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While this Bulletin is being published, everything in today's world tends to plunge humanity into the deepest pessimism; everywhere we hear nothing but wars, violence and injustice. The many natural and humanitarian disasters evoke images of a world on fire, a world adrift. It's enough to feel powerless and overwhelmed

Nevertheless, it is within this context of turmoil and uncertainty that the season of Advent begins, with the Word of God ringing out loud and clear: *"Stand up and lift up your heads, for your Redemption is at hand!"* (Lk 21:28). It is in such a context that Pope Francis invites us, in the Church, to enter into a Year of Grace with the Jubilee of Hope. How can we respond with wisdom, love and peace to this destructive era? **How can we be pilgrims of hope?**

"Hope does not disappoint, for the

love of God has been poured into our hearts" (Romans 5:5).

This issue of our International Bulletin, dedicated to health, responds in its own way. Indeed, through the testimonies of the Daughters of Wisdom, the various articles show tangible signs of this hope that dwells in us and is revealed in the simple gestures of compassion, courage and welcome that we make every day.

Today the search for health and well-being is omnipresent, the demands and needs for health are strong and at the same time very ambiguous. The quest for health at all costs sometimes seeks to erase the reality of human finitude, with its attendant suffering, pain and hardship. What words of hope, then, are we called to offer in accordance with our charism?

Sr. Céline, in her article, reminds us that health is not limited to physical considerations. True health also encompasses our mental, emotional, and spiritual well-being. Sr. Irma, in sharing her experience as a "minister of consolation", implicitly challenges



our contemporary world and those citizens seeking to pass laws on "the right to die", which is more akin to a "duty to die". But she tells us, with Pope Francis, that **"even when healing is not possible, care can always be given. It is always possible to console, it is always possible to make people sense a closeness that is more interested in the person than in his or her pathology."**[1]

Yes, in this complex world, the Daughters of Wisdom are witnesses of hope. Sister Julita, in Malawi, tells us about HIV-positive mothers singing their "magnificat" after the successful treatment of their child. In Papua, Sr. Philomène tells us about the hope and resilience of the women of Bamio united to build and sustain the "Karem House". And Sr. Julienne Rasoazananoro presents the Good Samaritan Center for people living with HIV.

Edy Correa Leguizamon, a lay collaborator at Our Lady of Wisdom School in Acacia, Colombia, reminds us of the extent to which mental health is undermined in today's society, and **how important it is that our educational institutions continue to be places of holistic development.**

The Daughters of Wisdom in Peru, through their rehabilitation center for people with visual impairments, are beacons of hope. It's no surprise that Silvia, aspiring Wisdom, in sharing her

testimony with us, found hope and meaning in her search for God, with our senior Sisters in Colombia. Finally, two missionary sisters, back in their original entities, leave seeds of hope in the service of the wounded humanity to which they were sent: Sister Savari, a nurse serving migrants in Ventimiglia, Italy, and Sister Shiny, a therapist who serves people with speech disorders in Papua.

In full harmony with these testimonies, we have received an invitation from the Province of France to pray for the beatification of Father Gabriel Deshayes. **Isn't Providence winking at us to turn to this prophet of hope who, in his time, multiplied initiatives in favor of those left behind by society:** children, the sick and especially the sensory impaired??

Current events also invite us to recall another figure, much more discreet, but just as important in our history, that of the 2nd Daughter of Wisdom, Catherine Brunet, Sister of the Conception, devoted all her life to the care of the sick and the poor, companion in the first hours of our Mother Marie-Louise's struggle, and whose 300th anniversary of return to the Father will be commemorated on December 15, 2025.

Our Sisters, past and present, here and elsewhere, are faithful witnesses

of charity pouring on the wounds of the sick, 'the oil of consolation and the wine of hope' (cf. the parable of the Good Samaritan). It's good to be reminded of this on the eve of Christmas, when Hope was born into world. So, let us all continue, in health or in sickness, to sow hope in every person we meet, in every person we welcome; in every vulnerable person, in order to bring about the Kingdom of God.

[1] Message for the 30th World Day of the Sick, Pope Francis, February 11, 2022, no. 4



HEALTH AND WISDOM

Sr Céline St-Pierre, Canada

Wisdom seeks out humans and desires for each one to experience optimal growth, a quality of life and well-being that brings them happiness. **Health is one of the essential elements of this quality of life, of this happiness.**

Health encompasses physical, mental, social, emotional, and spiritual well-being. A healthy body is a precious asset, but alone, it cannot satisfy all of a person's needs. When the mind ensures good mental health, an additional step is achieved.

Quality interpersonal and community relationships provide support and comfort. They strengthen emotional health and foster balance. The spiritual dimension is essential to a person's overall health. It is crucial to

give life meaning, to understand one's values, to face challenges, to have beliefs, and to connect with something greater than oneself.

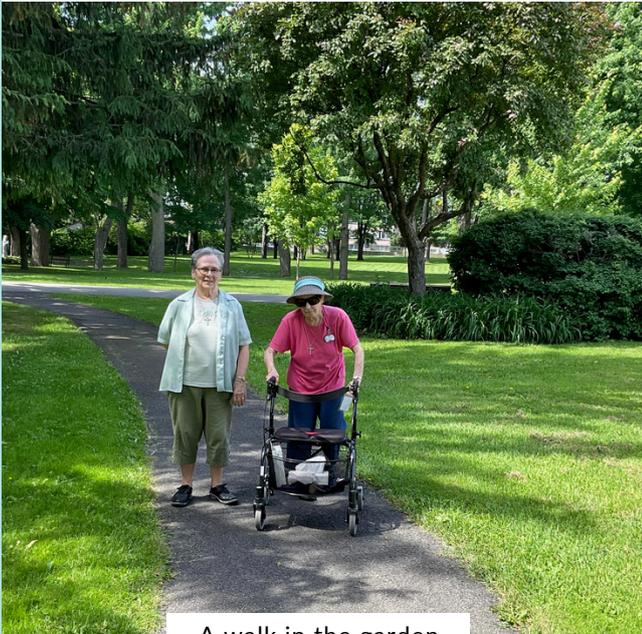
The environment in which a person lives must support their maximum capacity for fulfillment and growth, enabling them to lead a pleasant life. Such is the case at Maison Accueil-Sagesse, **where all conditions are in place to foster the complete development of each sister.**

Maison Accueil-Sagesse is located in Ottawa, in the province of Ontario. It is the last residence in Canada owned by the Daughters of Wisdom that houses sisters. This complex consists of three pavilions: Notre-Dame Pavilion, Accueil Pavilion, and Sagesse Pavilion, and can accommodate up to one hundred and fourteen (114) sisters.

Notre-Dame Pavilion houses sisters who are ill or have lost autonomy, Accueil Pavilion partially



accommodates sisters who need a more supportive environment, and Sagesse Pavilion houses the more independent sisters. Currently, the Maison also hosts eleven sisters from other congregations.



A walk in the garden

In terms of health, all aspects of a person are considered. All physical and mental needs are met by competent and caring staff.

The medical team ensures that each patient receives all necessary care. Numerous activities are organized to **keep both body and mind in good condition**. The large garden with its pathways invites rejuvenating walks in nature.

Those in charge strive to maintain the social and emotional health of both the sisters and staff by fostering simple, courteous, fraternal, and comforting relationships. The sisters help each other by offering services

to others and the community, each according to her talents and abilities. The atmosphere is joyful, welcoming, and fraternal. Spiritual health is not neglected either.



Celebrations, prayer times, gatherings, and other special moments nourish and energize the relationship with the Lord. **Each one is encouraged to reach her full potential in her search for Wisdom and her mission of being present to the world.**

Life at Maison Accueil-Sagesse is stimulating. It promotes health of the body, soul, and spirit. We give thanks to Wisdom for so many blessings and for the beauty of her works.

A PATH OF HOPE IN MALAWI

Sr. Julita Mzemba, Malawi

In Malawi, where the first HIV/AIDS case was reported in **1985**, the current prevalence rate remains high at **8.9%**. However, pioneering initiatives such as the elimination of mother-to-child HIV transmission (EMTCT) program at St. Joseph Hospital in Nguludi



offer a glimmer of hope. These efforts aim not only to eradicate new infections in newborns but also to transform vulnerability into strength through wisdom and community solidarity.

Supporting Responsible Motherhood

During early prenatal consultations, women receive crucial information about HIV testing and treatment options. Guided by healthcare professionals and missionary sisters, HIV-positive mothers are empowered to make informed decisions.

Out of love for themselves and their unborn children, they agree to follow daily antiretroviral therapy (ART) and plan hospital deliveries to maximize prevention.

The care journey continues after birth, with the administration of nevirapine syrup to newborns for six weeks, followed by regular checkups until the child reaches two years of age. The final result, often HIV-negative, becomes a source of immense joy and a testimony of resilience for the mothers.

Challenges and Victories

In **2022**, of the **89** babies enrolled in the program at St. Joseph Hospital, **76** completed their journey HIV-free. However, **10** children were lost to follow-up, and **3** passed away as their mothers missed critical appointments despite home visits by health workers. These losses highlight the importance of constant support and community engagement to ensure program success.

Wisdom Rooted in Community

Spiritual wisdom permeates every stage of the program. It guides mothers to care for their health and that of their baby while promoting an inclusive approach where services are free and open to all. The symbolism of reforestation adds a sustainable dimension to this initiative: each discharged baby receives a young tree to nurture, a gesture celebrating a new life free from HIV.

Towards an HIV-Free Generation

This program, driven by wisdom and compassion, demonstrates that even in vulnerability, strength and hope can be found. By mobilizing local resources and universal values, **St. Joseph Hospital paves the way for a healthier future and a generation free of HIV.**



Mothers of babies discharged from hospital showing off their young shoots



education is a daily struggle for many remote communities. For the people of Bamu Rural LLG, located along the winding Bamu River, **this reality has been especially harsh.**

Isolated by geography and neglected by the government, the people of Bamio village have had to fend for themselves in a world that is rapidly advancing while they remain cut off from even the most essential services.

Bamio village is **surrounded by dense rainforest, towering sago palms, and the ever present Bamu River**, which dictates much of the villagers' lives. The thick, black soil of the region grows little apart from sago, a vital food source, while the river provides their only means of transportation.

Yet, in a place where communication is limited, most of the villagers speak only their native language and education is a luxury, the community's fight for survival is an uphill battle. Healthcare, one of the most critical services, is tragically out

HAUS KARE INITIATIVE: A COMMUNITY'S ANSWER TO HEALTH CHALLENGES IN REMOTE BAMU

Sr. Philomenne Sanduko, PNG

In Papua New Guinea, access to basic services like health care and



of reach for many.

For generations, Bamio women have followed a traditional birthing practice that requires them **to leave their homes and give birth in the bush**, far from the safety and care of modern health services.

Over the years, this custom has led to tragic losses, women dying from excessive bleeding or other complications, and infants succumbing to birth-related issues before reaching health centers capable of providing necessary medical care.

The only aid post that serves Bamio is severely under-equipped. Reaching better health facilities requires an exhausting journey of several hours by dinghy, and the cost of K200 to K400 for transport, a sum few in the village can afford, has further deepened the crisis.

Many mothers and newborns have lost their lives during these long trips, a heartbreaking reality that

Bamio villagers have had to face for far too long.

But on **July 15, 2024**, the women of Bamio decided to take action. In an inspiring display of resilience and unity, they came together to build a **"Haus Karem"**, a post-natal house where new mothers can rest and recover safely after childbirth before returning to their families.

Without outside assistance, the women of the village sourced bush materials, cut down trees, and wove sago palm leaves to create a space of hope amidst their isolation. In less than a month, their initiative came to life, a symbol of what can be achieved when a community bands together for the common good.

The first woman to use the Haus Karem was a first-time mother who gave birth to a healthy 3.2 kg baby at 1:40 a.m. on August 17, 2024. Her safe delivery, right there in the village, was a momentous occasion, marking a new beginning for the

women of Bamio.

The Haus Karem initiative may seem like a small step, but for the people of Bamio, it is a leap toward better health outcomes and a brighter future. Their collective effort in building this post-natal house represents not just the strength of their community but also a message to the world: that **in the face of neglect and hardship, communities can rise to meet their own needs.**

It's a call to all communities to support one another, especially in the face of adversity, and to recognize that **working together can lessen the toughest challenges.**

As Papua New Guinea continues to develop, communities like **Bamio need help**, not just from their government, but from fellow citizens, organizations, and allies. If we can learn anything from the women of Bamio, it's that change begins at the grassroots level.

Their courage to address their health crisis by creating a solution within their means should inspire others to take action because **even in the most remote corners of the world, hope can thrive when people unite for a common cause.**



GOOD SAMARITAN CENTRE: REACHING REMOTE AREAS FOR HIV/AIDS AWARENESS, CARE, COUNSELING, SUPPORT, AND ART

Sr. Rasoazananoro, PNG

The Good Samaritan Centre (GSC) was established in Kiunga, Western Province of Papua New Guinea (PNG) since the **23rd October 2005** as a Voluntary Counselling and Testing (VCT) Centre for HIV and AIDS Services. It is a Day Care Centre initiated by the Daughters of Wisdom but under the Catholic HIV/AIDS Services of Daru - Kiunga Diocese.

From **2005** to **2017**, the Good Samaritan Centre was known as a **"Stand Alone VCT Centre"** and was providing HIV awareness for the Communities and Schools around Kiunga and in the remote station, training for Health Workers, Counselling, Care, Treatment and Support for the People Living with HIV (PLWHIV) and the Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC).

It was funded by the National AIDS Council of PNG for the renovation of the building, Fly River Provincial Government, Australian AID (AU-SAID) and Church Partnership Program (CPP) for its running costs

and outreaches and the National HIV/AIDS Training Unit (NHATU) for training.

From **2017** until now, the HIV/AIDS Services were integrated to the National Department of Health (NDOH) of PNG and in Kiunga the GSC was integrated with MCM Urban Clinic, Catholic Church Health Services (CCHS) of Daru Kiunga Diocese. It is funded by the NDOH through our National CCHS for the personnel and medication and by AUSAID (SHRIP) for the running costs, outreaches and training.

The GSC is doing a lot of integrated outreach with other Services in the remote areas of Western Province such as **Immunization, TB awareness, Nutrition**, Eye and Ear Check with disability, HIV Counselling and testing especially for the Anti-Retroviral Treatment for those who found to be HIV positive. We started by providing ART Prescriber Training to the Health Workers to allow them to prescribe the ART, then we follow them-up with

supervisory visits and yearly in-service in their Health Facilities.

At the moment, the ART is available in all our Health Sub Centers (HSC) and some Community Health Posts (CHP). The Good News is that our PLWHIVs have access to get their ART supply at these Health Facility levels.

The decentralizing of the ART treatment was a lifesaving for them and helping them to save money from traveling to come to GSC in Kiunga to get their ART. Some of them come from far away of **12 to 16 hours** by motor canoe or dinghy with very high cost of fuel or some have to pay for the Public Transport Vehicle (PMV) to come to Kiunga.

We are thankfully to Jesus Wisdom, to Montfort and Marie Louise for inspiring us to take care of the poor and neglected ones, to the National Department of Health of PNG, to our National and Diocesan Catholic Church Health Services, to our



SGC staff celebrate PNG's independence

Benefactors and to our dedicated Health Workers staff for making this service available, reaching out to the remote areas and providing care and support to those who were infected and affected by HIV and AIDS. May our Loving God's blessings be upon us as we continue his work in this Healing Ministry.



SGC staff reach out to Membok HSC

advanced technologies, which impress all human beings with their progress and the way they take us into an unknown world they seek to explore through devices and systems accessible to all.

This creates an impetus for every individual to want to know how it all works and to test these new technologies, allowing humanity to be immersed in parallel worlds from an early age, and to plunge into a reality that is beginning to forget the main value we have: humanity.



Problems, needs and above all priorities are not what they used to be. So the human being remains in the background, along with personal interactions, words, emotions, family, values, human identity, God's love, goodness.

Today, and due to media conceptions, it seems that the most important thing for human beings is to know how many people they interact with digitally, personal relationships are limited to those they reach by being guided by an electronic device.

They get lost in this fantastic, commercial world that surrounds us.

**MENTAL HEALTH
AT NOTRE-DAME DE LA
SAGESSE SCHOOL,
ACACÍAS**

Edy Correa Leguizamón,
Colombia

Today's society is immersed in a multitude of modern initiatives, and

All the above has consequences, as various statistics show, in the increase of mental disorders and the development of behavioral problems.

These include situations such as depression, which causes health problems, unemployment, reduced productivity, family impacts and even insecurity. As a result, adults, relationships, families and children suffer. **The whole family suffers, and the whole community is affected.**

The community, the Sagesse family and especially the Notre Dame de la Sagesse school based in Acacías, Meta department, are not outside this context, this problem.

Of course, individuals and families are not exempt from these difficulties.

There are children, young people, parents, extended family members, teachers, management teams and administrative staff who are also experiencing these problems on a daily basis.

We need to make the community aware of what it has lost, we need to save the values, the essence of the individual, the fascinating nature of human interaction, the sharing of affection and love of neighbor, face-to-face dialogue, conflict resolution, assertive communication.

The community of the Daughters of Wisdom and the Notre Dame de la Sagesse School are striving to achieve this through a proposal of clear and concrete values such as truth, justice, love and peace, which they try to radiate, creating a spiritual and wise atmosphere, with the blessing of our Lord God the Father and the Blessed Virgin Mary.

To achieve this, it is necessary to make proposals that lead to analysis, introspection, perception of how we feel as individuals, enabling students, parents, teachers and administrative staff to harmonize their lives. It is necessary to put into practice positive, kind words, with an attitude of listening, with psychological and



pastoral accompaniment. In this way, we try to generate trust among our students, **reinforce the practice of caring for one another and seek direct communication.**

That's why it's essential to emphasize as an educational institution that Wisdom teachers are creative, innovative, transformative, loving, understanding and above all ... Human.



In the depths of the Peruvian Andes, in the district of Amarilis, Huánuco department, Peru, stands a beacon of hope: the Private Special Basic Education and Rehabilitation Center for the Blind of Huánuco (CERCI-HCO), founded in **2006** with the dream of offering education and rehabilitation to people with visual impairments.

This center has become a home for those facing not only blindness, but also the weight of abandonment and discrimination.



A Call of Wisdom

The presence of the Daughters of Wisdom in this corner of Peru responds to a profound call of Wisdom. Guided by the conviction that education is a universal right, they began working with blind or visually impaired individuals.

Here, questioning becomes a driving force of transformation: **Is this God's will?** How would Father de Montfort and Mother Marie-Louise have responded?

A BEACON OF HOPE: THE PRIVATE SPECIAL BASIC EDUCATION AND REHABILITATION CENTER FOR THE BLIND OF HUÁNUCO

Daughters of Wisdom, Maria Luisa

In a context where many consider people with visual impairments as "**burdens**" or "**divine punishments**," the Daughters of Wisdom see God's presence in each child, adolescent, and adult, visible only through the eyes of the heart. Thus, Wisdom chooses to remain by their side.

A Space of Learning and Rehabilitation

The need for an adequate space quickly became apparent. In **2014**, thanks to the devotion of Sister Carmela Munaretto, Daughter of Wisdom, and Father José Messetti, Comboni missionary, they found a benefactor: Father Giuseppe Gariggo, an Italian who believed in the Daughters of Wisdom's mission.

In **2016**, the inauguration of the new building was celebrated, **bringing together students, volunteers, and community members in a moment of joy and hope.**

Since March **2017**, classes have begun in this new infrastructure, under the direction of Mrs. Emma Ayllon and the coordination of Sister Victoria Armandina Retuerto Chauca, Daughter of Wisdom.

The students, far from being mere knowledge recipients, have become Braille teachers themselves, proudly sharing their knowledge and

experiences.

A Lasting Impact

Over the years, CERCI-HCO has accompanied numerous generations, training students at initial, primary, secondary levels, and in rehabilitation. They have seen their former students venture into higher education and employment, **becoming change agents and solutions to their own problems.**

Each year, approximately **18** students receive not only academic education but also spiritual formation and rehabilitation, in a familial and welcoming atmosphere conducive to healing and soul liberation.

The experience at CERCI-HCO is above all a testimony to **the power of solidarity and co-creation** inherent to embodied Wisdom, which unites the hearts of friends, collaborators, and religious in a common mission.



A Promising Future

Today, CERCI-HCO advances with determination; the educational, healing, and promotional work of the Daughters of Wisdom continues to flourish, proving that education and rehabilitation are possible, even in the most challenging environments.

In the classrooms of this center, a hopeful future is woven, where each student is a living testimony to the possibility of light shining, even in darkness.



FOR A MORE ACTIVE LIFE

Silvia Lorena Gallego, Religious aspirant, Colombia

I wish to refer to a comprehensive approach that promotes mental health.



Through my experience and work with the Wisdom Daughters community – the Chinauta, Colombia community, a great blessing and gift from God for life – **I had the opportunity to collaborate with this community.**

This allowed me to observe needs at both personal and community levels, and thus contribute to the well-being of the Sisters in each stage of their life cycle. **The objective was to improve quality of life** through community sharing, promoting emotional well-being and a more active life within the community.

From these observations, it became necessary to implement activities that help each Sister achieve better well-being by strengthening their mental health.

Progressively, a set of activities was developed to improve cognitive functioning through memory, perception, and attention exercises, as well as dance therapy sessions (rumba therapy) and other activities.

These initiatives allowed each Sister to express her life experiences and get to know herself better during these sharing moments. Each day, the importance of these spaces was reflected in **the motivation, joy, and commitment** to developing their abilities to think, feel, learn, and work for their well-being.

Thus, from this wonderful experience and opportunity to share with the Sisters, I want to highlight the work accomplished at both personal and community levels. I was able to observe each one's capabilities and the well-being they acquired through practicing various activities and exercises.

This allowed them to step out of their inner world to share it with others. **Moreover, each Sister was able to discover all the skills she possesses** to continue learning effectively, while adopting healthy habits in their aging process, thus contributing to the care of their mental health.



The ministry of consolation brings me to a structure that welcomes terminally ill patients, a place where I approach the existential poverty of the suffering person confronted with their truth and fragility.

There is sometimes loneliness, and **the great question arises: why? Where is He, God? How can you say He is good?**



In this sanctuary of human suffering, there is a thirst for spirituality and a perceived poverty of meaning. The comfort of faith can sometimes feel weak; death is frightening, and people search for consolation in other religious propositions, hoping to transcend earthly life without realizing it.

In the sacred moment at the end of life, it can be difficult to see **"the end"** as the merciful love of God who loves and saves us.

I have seen perplexity creep into the hearts of some patients. I remember Gino: the unfortunate diagnosis caught him by surprise amidst his many commitments, provoking consternation, anxiety, fear, doubts

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Sr. Irma Toneatto, Italie

about the existence of God, His mercy, and His love.

He questioned the meaning of his life, and memories of some of his mistakes weighed on him like a rock. Gino was a priest; **I listened, welcomed this inner turmoil**, and, when the time was right, reminded him of the gifts he had received and given, the passion with which he had lived his mission, the talents he had multiplied, and the purpose of his life... the sense of punishment faded away, and peace and trust in the God of his life took hold again.

One day, he prayed with me the short formula of consecration: **"I am all yours..."** Then he asked to meet with the chaplain and, at peace, entered into Love.

In seeking the wise meaning of the human pilgrimage within this frontier place, **I also find seeds of beauty**: some patients live the moment of passing with trust and abandon in God's love that awaits them. The staff is kind.

Two young women who accompanied me for a time to visit patients glimpsed something of the great mystery of life that passes but continues in Infinite Love. **They had a true, conscious experience**; later, one of the two chose to dedicate herself to the ministry of consolation.

In this mission, I bring my own poverty, and the strength to go with trust toward those to whom I am sent comes from the daily encounter with Jesus, with His Word, and with His Holy Mother.



A JOURNEY OF A COURAGEOUS AND FEARLESS MISSIONARY.

Sr. Veronica and the Providence Community, Asia-Oceania

"Courage does not mean you are not afraid. Courage means fear must not dominate you."

This is all about Sr. Shiny Mary Joseph, a missionary from Kerala India, who has demonstrated what it

is to be a courageous and fearless woman.

Sr. Shiny came to PNG as a missionary in 2016 and started her work with the people living with disabilities in Kiunga, Western Province. After two years of working in the Western Province, she was transferred to the Archdiocese of Port Moresby.



She was assigned to work with the people living with disabilities especially those with speech impediment at Callan Services, at Gerehu in the Archdiocese of **Port Moresby**. She loved her mission whole heartily. She used to wake up early to prepare her breakfast, and left early in the morning every day to catch a bus to her working place.

She had 3 bus connections, and some places she had to wait for a long time in order to catch another connection. It would take her about an hour or a little longer to arrive. She came back home late afternoon, **looking tired but never complained**. She never missed community prayers or meals.

We came to appreciate her presence and values shared with us in the community life as well as in the mission. Sr. Shiny is an open-minded person who is always available and ready to take risks. She is a free person who has less concerns about what others would think of her.

As a missionary from another country, she never feared anything when it came to mission regardless of the distance, risk of the rascals on the way. **She was the fearless and courageous woman we have ever seen.**

She was very committed to her mission and never complained of the distance, heat, coldness, sickness, etc. Her confidence and trust in God gave her strength for the mission that was entrusted to her.

Her mission seemed successful and fruitful since she always shared her joys with us in the community especially when she gave hope to those who had speech impediment. **We always admired her trust and faith in God** in everything she did. She challenged people to be truthful for what was not right and she always wanted the best for others and herself.

We admired her simplicity of life in the community for she made use of what was available. She was talented and gifted in her field of Speech

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Therapy. She gave her services out of love which had great impact on those children with speech impediments.

Our young women who are in formation have witnessed her love for mission in imitating the footsteps of Blessed Marie Louise of Jesus. Some of them have shown interest to follow her footsteps to work with the people living with disabilities. **They were touched by how she loved the poor and being close to them.**



Sr Shiny is a brave, strong, and fearless woman. She did not care if something was hard. She would do everything possible for the people she loved.

In conclusion, Sr. Shiny was an extraordinary woman who embodied courage in everything she did. Whether it was an unsafe situation or sickness, she was never afraid to confront challenges head-on. Her unwavering strength, resilience, and fearlessness inspired and challenged us every day to face our own fears and be courageous in the face of adversity.

Her courage was a guiding light in her life, and we are grateful for her example of bravery and resilience.

It takes courage to live a human life. For some, it is buried deep in hearts and psyches; for others, it is a bright light that guides every step.

Thank you Sr. Shiny and keep shining, wherever you will be.

You were a bright light for thousands..... May God bless you abundantly.

Good Bye,



THE VINTIMILLE COMMUNITY FONDLY REMEMBERS SR SAVARI AND HER MISSION AMONG MIGRANTS IN ITALY

The Vintimille Community

"Sent in the name of Christ, we prioritize 'those whom the world abandons, whom the Church reaches with difficulty'" RV 8

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Aware of the reality in which she has lived for years, the Province of Italy does not remain indifferent to the influx of numerous exhausted people who continuously arrive on our maritime coasts, due to war and injustices suffered in their countries, and in **2018** decides to open an intercultural community in Vintimille (at the border with France).

After consulting the Congregation Council, the General Council approves this initiative and launches an appeal to the entire Congregation to collaborate by sending one or two members.

After a waiting period, Sr Liliana dell'Immacolata, then Provincial, announces a happy surprise to the community on **March 13, 2019**: the Province of India sends one of its members to join our community in the person of Sr Savariammal Arulandu. The community rejoices and begins to prepare the environment to welcome her.

Finally, on **July 6**, accompanied by the

Provincial and Sr Eugenia Maria del Rosario (who personally knows the sister, having been a missionary in India for many years), **Sr Savari arrives**. Sr Eugenia Maria stays for a week to help with communication in Italian.

On **July 30**, the General Council, visiting the Province of Italy and eager to personally know our new presence, goes directly to Caritas Intemelja, where we work. The Caritas Center managers present the various services.

On **August 22**, we accompany Sr Savari to the San Remo community because on the **23rd**, she begins an Italian course at the "**Omni Lingua**" school for a month.

Back in her Vintimille community, **Sr Savari continues her Italian studies at the Red Cross** in Bordighera, two hours per week, on Tuesdays and Thursday mornings. Additionally, a retired teacher who lives in our building offers to help her pronounce the language well.



Inserted into the reality of Vintimille, **Sr Savari, as a nurse, entirely dedicates herself to providing nursing care** to migrants who continue to arrive in ever-increasing numbers from different parts of the world, such as: Morocco, Sudan, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Eritrea, Guinea, etc. - these are all young people between 14 and 20 years old who wander the streets in extreme living conditions, without a place of welcome or stay, and who arrive at Caritas with pulmonary problems due to the cold, and feet injured from long walks.



Moreover, in contact with neighborhood families, she joins the parish choir and, as an extraordinary minister, visits some sick or lonely people, bringing them the Eucharist.

At the invitation of the parish priest, Father Mario Alberto, she integrates into the catechists' group and provides them support.

The community wholeheartedly

thanks Sr Savari for the generous and joyful service she has been able to offer during these years of presence among us: despite the difficulty encountered in expressing herself, thanks to her exuberant and cheerful character, she managed to be loved by everyone.

PRAYER FOR THE BEATIFICATION OF FATHER GABRIEL DESHAYES

Since **2015**, the Association "**Friends of Gabriel Deshayes**" has been formed to make him known, pray for him, and act for his Cause. It brings together members of Religious Congregations connected to Fr. Gabriel Deshayes, as well as the relevant dioceses. Sr. Chantal RABIER represents the Daughters of Wisdom.

To make him known, pray for him, and act for his Cause: for this purpose, a prayer has been composed to obtain his beatification.

To Fr. Gabriel Deshayes, who in his educational work was so sensitive to those with sensory disabilities, we

entrust our sisters whose visual capacity is diminishing with age or due to an eye condition. We invite you to say this prayer by naming the sisters you know are in this situation and to ask for them the grace of healing of the **"eyes"** and, whatever the Lord's response, that they may be supported to wisely live their health condition.



GABRIEL DESHAYES SOWER OF LIFE!

**Father Gabriel
DESHAYES (1767-1841)**

Born in Beignons (56), Priest of Auray for 16 years.

From 1821 to 1841, Superior of the Montfortain Congregations in Saint-Laurent-sur-Sèvre

Social and dynamic priest, he provided work for prisoners and the unemployed, and thus reduced poverty.

He takes care of the sick and the elderly by opening hospitals.

He creates schools for girls and boys.

He innovates by opening 10 establishments for the deaf.

He preaches missions and organizes retreats.

Where he works, he contributes to restoring society and the Church.

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PRAYER FOR THE BEATIFICATION OF FATHER GABRIEL DESHAYES

God, our Father, You raised up in Your Church Gabriel Deshayes, to make him a shepherd after Your Heart. You blessed him for all the apostolate he exercised, in his various ministries and functions.

You made him sensitive to the needs and the miseries of his time; so that we, who wish to better discover his person and his movement as a pilgrim on his traces, may not be discouraged by the distresses of today's world.

Grant that we bring to this world, in joy and serenity, a little of the hope that You have placed in the heart of Your priest.

Raise up, in Your Church, young people eager to live their great dream of love and gift to others. Give them the grace to express in words and gestures the message of the Good News, as Gabriel Deshayes was able to do in the language and context of his time.

Lord, bless all the religious congregations and the works founded, renewed or animated by Gabriel Deshayes, that they may continue to realize and achieve the extension of Your Kingdom of Justice and Peace.

God our Father, may the intercession of Father Gabriel Deshayes obtain for us the grace we ask of You...

† Alain Castet
Bishop of Luçon

† Raymond Centène
Bishop of Vannes

CATHERINE BRUNET, SECOND DAUGHTER OF WISDOM.

Catherine Brunet, Sister of the
Conception (1665-1725)

From **1702** to **1715**, she was a
governess at Poitiers Hospital, where
she met the young Marie-Louise
Trichet.

She was chosen by Père de Montfort
to join the first Wisdom community.
Having overcome her hesitations, she
agreed to take the habit at the age of
49.

In La Rochelle, from **1715** to **1719**, she
devoted herself to teaching children
and caring for the poor.

Her courage, good humor and
dedication were invaluable to Marie-
Louise.

In January **1719**, she resumed her
former duties at Poitiers Hospital.

In **1720**, she joined Marie-Louise in
Saint-Laurent, where she took charge
of the house and care of the sick.

In **1725**, she returned to the hospital
in La Rochelle.

Weakened by a long and painful
illness, she died a few months after
her arrival and was buried in the
hospital chapel.



COMMITMENTS IN THE CONGREGATION

First profession

Madagascar

Sr Sabine NAMBININTSOA
Sr Benjatiana Anita Véronique
RAZOELIARIMANGA
Sr Minoosa Lucie Tolojanahary
RAHAJANIAINA
Sr Lucie Violette RAHARIMALALA
Sr Fabiola RASOLONIRINA
Sr Mireille Santatriniaina
RATOVOSON

August 22, 2024

D.R. Congo

Sr Patience Aleko ETSHINDO
Sr Cécile BASUNDU NDIYA
Sr Marie Lokomo IMBONDA
Sr Laurianne Loula OBOTELA
Sr Jeanne MUNDENGE KOMBA
Sr Sarah Ndey SINDANI
Sr Irène SIKILIZA MUHGOLE
Sr Yolande WAWINA MBOKANI

August 25, 2024

Malawi

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Sr Felister RICHARD
Sr Grace GONANI
Sr Pelagie GUIBONDOU KOUMBA
Sr Virginia Manuel MATORINO
Sr Yacinta FUNSAMTIMA

November 30, 2024

Perpetual profession

Haïti

Sr Dadine SAINTELIN
Sr Virginie SIMÉON

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MALALAFALIHENINTSOA
Sr Jacqueline RAMAROVAVY
Sr Davia Angèle RASENDRASOA
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Sr Alberte RAZAFIARISOA
Sr Jeannine RASOAMAHAFALY

September 8, 2024

D.R. Congo

Sr Judith Baseangandi NOLI
Sr Espérance Nziavake KANYALI

August 25, 2024



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Daughters of Wisdom

			Birth	Profession
May 2024				
14	Sr. Luce Pierre-Louis Luce Pierre-Louis	Notre-Dame de Toutes Grâces Haïti	31-01-62	29-09-94
30	Sr. Carmel of Jesus Patricia Mary Wragg	Romsey England	07-05-36	02-02-56
July 2024				
04	Sr. Inès del Espíritu Santo Julia Rincón Fuentes	Hogar Nazaret - Bogotá Colombie	11-06-22	02-08-50
17	Sr. Razanabelo Thérèse Razanabelo Thérèse	Salazamay - Béthanie Madagascar	28-10-43	02-02-65
31	Sr. María de la Luz Escobar Montoya Juan de la Eucaristia	Enfermería María Luisa - Bogotá Colombie	26-09-29	02-08-49
August 2024				
23	Sr. Maria Ancilla dell'Incarnazione Cavenaghi Maria	Castiglione - Accoglienza Italie	04-11-30	02-08-53
September 2024				
19	Sr. Thérèse-Marie du Christ Solange Pellegrin	Notre-Dame de la Sagesse Saint-Laurent-sur-Sèvre	01-06-29	02-02-50
19	Sr. Jeannine Boutin Hilaire du Sacré Cœur	Sound Beach - New York États-Unis	10-01-26	05-02-43
17	Sr. Alice Neary Angela Mary of the Eucharist	Romsey - Abbey House England	29-01-32	02-08-51
26	Sr. Madeleine Leclerc Madeleine du Cœur Immaculé	Maison Accueil - Sagesse Canada	22-08-23	02-08-48
29	Sr. Severina Di San Luigi Quistini Caterina	Castiglione - Accoglienza Italie	03-12-25	02-08-45
October 2024				
15	Sr. Joan Ayotte Irene de Notre Dame	Islip - New York États-Unis	08-01-38	02-02-59
20	Sr. Anite Croismain Joseph-Marguerite	Maison Accueil - Sagesse Canada	06-01-25	08-12-86

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Novembre 2024

18	Sr. Marta De San Francisco Eunice Betancur	Bogotá - Enfermeria Colombie	08-09-43	02-02-64
18	Sr. Anne-Christine de la Passion Jeanne- Louise Ollivier	La Chartreuse - M.L. Trichet France	16-01-33	02-02-61
27	Sr. Jeanne de Marie Réparatrice Jeannine Hemidy	N.D. de la Sagesse St Laurent	26-07-29	02-02-50

Company of Mary

May 2024

21	Fr Jos Verbelen	Herent Belgique	85 ans	65 ans
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June 2024

08	Fr Willem (Wiel) Logister	Nuth Netherlands	85 ans	64 ans
16	Fr Gabriel Pagnot	Nantes France	85 ans	64 ans

July 2024

05	Fr John Breslin	New York États-Unis	94 ans	74 ans
09	Fr Rafaél Maria Cárdenas Mahecha	Chocahi Colombie	85 ans	65 ans
19	Fr Gerald Fitzsimmons	New York États-Unis	76 ans	56 ans
24	Fr Yves Le Borgne	Saint-Laurent-sur-Sèvre France	96 ans	74 ans

August 2024

03	Fr Jan Bos	Valkenburg Pays-Bas	92 ans	70 ans
24	Fr Andrea Cecere	Bergamo Italie	67 ans	39 ans

September 2024

18	Fr Jorge Daniel Malásquez Manco	Huaycán Pérou	68 ans	36 ans
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Brothers of Saint Gabriel

May 2024

09	Bro Joy Joseph	Jabalpur Inde	62 ans	40 ans
17	Bro André Terrien	Thouaré-sur-Loire France	84 ans	65 ans

June 2024

09	Bro Bernard Thebaud	Antananarivo Madagascar	77 ans	56 ans
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July 2024

09	Bro Jozef Janssen	Hamont-Achel Belgique	100 ans	83 ans
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August 2024

13	Bro Prakash Purti	Ranchi Inde	44 ans	20 ans
27	Bro Bernard Morand	Thouaré-sur-Loire France	88 ans	69 ans

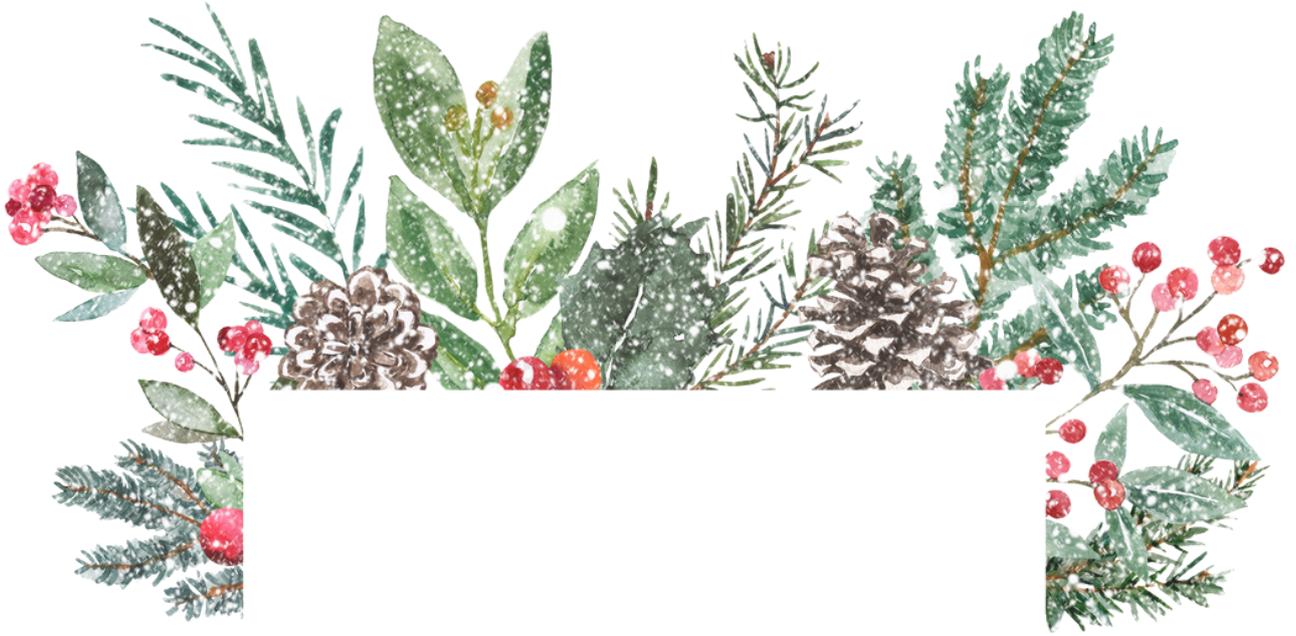
September 2024

02	Bro René Nizon	Nantes France	84 ans	65 ans
13	Bro François Hamon	Nantes France	94 ans	75 ans

October 2024

07	Bro Jean Andro	Hillière France	85 ans	59 ans
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Dear Sisters,

I join the General Team in wishing you a
Christmas of hope and renewal.

May this celebration brighten your paths
and inspire you to build together a year
filled with meaning and generosity.

Xavier Le Roux

