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LISTEN TO HIS VOICE, TO WHAT HE HAS TO SAY TO YOU IN THE DEPTHS OF YOUR HEART.

Sr. Antonella Prestia,
General Councillor

We are on our way to our General Chapter, and some of us have already experienced or are experiencing the first session of our Entity Chapter. As we look around us, at our world, at the Congregation, **we are all invited to a generative listening** to embrace the invitations that God is addressing to us today. Certainly, listening is not enough, we need to hear with a discerning heart, a wisdom of the heart!

Guided by the Spirit, let us walk together with a new awareness of the Congregational Body, listening for Wisdom in the emerging world (Statement for the time of preparation for the General Chapter).

In our infirmaries, in our apostolic activities, in every community, we are all invited to live a generative

dialogue, to participate and contribute as members of the same discerning Body. I like to think that Mother Marie-Louise of Jesus would say to each of us: Listen to His voice, to what He has to say to you in the depths of your heart⁽¹⁾, urging you to clothe the poor and needy today.

She too, as our co-Founder with Father de Montfort, experienced moments of change when audacity was needed to accomplish new things, moments of uncertainty when faith was needed to make a plan going forward, **moments of fragility in which to undertake the work of God.**

Rooted in Christ Wisdom, with whom she wove a deep dialogue in silence and discernment, she showed us how, as a woman of her time, she responded to God's invitations, living out her vocation as a disciple, as a **"woman of action"** in a context where women were confined to the family home or convent and had no say in the matter!

In the Word of God, this dynamism of **"going beyond"** that God wants to

provoke in believers is constantly apparent. Abraham accepted the call to set out for a new land. Moses heeded God's call: **"Go, I am sending you"**, and led the people out to the Promised Land. To Jeremiah he said: **"To all those to whom I will send you, you will go"**.⁽²⁾ Isn't the Incarnation God's departure from himself, his coming to meet humanity and becoming God-with-us, Emmanuel?

Mother Marie-Louise wrote to her spiritual director. I will undertake anything **as long as it is pleasing to the heart of God**. ⁽³⁾ And for me personally, what is the way forward to which I am called? And what is the way forward we are called to live as Congregation?

Each of us has made and continues to make a difference through our lives, leaving our personal mark through our presence and our actions. The articles that follow are an echo of the Congregation's commitment in the field of education and beyond; **they enrich our reflection by being conscious of the gentle wind of the Spirit at work in our Entities**.

Wisdom is seen by those who love her, and found by those who seek her. (Wis 6:12). May we live this time in the spirit of Wisdom, animated by the desire to encounter her, to let ourselves be challenged and transformed by her in our daily lives. May this time of listening, waiting and

openness be a fruitful time, when each of us can become the soil, the flesh in which Wisdom is incarnated today.

Merry Christmas!

- (1). Marie-Louise de Jésus, Lettre n° 29
- (2). Evangelii Gaudium, 20
- (3). Marie-Louise de Jésus, Lettre n° 14



70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF MONTFORT HOSPITAL

Sr. Lise Therrien and
Sr. Jocelyne Fallu, Canada

Wednesday, October 11th 2023 marked the **70th anniversary** of the founding of Montfort Hospital in Ottawa, Ontario. On this occasion, members of the Administration, staff, volunteers, friends and a delegation of a dozen Daughters of Wisdom gathered at the "**Monument de la francophonie**", where special speeches were made to a crowd of some **75 people**.

The theme of "**Recognizing the past**" was developed by Sr. Jocelyne Fallu, Provincial Leader of the DW. "**Honoring the present**" was the theme addressed by Mr. Carl Nappert, Chairman of the Board of Directors, while "**Building the future**" was

delivered by Mr. Dominic Giroux, Chairman and CEO, Hôpital Montfort.

Address given by Sr. Jocelyne Fallu, Provincial Leader, on the 70th anniversary of the founding of Montfort Hospital

In 1947, a group of Eastview businessmen along with Father Edmond Ducharme, SMM, formed a committee to study the possibility of having a Franco-Ontarian hospital to serve the population of Ottawa as well as Eastern Ontario. They turned to the Daughters of Wisdom to make this dream a reality. What courage it took for our leaders to answer that call.

Staff recruitment involved our DW communities from east to west across Canada. Nurses and technicians came from Ste-Justine, Val d'Or and Mont-Joli hospitals in Quebec, Sturgeon Falls in Ontario and Castor in Alberta. The DW in the general



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services : cooks, laundry workers, house-keepers... came from our institutions across the country.

Many of these women arrived from the novitiate, young, zealous, ready for anything. The 6th floor of the hospital was where the sisters lived - up to 65 of them at any one time.



Sr Jocelyne Fallu

Lay staff were few and far between in the early days. Our sisters were present in all departments, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Note that they didn't count their extra work time. On the contrary, many of them helped out in other departments when their work was done.

Monetary liquidity was rather scarce at the time - all the houses of our religious province were in the red ...

Let me tell you a true story that I've often heard used as an example: radiologist Dr. Tessier was, of course, a salaried employee.

His salary was accounted for and paid when there was money in the purse.

One day, Dr. Tessier showed up at the home of the administrator, Sr. Gracia Leduc, telling her that he needed some money to go grocery shopping!

Despite the challenges, doctors, staff and nuns lived in harmony, in a spirit of mutual aid, serenity and simplicity... values that characterize us, Daughters of Wisdom.

The doctors, nurses and staff were often young and highly committed. From the outset, the DNA that characterized Hôpital Montfort was recognized for its core values: **care, support, mutual aid and respect...**

They had a deep intuition that all staff members were part of a big family that made a difference in their environment. The magnificent **CARITAS** logo engraved on the floor at the entrance to the hospital (where the first entrance was located) declared something that is still true and deeply felt 70 years later.

It is engraved in hearts, minds and actions through the love, commitment and courage of the administrators, doctors, nurses and all the staff at Le Montfort, who pass on the CARITAS torch from generation to generation.

And yes, this word: CARITAS symbolizes the values and philosophy of care of the founders of "Hôpital Montfort". It was with respect,

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tenderness, compassion and love that the Daughters of Wisdom lavished care on the sick **from the very opening of this establishment.**

Following in the footsteps of their founders, Louis-Marie Grignon de Montfort and Marie-Louise Trichet, who worked with the poor in the hospitals of France, the FDLS heard the call of Wisdom recognized in the appeal of the members of the Eastview committee over 70 years ago. **They courageously set out on their journey.**

What a joy it is for us today, Filles de la Sagesse, to see that after so many years, the same values are lived and conveyed at Montfort. **Long live this institution, which is the pride of our community and of the entire Franco-Ontarian community. Montfort closed ... never!**

Following the speeches, the Francophonie flag was solemnly raised before a silent crowd, proud of the beginnings, present and future of this iconic institution.

The applause that followed was a reminder that Montfort Hospital is a much-appreciated jewel of Ontario's francophonie.

Long live the vision, hard work and courage of our predecessors!



UNANIMA INTERNATIONAL AND THE FIGHT AGAINST HIDDEN HOMELESSNESS

Sr. Cathy Sheehan, USA

In the April 2023 issue of Sagesse Internationale, I shared with you a bit of the history of UNANIMA International and its leadership.

Our membership of UNANIMA International links us around the world with people in need, and with people working to find solutions.

There's no doubt that as Daughters of Wisdom, we work with the grassroots - ordinary people.



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UNANIMA International's close links with the grassroots inform the work carried out at civil society level at the United Nations.



UNANIMA International defends the rights of people, especially women and children, who are :

- Homeless/displaced
- Migrants and refugees
- Victims of human trafficking
- Impacted by the effects of climate change.

UNANIMA International gives a voice to the grassroots and to people with "lived experience" at the United Nations.

The definition of homelessness proposed by the UN panel of experts prior to the **58th session of the Commission for Social Development (CSocD58)** which was confirmed by the United Nations in the resolution adopted by the Economic and Social Council on June 18, 2020.

"Homelessness is a situation in which a person or household lacks a habitable space with security of tenure, rights and the ability to enjoy social relations, including security. Homelessness is a manifestation of extreme poverty and a failure of multiple systems and human rights."

Some aspects of homelessness are hidden, i.e. they go beyond some of our preconceived ideas about homelessness.

The term "hidden" refers not only to the physical location of many of these experiences behind closed doors or in isolated parts of cities, but also to the way in which our global society, through governance, definitions and even data, **underestimates the problem and fails to understand what these experiences look and feel like.**

The experience of homelessness includes living in inadequate housing that is unsafe and lacks other human rights such as sanitation.

In the broadest sense, homelessness is living in informal settlements where too many people live under the same roof.

Other situations arise when people have no choice but to live with their aggressors (situations of family and domestic violence), and when they are victims of human trafficking or forced marriages.

The UNA-NIMA International Board of Directors meets twice a year (in September and February). As Jean Quinn, our Executive Director, often reminds us, one of UNANIMA International's values is to always **include the experiences of those directly affected by homelessness.**

An important part of our meetings is sharing stories from the field with the Board of Directors. Our next meeting is scheduled for February 22-24, 2024.

I've invited you to share the story of someone you know who has experienced "hidden homelessness", so that I can share it with the Board and staff of UNANIMA International. It reminds me of the famous quote by anthropologist and wise woman, Margaret Mead, who said:

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world In fact, it's the only thing that ever has."

I encourage you to visit the UNANIMA International website <https://unanima-international.org/> for more information. The site is available in several languages.

Feel free to send any stories you'd like to share to : csheehan@daughtersofwisdom.org.

THIRD INTER-SCHOOL VIRTUAL MEETING

Sr. Rosa Amelia Canicoba Liza, Pérou.

The long-awaited big day has finally arrived! After patient preparation, the 3rd Encounter of the pupils of Wisdom schools took place on Wednesday, October 25th 2023. Girls and boys from the final year of **"Our Lady of Wisdom"** schools in Ñaña (Peru), Acacías and Bogotá (Colombia) took part. Three educational institutions promoted by the Daughters of Wisdom.

THE THEME OF THE EXCHANGE :

Creative Wisdom. Theme in harmony with **"Laudato Si"** and the defense and protection of our home. It has enabled us to deepen and develop actions, with greater awareness, in favor of the care and respect for the Creation of Wisdom.

STUDENT COORDINATION :

Promoting student leadership, the students themselves elected their classmates as coordinators to carry out the process of preparation and subsequent execution of the event, accompanied by a few teachers.

It was a very edifying three-hour virtual experience, with several



elements that helped them work as a team in facing a beautiful and disturbing challenge:

Transmitting the spirituality of Creative Wisdom to a student population that is aware of and thirsty for justice for Mother Earth, which is drying up, the water in rivers and seas are becoming polluted, the air is becoming rarefied, and not only animal species, but above all human populations are being displaced by large-scale profit-making enterprises.

THE DYNAMISM OF THE STUDENTS:

The methodology used at this meeting was very active, using songs, videos and other contemporary technological tools, which today's young people use with great skill.

The three schools took part in the following activities: Welcome, prayer, presentation of their schools, the central theme on the spirit of creative wisdom, integration games on what had been shared, evaluation of the meeting, final prayer, thanksgiving and brief

agreements for the future, and finally joyful farewells.

EXPERIENCE EVALUATION

Our students affirmed: *"Let us bring to life the action of creative Wisdom and respond to the cry of the earth and the poor, who trust us to be builders of the KINGDOM OF GOD, WORKING FOR A CULTURE OF PEACE, JUSTICE AND INCLUSION"*.

We thank Jesus, Eternal and Incarnate Wisdom, for this beautiful creation, and Mary, Mother of encounters, for the grace of this mutual sharing between the Maria Luisa Delegation (Peru) and Colombia.



IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF EDUCATION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE, A FOCUS OF THE SAGESSE GIRLS' MISSION IN CONGO AT THE "COMPLEXE SCOLAIRE LA SAGESSE" IN ISANGI.

Sr. Valérie Mboma, Congo

From **2003** to the present day (20 years), the "Congrégation des Filles de la Sagesse" has set up a private school in Isangi, in the Tshopo Province, to offer quality technical education to young people in this rural area. The school starts with nursery, primary and secondary education, in line with the Congolese education system reforms.

Faithful to the spirit of the Congregation, the Daughters of Wisdom in Congo pay **particular attention to the education of young people, especially girls**, in a cultural context where rural girls do not have the same opportunities to complete their studies as boys.

At "Complexe Scolaire la Sagesse", we offer girls and boys a comprehensive, high-quality education at the same level as other young people in the city's schools. The students who are trained with us manage to position themselves well in life after their training.

They become able to generate income for their families. Others become a local workforce and no longer need to bring in technicians from the city for certain construction jobs, for example.

We have a boarding school that welcomes around sixty Isangi girls each year, with others coming from the city of Kisangani and other provinces in the country. Parents put their trust in us by sending their daughters to benefit from better supervision at the boarding school and a good education at school.

School education is the primary mission of the local community. All the Sisters are committed to the school and boarding school, always in close collaboration with the lay teachers.

"Complexe Scolaire la Sagesse" shines in the heart of Isangi village.



This is thanks to the support of the Belgian organization **ENABEL**, which helped construct a building housing the computer and cutting and sewing rooms, equipped with computers and sewing machines for student training.



Impact and prospects

We are encouraged by the good results achieved by our students, who are the pride of our Congregation. Every year, they bring home medals from the nationally-organized trade fairs, enabling some of our young people to go on to brilliant university studies. “Complexe Scolaire la Sagesse” has six classes of State graduates (the equivalent of the baccalaureate).

We are proud of our mission to educate young people, which gives us a real commitment to the education of our people.

GIRL CHILD AT THE BASE OF THE MISSION

Sr. Stelia Victor, Malawi

The Malawi’s government aims at education for all. Malawi has a greater vision that by **2063**, most Malawians should be learned and self-reliant, (National Planning Commission “NPC,” 2023). Looking at the history of our country, often influenced by our culture, a boy child was given the priority for studies whereas the girl child had to take up household chores.

This kind of mentality brought in the thinking that a girl child was less important than a boy child. With the



coming in of the notions of “equality” and “emancipation of women,” the world today, is awake that it also sees potentiality in women. This is why there have been established various organisations that aim at promoting the girl child education at all levels. **Parents and guardians are urged to send their girl child to school** and give her ample time to study (for a day scholar) whenever she is back from school.

These organisations also do pay school fees and upkeep for a girl student to make sure that the girl child has all the necessities for her studies.

The Catholic Church of Malawi has constructed a lot of schools that accommodate both boys and girls. Some of these schools are only Girls Boarding and Day Schools in order that the population of educated girls should increase. As one with the Catholic Church in Malawi, the Daughters of Wisdom (DW) established, and are running, Saint Mary’s and Our Lady of Wisdom Secondary Schools, of which both are for the girl-child education, situated in the Southern part of Malawi.

St. Mary’s Secondary School is a full boarding school with the Motto **“Climb higher (native Kwerani), the sky is not the limit,”** whereas Our Lady of Wisdom Secondary School is a Day School with minimal boarding

facilities and its Motto is **“keep the fire burning!”** The overall performance of the Catholic Schools with our schools in inclusion, is excellent. Looking at this year’s performance we see that there was one hundred percent pass rate at St. Mary’s secondary School and ninety-nine percent pass rate at Our Lady of Wisdom Secondary School.

Bearing in mind that there are other needy students at our institutions and that **we cannot afford to pay for every needy student’s school fee**, we, the Daughters of Wisdom in Malawi, have collaborated with various donors so as to uplift these very needy students in their academic life. Apart from the formal education, there is also tailoring for women and girls who, for one reason or the other, did not manage to go far with education. **This program is to ensure that a girl has something to do apart from just waiting to receive from the husband or other people.**



As a teacher in making, doing my teaching practice at Our Lady of Wisdom Secondary School, **I witness the dedication of the administration, staff members**, supporting staff members and the DW Sisters, towards helping the girl child to get the best education she deserves at Secondary School level. There is discipline instilled in both the teachers and the learners that brings respect among teachers and learners.

Our Lady of Wisdom Secondary School believes that for education to be better there is need for some extracurricular activities. **For this reason, there are various groupings such as Gaming club, Wild Life club, Math and Science club, Drama club, Spelling Bee club, and Sports.**

Through the stated clubs, the learners have the opportunity to go for various trips and educational visits as recently; the Math and Science club visited the Kapichira Hydro-Electrical Power Station where they learned how electricity is generated and later transmitted to various sources for use. **These extracurricular activities do boost their enthusiasm for learning.**

It is written that *“the beginning of Wisdom is the fear of God,”* this is the charism and culture of Our Lady of Wisdom Secondary School that every morning before lessons begin, learners have opening prayers, calling

upon God to bless and enlighten them. In the same manner, they close with prayers as they leave in the afternoon. **Every learner is required to know at least how to recite the peace prayer, Our Father, the Hail Mary, and Glory be.**

It was very interesting seeing learners even those of different denominations, leading the Rosary prayers in October, the month of the Holy Rosary. At the School Assembly the Gospel of the day is read followed by Our Father, three Hail Marys, Glory be, and the peace prayer.



There are various incentives given to the teachers and learners for their outstanding performance. This is to affirm the work well done and **to encourage both teachers and learners to work extra hard for a greater achievement.**

Our Lady of Wisdom Secondary School has so far produced notable citizens who are working in various

sectors of the Malawi's government. One of the products being Madam Mary Chilima, a Graduate at **The Polytechnic currently Malawi University of Business and Applied Sciences (MUBAS)**, the wife to the Vice President of the Republic of Malawi, Dr. Saulos Claus Chilima.

It is the wish of the Daughters of Wisdom in Malawi that many girls should learn with Our Lady of Wisdom for a brighter future.

The only drawback as already stated is that, Our Lady of Wisdom is a Day School, as such, it accommodates mainly girls from the South of Malawi, those that can manage to commute from home. In so doing, girls from other regions find it difficult to come and learn at this institution.

If resources can be there so that Our Lady of Wisdom should become a Full Boarding Secondary School, surely wonders can be experienced in terms of the girls' performance.

This can lead to a balanced nation having both men and women of integrity, well qualified for any profession thereby making Malawi self-sustainable.



PROMOTING GIRL CHILD EDUCATION AT ST MARY'S SECONDARY SCHOOL

Sr. Annie Kapenda, Malawi

Saint Mary's Secondary School is one of the oldest Schools in Malawi. It was opened in **1939**. It was built to educate women. At that time there was high infant mortality rate and it was observed that this was due to women's ignorance about health services.

They thought, if a woman, who is influential in a family, had some knowledge of basic hygiene and improved health services, mortality rate would be drastically reduced.

They therefore, established that it is necessary to educate a woman so as to impart knowledge of the said basic hygiene and health services which will in turn develop her mind, her potential and her will power. Since then, the school has been faithful in educating girls for many years now so that they become architects of their own destiny (RL3).

Indeed the school is providing quality education to girls which caters for the intellectual, spiritual, moral and social aspects of a person which can assist the girls in the development of the nation in general and their

families in particular.

Today, St Mary's Secondary School is known as Home of Girl Child Academic Excellence attached to the Daughters of Wisdom who are running this school. **The school every year sends more than one hundred girls to various colleges of the Universities of Malawi.**

This year again St Mary's has broken record by being the top school in terms of quality results, producing the highest grade which is a 6. This means this girl had distinctions in seven subjects including English and the science subjects, at National level. It has become the first outshining school for both girls and boys schools in the country. Indeed the school is driven by its Motto, **CLIMB HIGHER.**



Promoting girl child education at St Mary's Secondary School involves a **multifaceted approach** where both the school management, Parent - Teacher Association and teachers

play crucial roles. It is a crucial endeavor, and at St Mary's Secondary School, various management initiatives and strategies play a pivotal role in ensuring the success of this mission.

Here is a comprehensive analysis of the impact of each of the following factors on the promotion of girl child education at the school.

First and foremost, the management's provision of ample resources, including books for both students and teachers, is instrumental in promoting girl child education. Access to quality educational materials empowers both students and educators, fostering an environment of learning and growth.

Strategic class allocation is another impactful measure undertaken by the management. The management at St Mary's assigns teachers to subjects or classes where they have expertise can lead to more effective teaching methods. **When teachers are well-prepared and knowledgeable, they can adapt their teaching to engage girls effectively,** making the learning experience more enjoyable and understandable.

Frequent assessments and feedback mechanisms supported by the management are essential for tracking progress at St Mary's Secondary School. These evaluations provide valuable insights into the

students' performance, enabling timely interventions and adjustments in the educational approach.

Furthermore, the initiation of intensive strategic meetings to analyze students, teachers, and school performance is a forward-thinking strategy. These meetings inform decision-making, allowing for data-driven improvements in the educational process.



Celebration of the best-performing students in the 2023 national examinations.

The school also funds trips for students who excel in the top ten serves as a source of motivation and recognition. This gesture acknowledges the achievements of the students, **motivating them to continue striving for excellence.**

Creating a conducive environment for teaching and learning is vital for enhancing intrinsic motivation. St Mary's School Management's efforts in this area contribute to a positive atmosphere that fosters a love for learning among the girl students. A

very good rapport between teachers and students, promoted by the management, establishes a supportive and trusting relationship. This rapport is essential in providing guidance, mentorship, and a safe space for students to express their concerns and seek help when needed.

Arranging consultation days for parents or guardians to interact with teachers on student performance demonstrates the school's commitment to transparency and parental involvement. **This collaboration ensures that all stakeholders are aligned in supporting the girl child's education.**

Teachers providing remedial lessons and organizing a parallel teaching timetable for struggling students exemplify the dedication of the school's educators. **This individualized attention helps students overcome challenges and catch up with their peers.**

Peer teaching sessions among students promote a culture of collaboration and mutual support. Girls' assisting each other in their studies not only reinforces their learning but also **builds a strong sense of community.**

The presence of an academic clinic committee within the school is a remarkable initiative. This committee identifies and addresses various

hindrances to students' performance, including psychosocial, economic, and social issues. It tailors solutions to each student's needs, ensuring that no girl is left behind. **As such the school has fewer issues of indiscipline therefore much time is focused on academics.**

In conclusion, promoting girl child education at St Mary's Secondary School is a comprehensive effort that involves the active participation of both school management and teachers.

These initiatives collectively create a conducive, motivating, and supportive environment for girls, enabling them to excel academically and realize their full potential.

This holistic approach ensures that every student has the opportunity to receive a quality education and overcome any barriers to learning.



WISDOM RULES THE WORLD WITH KINDNESS

Razanamavor, Madagascar, Student

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It's impossible not to be blown away by this burgeoning school of "Wisdom". I've sometimes heard it said that it was a poor sewing and

craft workshop, but today this rustic workshop has become one of the most prestigious schools in the southern sector of the eastern region.

90 years of mission have passed under the aegis of Saint Louis de Montfort and the fortunate Marie Louise.

I was not yet on earth when the first Sisters arrived here on December 18th, 1934, and already I have the impression that they had no other aim than to do good to others and share wisdom; the spiritual education I received is proof of this.

It guides young people towards the right path in life. The quality of education is constantly improving, which is why the college has top marks in every official exam.

During unexpected moments of interaction among students, the exchanges have been organized to draw lessons in community living through the organization of this celebration. **Each individual can open their heart and strengthen their bonds during these moments of sharing.**

I'm also convinced that this school will continue to evolve. As a senior, I'm now about to leave it. It has provided me with many happy events, **not to mention the spiritual and**

moral benefits I have enjoyed.



The community's efforts consisted in breaking down the boundaries that separate us. This multiplied the opportunities to transmit Wisdom in its entirety through the various skills to be acquired.

In short, the success of our Lycée lies in the systematic training of teachers and the cooperation of parents.

All I want to say is that the "Filles de la Sagesse de Mahanoro" community has given its best, through the Lycée Catholique **"Notre Dame de la Paix"**.



MANY THANKS, SISTER MARIE DE NAZARETH!...

45 years of missionary presence in the María Luisa Delegation

We want to thank Jesus Wisdom for the **45 years of missionary presence** of Sister Mary of Nazareth among us.

She left Italy for Peru, arriving in January **1979** as a missionary Ad Gentes, in full youth and daring.

She helped open the **Villa El Salvador - Lima community**.

There, with other sisters, she reveals the close presence of Jesus Wisdom to the marginalized population of southern Lima. **Sister Marie de Nazareth is appreciated for her closeness and simplicity, for her ease in establishing relationships and friendships.**

She revealed Wisdom through education, in different schools in Peru, in particular in our school Our Lady of Wisdom in Ñaña.

Sister Maria, your closeness and availability have enabled you to give other responses as a missionary in Santa Clara - Argentina, and other occasional services in various communities of the Delegation.

Thank you, Sister Marie de Nazareth, for your missionary fidelity! You easily entered our culture, you were one of us..., your joy, your good humor, the delicious pizzas, the Ñoquis, and other delicious Italian dishes you prepared for us with joy and affection... We'll always remember you! **(Sr Laura Chahua, hdl)**

Sister Marie de Nazareth, I give thanks to God for your apostolic and missionary zeal, your closeness, your encouragement, your witness on behalf of all those who, like me, will remember you with gratitude and prayer for all the traces you will leave behind you.

I say to you: Thank you, Mary, for being the way you are! **(Sr. Fanny Esther Macías)**





SR. CLEMENTINA, 45 YEARS OF MISSIONARY PRESENCE

Sr. Fanny Esther Macias, Italy

A thousand thanks for sowing the seeds of life in Latin American soil!

Sister Clementina, you left your homeland, Italy, to come to Peru, arriving on January 14, **1974**, filled with apostolic zeal. Your simplicity and closeness have left a mark.

You are a woman of few words, but your actions speak of the love in your heart. What love for the poorest, what boundless service, what a risky and wise life!

"The Wisdom of Silence -... your contemplative silence, your deep gaze, your brotherly and welcoming smile -... has an impact". Thank you for your presence and apostolic witness. The responsibility with which you embraced the formation of religious life was striking.

Your simple lifestyle, without too much complication, defined you, and wherever you went on mission, you won people's affection precisely because you were like that, simple and humble without too much noise.

You were, and still are, passionate about the family. Thank you for all the evangelization work you have

Sister Marie, I can still see my formative years walking alongside you in Huánuco, my mission experience that united me with you in the love of education. And the joy of our meetings, the laughter, your advice and encouragement along the way, and the big sister who accompanied and encouraged my little steps. Thank you, thank you, thank you. **(Sr. Lorena Serbin).**

With a heart full of gratitude, I said to her: How good it is, Lord, that you have called Mary of Nazareth to be a Daughter of Missionary Wisdom! Thank you, Mary, for your presence throughout the years and for your generous dedication to the mission, for the enthusiasm you put into everything you do, and for your gift of weaving relationships that foster mission and service to those most in need **(Sr. Elvira Muñoz)**

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done for many years in family catechesis. Your mission was the formation of guide couples and young animators of family catechesis.

What was astonishing was your great ability to bring together families and young people who followed you, precisely because of your simplicity and daily wisdom. Many thanks, Sister Clementina **(Sr. María Asunción de Jesús)**



...**A big thank you** for your wise life lived in the daily dedication of community life and mission. Thank you for the testimony of what it means to live in total availability to God's will.

Thank you for the boldness of opening your door to other cultures, always with caution and a smile before you; thus allowing Wisdom to meet people thirsty for His Love. Thank you for your sense of belonging to the Montfortian Congregation and Family. **(Sr. Elvira Muñoz)**

Our greetings and gratitude for your life given in these beautiful lands of Ecuador. We have had the joy of sharing day by day: affections, joys, dreams, hopes, and sorrows. **We wish you an infinity of love and strength** in this new stage of your life. The time you have shared in community has been very significant. We will always remember you. **(Sr. Silvia Parra and Sr. Juleysi Zambrano)**



Thank you, Sister Clementina, for being a witness of life and love in the style of Wisdom. **Thank you for being a missionary who has made her mark** in all the mission places where she was sent: Peru, Argentina, Ecuador. We will always remember you for your closeness, commitment, and service. **(Sr. Fanny Esther Macias)**



COMMITMENTS IN THE CONGREGATION

First profession

Asia-Oceania	Sr. Maria Magdalena NGGUNU Sr. Doreen LARE	August 15, 2023
Madagascar	Sr. Stéphane Marie Angèle RAHOLIARITINA Sr. Salohy Mauricia RAZAFIMAHARO Sr. Nivo Herilala Béatrice HANITRINIAINA Sr. Eveline IHANDONIAINA Sr. Clara Tojoniaina RAZOELINORO Sr. Viviane RASOARIMANANA Sr. Violette HANITRAMALALA	August 22, 2023
R.D. Congo	Sr. Marie Justine BATIKANASA PUNGOY Sr. Modestine LIFITA MBULIATALE Sr. Niclette INZILI ABIER Sr. Marie-Médiatrice ATETE LOWANYA Sr. Falonne Gertrude MAYO MPAKA Sr. Rita MBOMA NZUZI	September 10, 2023
Malawi	Sr. Anna Matumbi	November 4, 2023

COMMITMENTS IN THE CONGREGATION

Perpetual profession

Madagascar	Sr. Sidonie ANDRIASATATRINIAINA	August 6, 2023
Haïti	Sr. Norline EDOUARZIN Sr. Erzelie Caren-Landie MAZARD	September 8, 2023
R.D.Congo	Sr. Marie-Magdeleine KYAKIMWA KAGHOMA	September 10, 2023
Malawi	Sr. Gloria Dickson	November 4, 2023



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Daughters of Wisdom

			Birth	Profession
Juillet 2023				
04	Sr Suzanne Marc-Chaillé Suzanne de la Sagesse	N.D de la Sagesse St Laurent	14-07-24	02-08-48
13	Sr Maria Pia dell'Immacolata Cesarina Scattolin	Castiglione Italie	14-06-36	02-02-61
16	Sr Iréné du Sacré-Coeur Ermione Roc	N.D. de Toutes Grâces Haïti	30-01-24	02-02-48
19	Sr Thérèse Cormier Aimée de l'Assomption	Maison Accueil-Sagesse Canada	12-07-20	02-02-43
23	Sr Vittoria di Maria Immacolata Piccinini Teresina	Castiglione Italie	03-02-30	02-02-55
30	Sr Monique Le Tily Monique Le Tily	N.D de la Sagesse St Laurent	23-04-44	25-03-72
Août 2023				
01	Sr Thérèse de la Trinité Turnier Eline	N.D. de Toutes Grâces Haïti	15-01-29	02-08-53
30	Sr Marie Dabo Thérèse-François du Rosaire	N.D. de la Sagesse St Laurent	15-09-24	02-08-53
Septembre 2023				
07	Sr Madeleine de Marie Réparatrice Micheline Girault	N.D. de la Sagesse St Laurent	18-12-30	02-08-52
17	Sr Marie-Louise du Rosaire Micheline Sandevor	N.D. de la Sagesse St Laurent	02-02-28	02-08-50
26	Sr Denise Hébert Aimée-Marie de Jésus	Maison Accueil-Sagesse Ottawa	28-04-35	02-02-56
29	Sr Mary Eileen McCarthy John of the Heart of Jesus	Sound Beach États-Unis	09-04-27	02-08-46
Octobre 2023				
02	Sr Adriana Maria dell'Incarnazione Palli Adriana	Sanremo Italie	10-09-41	22-08-66
07	Sr Ana Lucía de San Carlos Páez Escobar Lilia	Bogotá-Enfermería María Luisa Colombie	09-06-33	02-08-53
07	Sr Daniel-Marie de la Croix Suzanne Faccini-Berthe - Rose	Mayssac France	11-09-27	02-02-57

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08	Sr Clotilda Makweya	Limbe-O.L. of Wisdom Covent Malawi	21-02-71	21-11-03
17	Sr Marie-Hélène Joret Marie-Hélène de la Croix	La Chartreuse - Saint Bruno France	23-01-35	02-02-59
24	Sr Marie-Thérèse de Jésus Germaine Chauvet	N.D. de la Sagesse St Laurent	23-01-24	02-09-50
27	Sr Julien-Bernard de l'Immaculée Jeannine Le Gleut	La Chartreuse-M. Louise Trichet France	24-04-37	02-09-59
30	Sr Marie Marguerite du Divin Cœur Marie-Jocelyne Dervil	Port-au-Prince-N.D. de Toutes Grâce Haïti	12-06-41	02-02-65

Novembre 2023

06	Sr Lucía Emily García Emilia de la Immaculada	Bogotá - Nazareth Colombie	20-09-35	02-08-54
10	Sr Verwielen Johanna Henrica V. H. Onbevlekt Hart	Schimmert Hollande	01-09-29	02-08-54
16	Sr Claire Le Lorrec Louis de Jésus	La Chartreuse - M. L. Trichet France	14-01-23	02-08-57
25	Sr Simone Desjardins Sr Marie-Louise de la Ste-Famille	Maison Accueil-Sagesse Ottawa	17-09-21	02-02-41

Compagnie de Marie

Juin 2023

28	P. Joseph Guillouzic	St Laurent France	96 ans	76 ans
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Juillet 2023

13	P. Raoul Deshaies	Montréal Canada	85 ans	64 ans
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Décembre 2023

01	F. Fracilus Petit-Homme	Miami États-Unis	81 ans	59 ans
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Frères de St-Gabriel

Juillet 2023

06	F. Stéphane Gasztowtt	Nantes France	90 ans	70 ans
16	F. Robert Baud	Thouaré-sur-Loire France	94 ans	75 ans
22	F. Elie Baranger	Thouaré-sur-Loire France	86 ans	67 ans
23	F. Yuju Francis	Hyderabad Inde	60 ans	38 ans

Août 2023

31	F. Mathurin Le Bot	La Hillière France	91 ans	72 ans
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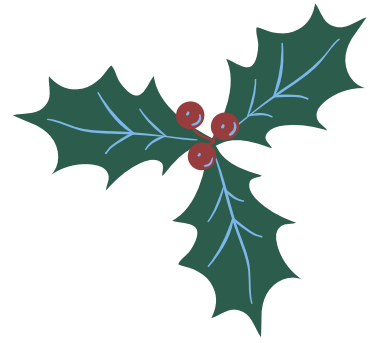
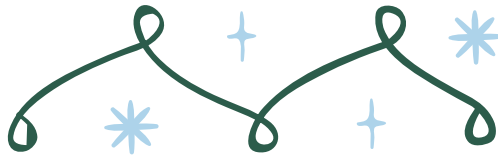
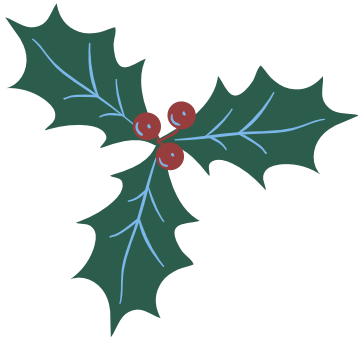
Octobre

06	F. Alfonso Scarapicchia	Rome Italie	92 ans	73 ans
09	F. Wilfrid	Yercaud Inde	96 ans	70 ans

Decembre

02	F. Louis Burgaud	La Hillière France	99 ans	82 ans
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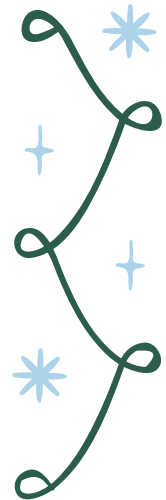




My very dear Sisters,

I join the General Team in wishing you a joyful Christmas celebration, a symbol of light and hope.

We hope that this celebration will bring you peace and joy, and that it will help you to live the coming year in love and communion.



Xavier Le Roux

