



# An Puy

## Le Tour de France comes to Le Puy



The 2017 Tour de France came through historic Le Puy July 15-17 for a two-day stop. The townspeople showed their enthusiasm by dressing up their shop windows and putting banners in the city's streets while thousands of people lined the course to welcome the cyclists. The last time the city hosted the Tour was in 2005; the very first time it came here was in 1954.



Although the route changes each year, its format remains the same by wandering throughout the country, passing through the Pyrenees and the Alps and finishing on the Champs-Élysées in Paris. The 3,540 km (2,200 miles) race began in Düsseldorf, Germany on July 1 with 198 riders from 22 corporate-sponsored teams and concluded in Paris



on July 23. Each team was allowed a maximum of nine riders. Of these, 49 are rode the Tour for the first time. The average age of riders in the race was 29.39 years and they came from 32 countries.

The Tour de France began in France in 1903 and has been held annually except during World War I and II. Although riders were French originally, they now come from all over the globe. The Tour is a UCI World Tour event, which means that the teams that compete in the race are mostly UCI World Teams with the exception of those teams the organizers invite.

While the crowds who lined the streets awaited the cyclists' arrival, a caravan of the Tour's sponsors created much excitement with floats, loud music and promotional gifts that young women and men tossed out to onlookers.



## The Centre International began its new year of welcoming groups and individuals with the arrival of the following :

Srs. Line and Eluiza went to the **Institute of the Sisters of St. Joseph retirement home at Chamalières** near Clermont-Ferrand on March 29 to present information about the mission of the Centre. The Sisters enthusiastically appreciated the presentation, and Eluiza and Line were delighted to meet and enjoy a meal with the Sisters.



Soeur Angela



**Sr. Claudia Francia, Congregation of San Giuseppe de Pignerolo in Italy** brought 26 of her students from the College di Pignerolo at the Istituto Maria Immacolata in Turino, Italy, to Le Puy April 3-7 in a four-day exchange with students here from the Saint Jacques de Compostelle School System.

The students participated in the Ensemble Scolaire program, which invites youth to live with families and get to know students their own age from another country.



Centre International Board met on April 3-6.



Olga and Anita

Members met this year's new staff members Sr. Anita Pastore of Brazil (Chambery Congregation) and Associate Olga Bonfiglio of the USA (Congregation of St. Joseph). They will join Sr. Eluiza de Andrade who has been at the Centre for the past three years. Sr. Line Rioux will be leaving the Centre after five years to serve on the General Council of the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Lyon .

**Sisters of the Lyon Congrégation** stopped in Le Puy before heading to their General Chapter later in the week.



**Sr. Thomas Gracy**, former staff member, returned to the Centre with five Sisters from India and Africa for a visit.



Several **Sisters of St. Joseph from the Congregation of Annecy, France**, came to Le Puy on April 18 to visit the first Kitchen and the Living History Center. They also joined us for a meal.



Forty-three members of the **Providence Health Systems of the Congregation of Orange, CA** dropped in on the Centre for a wine and cheese party in April. The next day they visited The Kitchen and the Living History Center of the Sisters of St. Joseph.



Once again the Centre hosted the **Cultural Diversity and Conflict Management Program**.

Twenty-three novice directors representing 13 Congregations came to the Centre for a 10-day program May 9-20. They discussed and reflected on cultural diversity and how to bridge the gaps, how to experience community in a diverse setting, and how to resolve cultural conflict when it arises.



The sisters came from the following Congregations: Lyon (Mexico, Burkina Faso, India); Aosta (Ivory Coast); Argentina; Institute of France; St. Vallier (Haiti); Concordia (Brazil); Pinerolo (Brazil); Chambéry (Brazil, Norway, India); Canada; Annecy (India), Cuneo (Democratic Republic of Congo); Institute of Italy (Democratic Republic of Congo).

Sr. Elisa Zuanazzi and Sr. Lorraine Delaney, both of Chambéry,

Dr. Carol Coburn and Ken Parsons, both professors from Avila University in Kansas City, Missouri, which is sponsored by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, were present to oversee certification for the session participants. Sr. Griselda Martinez Morales of Mexico (Lyon Congregation) is the coordinator of all five stages of the program.

Translators included the following: Sr. Elizabeth Reis (Congregation of Chambrey) in Portuguese and English; Sr. Maria del Pilar (Lyon Congregation) in French and Spanish; and Sr. Simone Saugues (Institut) in French and English. The program was made possible by a grant from the Hilton Foundation.

Here are some wonderful moments that they shared together :



Sisters from India, Africa, Mexico and Brazil



Sr. Annette from Norway





We were delighted to welcome **Sister Lynn Levo, CSJ** of Albany, NY, for tea, a meal and wonderful conversation in May.



**The Ostas** from Rochester, NY, came for a visit to the Centre.



Sixteen **CSJs from Philadelphia** made a pilgrimage to Le Puy on May 24-30. They went on to Lyon afterward for several days. Sisters Dolores Clerico and Sheila Holly led the group. Sr. Sheila was on staff at the Centre in 2004 when it opened.





Sr. Sheila Holly



Sisters of St. Giuseppe of Cuneo (Italy) made a pilgrimage to Le Puy on May 30-31.



Sisters from the Democratic Republic of Congo



Members of the **university staff and alumni of Mount St. Mary of Los Angeles** made a pilgrimage to Le Puy June 1-3. The 19 members visited key places in the Sisters' history and left for Lyon afterward.



St. Didier where Mother St. John Fontbonne was imprisoned during the French Revolution



Five **Sisters of the Annecy Congregation** made a pilgrimage to Le Puy June 19-20. This diverse group included three from India, one from Burkina Faso and one from England.



Twenty-five students from **Maria Reina Academy in Puerto Rico** met with students from St. Jacques de Compostelle School System in an education community experience June 6-16. Their professors Liesl Malaret and Caroline Larminaux stayed at the Centre while the students stayed with local families.



Caroline and Liesl



**Kansas City students** visit the Living History Centre with their principal, Barbara McCormick (second from right).



**Linda Viola** and daughter **Jennifer** visit the Centre on their vacation in France

## Living History Center of the Sisters of St. Joseph

The Living History Center has been a popular site for visitors passing through Le Puy since it opened last September. They find it both attractive and informative. The Living History Museum was made possible by a grant from The Anna-Maria Moggio Foundation of Haverford, PA.



## Super U Local Food Experience

The Super U sponsored a Saturday afternoon *pot au feu* (a good French meal) in March with local meat producers' products (see photo). The Super U (supermarket), which is down the hill from the Centre, also invited folk dancers who performed regional dances.



Pot au Feu (a typical French boiled meal)



## We Also Welcomed

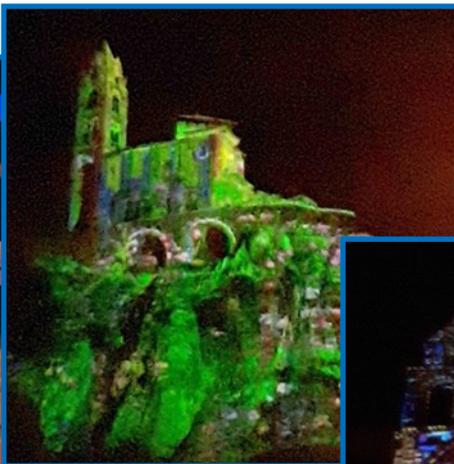
The “**Tutelle**” (guardianship of the charism) **of the Institut St. Joseph** March 6-9 met with school personnel and the **Community of St. Etienne** March 24-26 to gather at the Centre for three days of reflection on the life of the community.

## 2017 Le Puy de Lumière

From May 12 until September 30 at sunset Le Puy presents a performance of lights on the history of monuments of the city: L'Hôtel de Ville, La Cathédrale Notre Dame, Le Rocher Saint-Michel d'Aiguilhes and others. Here are some examples :



Hôtel de Ville



Chapelle St. Michel  
d'Aiguilhe



Cathédrale  
Notre Dame

## Come to Le Puy...

Reflect on the First Kitchen and  
Visit the Center of Living History of the Sisters St. Joseph...  
Walk where our first Sisters walked ...

Join us in October for **Pilgrimage to our CSJ Origins** Monday, October 9 to  
Monday, October 16

### **Coming in 2018...**

#### **The Lace is Not Yet Finished...**

with Jane Delisle, CSJ (Orange) May 23-29

#### **The Kitchen Continues to Beckon...**

with Jeanmarie Gribaudo, CSJ (Boston) July 22-28

**Radical Oneness**... with Janet Mock, CSJ in August (TBD)

Stay tuned for more ... ☺

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**[www.centreinternationalsj.org](http://www.centreinternationalsj.org)** for more information on  
the above programs/retreats and to register.

