is calling us to enkindle stars in the night of other young people. He asks you to look to the true stars, all those varied signs he gives us to guide our way, and to imitate the farmer who watches the stars before going out to plough his field. (33)

This **spirit animates us** when:

- We seek, when we go to the youth in our Christian communities and also to other young, those who are far but are thirsty for meaning.
- We are attentive to the signs of the times to move forward and find new ways to sow life.

It is this spirit that is present in the invitation that the 2018 General Chapter gives us :

- Be close to the youth who challenge us by their quest for meaning and their thirst to journey with us.
- Intensify vocation ministry

This **momentum** takes concrete form in the Acts of the Chapters of each Entity and strengthens the movement that runs through the Congregation in its different contexts and continents, with their characteristics, modalities and nuances.

In our mission, an important place is given to youth so they discover their talents and put them into play to build a better world. We feel that today’s people, whatever their affiliation, are committed to respect human rights and Creation.

Together, we are called:

- To continue our vocation prayer every first Monday of each month in union with each other
- To reflect on new approaches
- To widen our approaches by mutual sharing of experiences
- Collaborate among us and with others at different levels

This page of Vocation Awareness of the Sagesse Internationale Bulletin offers you the possibility of sharing experiences, reflections, activities...

I conclude with the invitation of Pope Francis:

Certainly, as members of the Church,we must dare to be different, to point to ideals other than those of this world, testifying to the beauty of generosity, service, purity, perseverance, forgiveness, fidelity to our personal vocation, prayer, the pursuit of justice and the common good, love for the poor, and social friendship. (36)

As women, consecrated to Wisdom, let us move forward together to propose a way of real happiness to today's world and especially young people.

*Sr. Antonella Prestia DW
Member of Leadership Team in charge of Vocation Awareness*

Participants: Wisdom Year 2019-2010

<i>Name</i>	<i>Entity</i>	<i>Language</i>	<i>Country</i>
Sr. Gladys Machokola	Malawi	French	France
Sr. Mary Kazembe	Malawi	French	France
Sr. Cynthia Lorena Serbín	Maria Luisa	French	France
Sr. Sushmita Toppo	India	French	France
Sr. Theresa Pratheeba Thobias	India	French	France
Sr. Feline Hantenaima	Madagascar	French	France
Sr. Marthe Marovavy	Madagascar	English	Malawi
Sr. Julienne Bonyole Lilenda	D.R. of Congo	English	Malawi
Sr. Yverose Tilusa	Haiti	English	Philippines
Sr. Guettie Guandia Dalcé	Haiti	English	Philippines

Rooted, Established in the Love of Christ



We are the Sisters of Wisdom Year 2018-2019, composed of 5 nationalities : 1 Haitian, 3 Indian, 1 Philippian, 1 Indonesian and 2 Malagasy. For us, this year was a time of renewal to study in depth our spirituality in all its Montfortian dimensions.

As soon as we arrived in Angers-Mission-Langue, we experienced interculturality. It was a time to learn to better communicate in French, to choose openness, simplicity, adaptation, mutual understanding and valuing diversity.

Upon arriving here in Saint-Laurent, we were deeply moved by the eagerness with which our Sisters welcomed us. This welcome was mostly expressed at the opening Mass and the sharing that followed. Then, we built our community project, an important tool to live interculturality among us. Getting to know each Sister's story helped us to consolidate our living together. With our life centered on prayer, sharing and mutual support, we are witnesses of joy, trust, peace and love dwelling among us.

Moreover, through sessions, interpersonal accompaniment, biographies of our Founders, knowledge of the Congregation, visits to the meaningful Montfortian places, the Lourdes pilgrimage, we discovered many unsuspected elements that widened our knowledge and consolidated our spirituality.

With enthusiasm and love, every Saturday afternoon, we visited our Sisters at EPHAD,: quite a sharing of experiences encouraging us to proceed further up to the end. It was very rewarding. We also actively participated in the parish and the activities at the chapel of our Founders : adoration, worship, singing and mostly our presence in joy and fellowship.

With this formation, we became aware of our life as Daughters of Wisdom, moving us forward in a new impulse toward a wider vision of the Congregation. The following refrain expresses our gratitude to each of you, dear Sisters. "Praise you Lord for your greatness, praise for all your goodness."

Sr Alice, Sr Elena, Sr Genbibha, Sr Manjula, Sr Margarete, Sr Maria, Sr Patricia, Sr Zézélah

The Sisters of Wisdom Year 2018- 2019

Pilgrimage to Lourdes

We thank God for the wonders we have received in Lourdes. It is an extraordinary experience that nourished our faith. The pilgrimage was entitled "Blessed are you, the poor" and through this theme, we discovered our poverty in communion with other pilgrims.



We were touched by :

- ◆ The signs of poverty at Lourdes: water, light, rock, rosary, signs of the presence of God.
- ◆ The Montfortian "hospitaliers": their availability and dedication. Their selfless love was a testimony of our Spirituality.
- ◆ The stripping experience at the pool gave us new life.
- ◆ All the celebrations: Mass, Marian and Eucharistic processions, Way of the Cross, Adoration, Homely, Conferences reinforced our faith in Jesus-Christ and devotion to the Virgin Mary.

What an unforgettable experience !

Our special thanks to the Congregational Leader and her Council, to Sister Immaculate and Sister Berthe, who shared their experience and support during this intense spiritual time.

The Sisters of Wisdom Year 2018- 2019 - Sr. Alice, Sr. Margarete, Sr. Maria, Sr. Patricia, Sr Zézelah, Sr. Berthe,
Sr. Immaculate, Sr.Elena, Sr. Manjula, ,Sr.Genbibha.

COMMITMENTS IN THE CONGREGATION

Perpetual Vows

Guettie Guandia Dalcé	Haiti	2 / 08 / 19
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First Vows

Vinotha Maria	India	29 / 06 / 19
Lourdusamy Melony Ellis Roy	India	29 / 06 / 19
Roja Nallathambi Priyadharshini	India	29 / 06 / 19
Gulabi Markus Tigga	India	29 / 06 / 19

Montfortian International Formation (FJM)

The Montfortian International Formation 2019 was attended by the 3 Montfortian Congregations, the Daughters of Wisdom, the Montfort Missionaries and the Montfort Brothers of Saint Gabriel, with one lay representative from each congregation: a Friend of Wisdom from Malawi, a SMM lay associate from PNG and a SG lay associate from India. The program was well planned allowing the participants to easily enter into the process of deepening, being transformed and liberated by the spirit of Montfort through his writings.

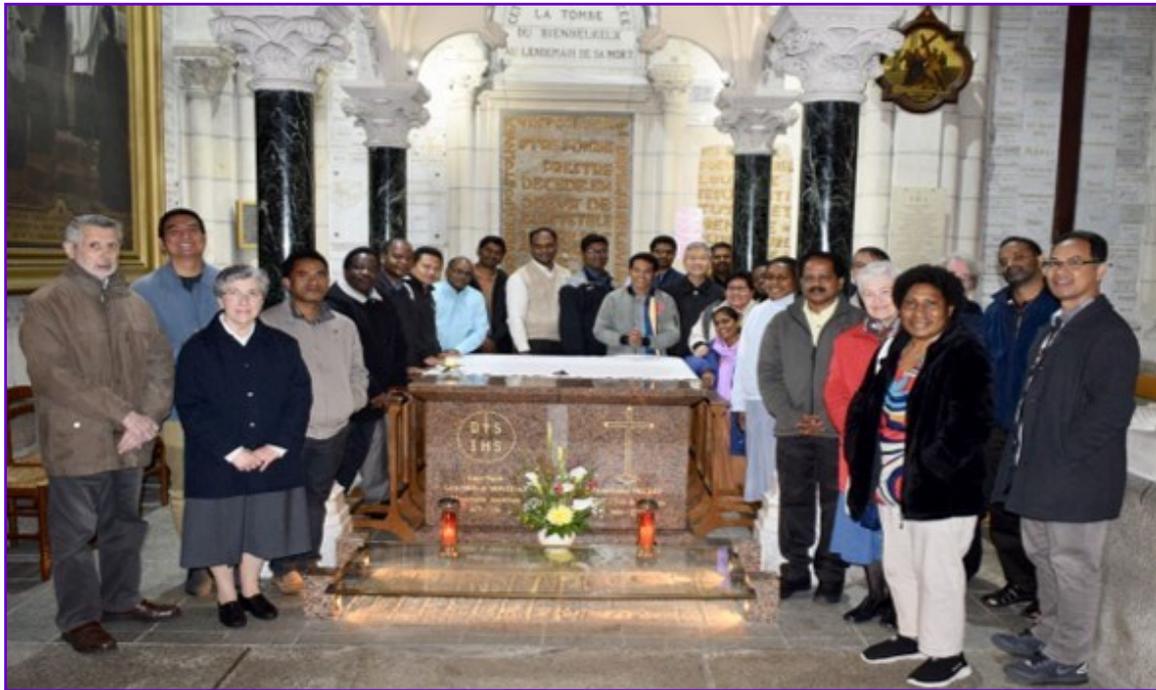


Our first session started with Fr. Jos Vandenberg, SMM, who led us into the deeper knowledge of our true self, the appreciation of our giftedness and capacities, the acceptance of our weaknesses and strengths as parts and parcels of our true identity as one being created by God.

Fr. Olivier Maire, SMM whose knowledge of Mary plunged us into the wider sphere of understanding the very person of Mary, showed us the proper, balanced and right place of Mary in the salvation history of humankind. He also stressed the Christocentric paths of Montfort's devotion to Mary, where a unique spiritual descending way to holiness marks the Montfortian Spirituality.

Sr. Marie-Reine Gauthier, DW, who gave us the session on 'The Knowledge of Jesus Christ Eternal and Incarnate Wisdom', boldly stressed that the summit of all Montfort's writings is found in the book of the Love of Eternal Wisdom where his intimacy with Wisdom was kindled by his close relationship with the poor and the suffering, with creation and with Mary. *Wisdom loves those who love and seek Her diligently and finding Her will find good things in abundance.* (LEW 67)

Fr. Mario Belloti, SMM who gave us the retreat on the theme 'Montfortian Witnessing Faith' challenged us to dream and to lay aside our rigid rationalities of life and to awaken our sense of wonderment and ecstasy, even bewilderment, all for the sake of spiritual enthusiasm, passionate love and pastoral creativity in our ministries. He also encouraged us to unveil our different masks that cover our true identity and that hinder us to be truly human and alive by the grace of God who made us.



Between the sessions, the group enthusiastically visited the Mother House, Poitiers and La Rochelle. We also had the chance to join the Montfortian Pilgrimage in Lourdes and we were struck by the enormous number of pilgrims actively expressing their faith in the various activities of the Pilgrimage. Indeed, the spirit of Montfort and Marie-Louise is still truly alive in the hearts of those who believe in their legacy. We were full of fire and hope, we were refreshed and ignited to live out what we have re-learned and unlearned in these sessions. With grateful hearts we left the Mother House still burning with the fire of Montfort and Marie-Louise that we carried in our different mission areas.

*Sr. Jean Enad, DW
Asia-Oceania Delegation*

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Provincial Leader

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2nd mandate

Councilors

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1st mandate

Sr. Evelyn Eckhardt

2nd mandate

Sr. Patricia Torre

1st mandate

At the Latino-Caribbean crossroads

From June 28 to June 30, 2019, at Accueil Sagesse, Canapé Vert, Haiti, a meeting of three Councils, Colombia, Maria Luisa and Haiti was held in order to consolidate the existing bonds between the three Entities. This encounter: implementing a dialogue, building a bridge to seek together new ways to be Wisdom by taking the risk to Love without borders in the mosaic of multicultural realities of our three Entities.

A simple and prayerful celebration in the chapel inaugurated the dialogue on this feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The setting presented the maps of the countries concerned and the values we wish to promote at this meeting: respect, dialogue, listening, openness and inclusiveness.



The introductory remarks emphasized : "A long trip from France, Sr. Antonella Prestia, General Councilor, from Colombia, Sr. Carmen Belen Vergara Pabón, Entity Leader, from Maria-Luisa, Sr. Elvira Muñoz Delegation Leader, brought the Sisters to one destination: Haiti, with the sole purpose of implementing the orientation of the 2018 General Chapter: Love Without Borders." Were also present for Haiti, Sr. Sandrale Thomas, Provincial Leader and the members of the Council.

In the workroom, Sr. Antonella read the message of Sr. Rani Kurian, Congregational Leader, wishing us a fruitful meeting on the feast of the Heart without borders. For the first meeting of the Entities called to engage on the path to reconfiguration, Sr. Sandrale planned a time to get to know each other better. Therefore, a presentation of the three Entities followed evoking mission, vision, strengths and challenges of each Entity.

The closing ceremony in the chapel was an opportunity for us to proclaim the final document, a summary of our work. At the Latin-Caribbean crossroads, we hear the voice of Wisdom shouting Her desire to see us working together as members of one all-inclusive, unified and reconfigured Congregation Body. Vocations, and also the life of the young and older will be better awakened in our multiple realities.

Council members of the three Entities, Colombia, Maria Luisa and Haiti, we felt the Spirit present at the heart of our work. We left for our respective countries, determined to pass on the essentials to the Sisters of our Entities and to give a new face to this composite unit made up of South America and the Caribbean.



From left to right : Sr. Sandrale, Sr. Violeta, Sr. Magerie, Sr. Carmen Belen, Sr. Nadige, Sr. Elvira, Sr. Virginie, Sr. Silvia, Sr. Rose Marly et Sr. Antonella

*Sr. Rose Marly Joseph, DW
Haiti*

Building Bridges



The Provincial Chapter, representing all the Sisters of the Province of Colombia took place in Marianela Chinauta, a peaceful place where nature and birds take on their most beautiful colors. Active and joyful, in dialogue with the cultures, the Sisters gathered around the new orientation of the General Chapter “Love without Borders”, and the revision of the Acts of our Province.

United in a spirit of openness, we shared experiences, cultures, talents, dreams, skills and desires in order to build, one by one, the major points of action for the four axes of our 2018 Chapter Orientation. Each element of the Directory was revisited in a spirit of unity with the province and the Congregation.

The Chapter members were accompanied by Father Jorge Enrique Gonzalez, provincial of the Montfort Missionaries. With his experience, his friendship and dynamism, he brought his contribution to help us fully live this Chapter session. He shared with us his rereading of the four axes of the Orientation in the light of the Word of God and the tradition of our Founders, leading us with confidence and assurance in our fraternal encounter marked by tact, wisdom, reflection and discernment.



We succeeded in concretely expressing the implementation of the Orientation of the General Chapter for the entire Province. We are committed to putting into practice the fruit of this meeting which will benefit not only the Daughters of Wisdom but also all the beneficiaries in our mission fields.

We now go on mission with courage and a deep desire to share in community what we lived during this session. Every day, we hope to deepen the orientation, the life of our founders and to transmit their enthusiasm to women who desire to commit their lives following Jesus by building the Church in the manner of Montfort and Marie-Louise.

*Sr. Julia Teresa Díaz, DW
Colombia*

A Powerful Invitation

“*Love Without Borders*” was the refrain that accompanied us from December 26-30 2018 at Castiglione during the 2nd session of the provincial Chapter of Italy. The theme was certainly unavoidable since it strongly animated the members of the General Chapter.

The session started with a brief and significant celebration, as the Chapter members were called and the Orientation of the General Chapter was presented. There followed a reflection and a joint research on how to implement it.

What a joyous surprise! We grasped the profound harmony between the orientation of the General Chapter and the one taken at our first Provincial Chapter session. That awareness prompted the reception, understanding and updating of this one “*Love Without Borders*”. This theme encouraged our reflection and sharing on the different aspects of the orientation: reconfiguration, spirituality, interculturality and concern for young people.

Concrete proposals were put forward, among others:

- To meet at the level of Europe to move forward in reconfiguration
- To keep hope in interculturality alive, even by asking the completion of the project of the community of Ventimiglia with the arrival of a Sister of another nationality.
- Together, to study a common project for youth ministry.



The Conference of Father Jorge Cela s.j. was a point of reference and helped us focus on the path to reconfiguration. It was suggested to study this text in community so the Sisters gave it a good reception and were encouraged to change their mindset and open their hearts. The Acts of the Provincial Chapter being approved, let us transmit them to the communities and live them on a daily basis.

Thank you to all the members of the Chapter for their enthusiastic participation. Warm regards to Sr. Antonella Prestia, present among us, not as Chapter member but as General Councilor. She kindly accompanied us, keeping the link with the Leadership Team and the entire Congregation.

Sr. Maria Teresa dell'Incarnazione, DW
Sr. Vittoria Maria dell'Eucaristia, DW
Italy

Together, Let us Cross the Bridge

All the Sisters of the Delegation met at a Retreat House in Ñaña, Peru, from January 20 to 24, 2019. Sr. Elvira Muños welcomed the group and presented Father José Mizzotti, smm, who accompanied us all through the process of the 2nd session of the Chapter of the Maria Luisa Delegation. The Sisters came to this meeting with availability, hope, confidence and openness to take up the challenge together to live the orientations given by the Congregation by giving life to the theme, "Love without borders".

The opening of this session took place with the Eucharist which lasted all day. Each Sister received the Orientation of the Congregation from the hands of the Delegation Team. It was a time of joy, contemplation, respect, availability, prayer and silence.

The Delegation opted for an open chapter. That allowed everyone to listen, participate and get involved in each of the Orientations given by the Congregation. Some concrete aspects arose through prayer, listening and reflection, in personal work and in groups. These lines of action will mark the adaptation that we make of the orientations to our Latino-American reality. The main axes are:

- ◆ Reconfiguration
- ◆ Interculturality
- ◆ Mission
- ◆ Vocation Ministry

The resulting lines of action were studied in Assembly. We set new criteria for the reorganization of zones, teams and committees, thus facilitating our participation in the life of the Delegation mission. We developed work plans for every sector, team and committee.

This new path of reconfiguration of the Congregation, with its challenges, invites each one of us, as Daughter of Wisdom, to set out on our journey with a spirit of discernment, in order to be able to distinguish what comes from Wisdom or what comes from oneself.



We are certain that Wisdom will continue to guide us and show us Her ways if we remain attentive and free before Her invitation to Love without Borders. Together let us cross the bridge!

*Sr. Laura Chahua and Sr. Violeta Santos, DW
María Luisa Delegation.*

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Councilors

Sr. Monique Goris

1st mandate

Sr. Monique Rahier

1st mandate

Mission as Messenger

at Saint-Laurent



Serving as messenger at the Mother House was a grace for me and a great opportunity to get to know the Founders better. This service consisted in presenting to the visitors the story of Father de Montfort and Marie-Louise of Jesus, to visit the premises where they lived and to announce the love of Jesus Eternal Wisdom.

Various groups visited Saint-Laurent. Many came out of admiration for Montfort and Marie-Louise, since they already knew something of their lives. Others were just visiting the place, admiring the beauty of the environment, the colors of the stained-glass windows, the silence and peace especially of the oratory and the chapel. Some shared their faith, their doubts, their quest for meaning, their desire to find answers to existential questions. Children easily expressed their experience of faith. This past summer, there were fewer visitors. This allowed for a deeper relationship between the Sisters of the community of La Source and the messengers.

From my mission as messenger, I recall the day I had a group of around ten people: young, men and women, including a few with physical disabilities. They were accompanied by a young woman of Tunisian origin. All of them came from Paris. During the visit in the Chapel, they really appreciated the silence of the place, sacred to us, Daughters of Wisdom. They took time to admire the architecture, the colors and the light radiating from the stained-glass windows.

We were in front of the window in the main nave. I proclaimed for them the Beatitudes: Blessed be the poor, blessed are the pure, blessed are...blessed are... Some had tears in their eyes. The lady accompanying them exclaimed: "What is going on? Among us, there are Catholics, Orthodox, other religious denominations and Muslims like me. Yet, all of us were moved by what we felt in this place." Certainly, they let themselves be touched by grace. Personally, I witnessed this moment lived by the group, some of which had the physical condition of the poor and the little ones to whom Wisdom reveals her secrets.



Sr. Marie-Laure Paillet and Sr. Myriam Joyeux, (France),
Sr. Irma Toneatto (Italy), Sr. Pierrette Gagnon, (Canada).

For me, the service as "messenger" was an experience of mission and evangelization. Among some of the visitors, I saw thirst for God and quest for spirituality. A feeling of thanksgiving and gratitude dwells in my heart.

Sr. Irma Toneatto, DW

Italy

Asia -Oceania

The new Asia-Oceania Delegation was born from the grouping of 3 Entities: Philippines, Papua New Guinea and Indonesia. In the following 3 articles, the Sisters of each Entity express their gratitude for those who assumed the responsibility of these Entities until now : Sr. Liane Rainville, Sr. Julienne Rasoazananoro et Sr. Kiran Kispotta.

A Gifted and Daring Woman



Sr. Julienne Rasoazananoro is a woman of determination. Faith and hope fill her targeted goals in her mission and life. She played major roles in Papua New Guinea, as a Diocesan HIV-AIDS Coordinator, as Delegation Bursar and Councilor for 12 years and as Delegation Leader of the Entity from April 2015 to April 2019.

With her talents and longtime experiences as leader, nothing stops her from accomplishing whatever awaits her. The Lord grants all the graces she needs in her faithful heart. We remember her in thanksgiving with this quote from Proverb 31:17, *“She buys land and plants a vineyard. She is a tower of strength, her arms strong and secure.”*

Sr. Julienne is an amazing woman. She is people oriented and has the loving heart of a mother. She is the lover of the unloved. As local and Melanesian Sisters, we vividly witness her, radiating the Love of Wisdom Incarnate. She treasures the marginalized and the sick, especially those people living with HIV and AIDS. Simple and humble, she befriends easily.

The ordinary people of the villages, the poor, and other people spontaneously say she is truly a Papua New Guinean. Sister always carries her PNG bag known as *‘bilum’* and integrates joyfully the dances and songs of our people. At international meetings and gatherings, she wears her PNG costume and sings and dances. *‘Em i Meri PNG tru ya’*, Moreover, Sr. Julienne is not afraid to take risks. During her mandate as Delegation Leader, she was firm and gentle in challenging situations. Working tirelessly, she can handle many responsibilities.

We often hear her say, *“Our religious life is a life based on faith”*. Her lifestyle inspires proper balance with community, prayer and apostolic life. Sister, your Leadership Years of Service is sincerely remembered. Deo Gratias... Thank You Sr. Terimah Kasih ... Eso ... May God continue to bless and enrich you!

*Sr. Beata Ayombe, D^W
Asia--Oceania Delegation*

A True Witness of Dedication

Sr. Liane Rainville, DW arrived in the Philippines on October 2, 1989 as one of the Founding Team. She was at the prime of her youth full of enthusiasm and desire for the mission. She was daring and was willing to plunge into whatever mission was put in front of her.

To be with the youth, she accepted Chaplaincy work in a nearby Parochial School from 1990 to 1994. She also took a part time position teaching French in one of the Universities. Her former students still remember her with gratitude. She became a Postulant Formator from 1995 – 2014 and she generously journeyed with Temporary Professed Sisters in her community. Later, she added prison ministry, dedicating time and loving presence to the rejected of society giving them to experience **Love** without **Borders**.



In 2002, Sr. Liane became the Regional Leader of the Philippine Entity that she generously served for 16 years. Under her leadership, she committed the Daughters of Wisdom in mission even if the Delegation was limited in personnel. She accepted and welcomed the first International Novitiate for English speaking Novices in 2008. A Spirituality session was also held in the Philippines in 2005, and a Council of Congregation in November 2013.

Under her persevering Leadership two institutions were established: the Tuburan sa Gugma, a Kinder School in Minglanilla, Cebu, and La Sagesse Rehabilitation and Development Center which caters to children with special needs in Pasig City. Faithful to the Spirituality and Charism of the Congregation, Sr. Liane made sure that the spirituality was rooted in the hearts of the Sisters and the Friends of Wisdom.

Sr. Liane's perseverance in her commitment and mission in proclaiming Wisdom's Love without Borders from the beginning, is surely innate in her. Sr. Liane, we need you to witness the joy of the Gospel and the vocation of a Daughter of Wisdom. Continue to inspire us and all those who will join us!

*Sr. Nancy David, DW
Asia-Oceania Delegation*

Woman of Courage



Sr. Kiran Kispotta is the seventh missionary in Indonesia. She arrived on 20th of September 2014 and was assigned to Pondok Marie-Louise community of Poco. Sr. Kiran was a Formator for the aspirants for a year from 2015-2016. On April 2016, she was transferred to Biara Kebijaksanaan Community of Tenda. From May 7th 2016 to 28th of April 2019, she became a Sector Leader and a Formator for the Pre-novices.

Sr. Kiran was known to be a loving person to the poor especially for the mentally disturbed. We are grateful that Sr. Kiran has helped us through different ways and guided us to be a committed Daughters of Wisdom.

We thank Sr. Kiran for sharing with us her values especially on how to become a courageous woman. We will always treasure these values in our hearts. Thank you, Sr. Kiran for teaching us to Love without Borders. God bless you always.

*Sr. Elisabet Samur, DW
Asia-Oceania Delegation*

New Government Great Britain & Ireland

Delegation Leader

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2nd mandate

Councilors

Sr. Margaret Morris

2nd mandate

Sr. Patricia Reilly

2nd mandate

Sr. Marie Turner

1st mandate