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“Ensemble Pour Un Grand Amour!”

A year has gone by! 2014 was a full year that began with Renovations/Security upgrades through mid-May. Then from May through December the Centre was blessed with over 202 individuals who stayed with us overnight and another 131 who came for day visits. Sisters, Associates and co-partners came from at least 21 countries: our global CSJ family! What a joy to then celebrate the Centre's 10th Anniversary on October 12: “Ensemble pour un grand amour!”

10th Anniversary Celebration on October 12!



Centre International St. Joseph celebrated its 10th Anniversary on October 12, 2014. As the Global Coordinating Group was finishing a 3-day meeting and the Center Board was about to begin theirs, a good representation of our global community of Sisters of St. Joseph was thus able to participate in the celebrations. Present were the representatives of the four Federations of the Sisters of St. Joseph, from Italy, Canada, France and the US, and representatives of our three international congregations, Lyon, Annecy, and Chambéry and a representative from Argentina.



The Center's first team came to the celebration. Mary Diesbourg reflected, *"During this celebration, it's been wonderful to see the sacred places we love so much and to enjoy the improvements to the building."* Sheila Holly offered, *"We have seen many changes, all wonderful. What remains the same is the spirit of the people who come here to focus on the mission for the life of the world. This mission calls us to have a global heart, which is Father Medaille's desire being fulfilled."* Josette Gocella noted, *"the breadth of people attending this celebration and programs at the Center is exciting. The International Center now involves more people from many states of life, sisters and laity from all over the world."*



Fr. Paul Chamaly, pastor, and Deacon Louis Charbonnier presided at the joyful 11:00 a.m. celebration at St. Pierre les Carmes parish, where our sisters have been members for 10 years. A song written for the St. Valier sisters was an important part of the theme for the anniversary: *"Ensemble pour un grand Amour"* ("Together for a great Love"). It is in French and really captures our charism. (A verse copied at the end.) Sr. Line Rioux, on the staff at the International Center spoke at the end of Mass to the people gathered: *"As I walk the streets of Le Puy and visit the sites that are significant to us, I feel I am part of a rich heritage. I stand on the shoulders of the many women over the centuries that have walked these same streets and ministered to the poor, the orphans, and where ever there was a need. I sense myself joining with others to envision our future into the 21st century. I believe that this is what the International Center is all about. During the time I have been at the Center we have welcomed sisters and laity from around the world: Peru, Japan, India, Tanzania, Italy, Madagascar, Haiti, US, Canada, Burkina Faso, Ivory Coast, Brazil, Argentina, Cuneo, England, Wales, and of course this beautiful country, France. When we encounter the neighbor, from wherever they come, we are touched and changed. They become part of the fabric of our lives."*

The Celebration continued in the Parish Center where a "verre d'amitié" (toast of friendship) was offered with parishioners. Sisters and friends then gathered at the International Center, where Fr. Paul Chamaly shared a few words and a blessing, and everyone then enjoyed a lovely buffet. In speaking with some of the visitors for the event, Sr. Janet Gagnon, the first President of the International Center board shared, "To see us come to 10 years is a miracle in itself. My recent experience of giving programs is a wonderful experience of what we had hoped the Center to be, the global family coming together to share the mission. I look forward to our sisters, associates and friends joining us here."



We felt the presence and support this day of the sisters, associates, co-partners and friends from distances as we heard from you via e-mail, calls, etc. You were with us in celebration! A special thanks to Sr. Ieda and the Chambéry Congregation for the two beautiful banners with the theme *Embracing the past...Nurturing the present...Creating the Future* which were placed at the Church entrance, and hung from our terrace at the

Center, banners which will grace our Meeting Room for years to come.

*"S'il faut revenir d'avantage vers Celui qui est tout amour,
 Pour revivre sur nos visages Cette passion des premiers jours...
 Alors oui, retournons ensemble a notre centre et notre tout,
 Ainsi nous garderons vivante, la joie qui nous remet debout .
 Ensemble, pour un grand amour! Ensemble comme au peremier jour!
 Ensemble pour donner la Vie!"*



Sisters Nancy Sullivan and Dolores Clerico



*Sisters Pauline Adampukulam, Maria Goretti O'Connor,
 Marietta Kurian Palliakara (Annecy) and Justine Senapati
 (UINNGO)*

10th Anniversary Celebration



Sisters Anne Karges (Canadian Federation) & Mary Lou Mitchell (U.S. Federation)



At the Prayers of the Faithful: Sisters Nicoletta Danna (Italian Federation), Nancy Sullivan (Canadian Federation), Odile Gaillard (Institute of St. Joseph) and Isabel Agretti (Argentina)



Sr. Line offers a word of gratitude after Mass.





Sisters Gabriella, Isabel and Mary



Sharing "un verre d'amitié" with parishioners...



Sisters Barbara Bozak, Mary Lou Mitchell and Sally Hodgdon



Sisters Rita and Kate, Centre staff



Sister Janet Gagnon (Lyon/Maine) with Josette Gocella, Sheila Holly and Mary Diesbourg, the first Team



Jeannine & Fernand Rocher, our dear neighbors; and Sisters Margarite Gallagher (Annecy) and Sally Hodgdon (Chambery)



Fr. Paul Chamaly with the sisters gathered at the Centre

A Scrumptious Feast....



Enjoying one another...

and good food....



Sisters Justine and Simone

We Celebrate! . . . 2004 to 2014 . . . A few memories . . .

First guest at the Centre: Sr. Gloria Philip, CSJ Argentina with Srs. Josette, Sheila and Mary, first team. (November 15, 2004) **Gloria** shares her Journal entry that day: ...At 10 we leave from Lyon to Le Puy with Mary, Sheila and Josette...the three sisters that are starting in the Center...around 4:00pm S. Simone (CSJ LePuy) arrived to take me to the kitchen! I'm very thrilled about this life!!! What a blessing!!!



After, the three of them, we spoke a lot about the International Center...About Religious Life...The Story of the Congregation... about the house...the four of us around the table, something to drink, a candle...it was a real symbol...The three of them filled with energy and at the same time wondering how to start...what to do... From my room I am able to see Our Lady of Le Puy...

Sheila notes ...We enjoyed the two hour ride back to Le Puy with Gloria. Her enthusiasm for the beauty of the countryside was matching ours! That spilled over completely when we arrived at the Centre! Gloria appreciated everything, especially being at the heart of the CSSJ Congregation in Le Puy.

During her stay with us, many things touched our hearts. ...Early one morning, we found Gloria in our rose garden gathering rose petals to take back to her sisters as gifts from the heart of the Congregation to their hearts.

Before leaving, Gloria gifted the Centre with a plaque from Argentina. This plaque summarized our charism and mission. In Spanish it read: "To BE and to DO Communion." How simple; how profound!





*LA Sisters of St. Joseph
(2006)*



*Mission
Effectiveness
(2007)*



*LA Sisters of St. Joseph
(2007)*



Radical Grace (2008)



Sisters of St. Joseph of Cuneo (2013)



Lyon Justice & Peace Team (2005)



Brentwood



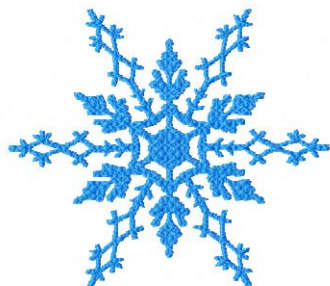
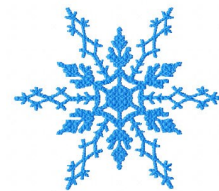
A Happy Group from Canada (2005)



*Lyon Sisters of St. Joseph
Community visit (2013)*



Pilgrim group from Carondelet (2008)



Boston Pilgrims (2008)



Expanding our Global Hearts (2014)



Sisters Gracy Thomas, Claudette DesForges, & Rita Baum (2012)



Visiting the First Kitchen (2012)



Sisters Gracy Thomas, Rita Baum



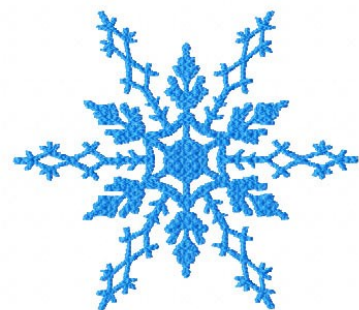
New and Old Team (2008)



Sisters Maxine Schneider & Rosemary Brennan (2013)



Sisters Simone Saugues, Gracy Thomas & Line Rioux (2013)



Nurturing the Present . . .

Once again in 2014 we welcomed our sisters, associates, co-partners from around the world. Each one left enriched and headed “home” to their section of the world, carrying the richness of their experience and a deepened understanding of our charism to share with all.



(April) Alumni, Professors and families came to Le Puy to celebrate the 110th Anniversary of Pedregal School in Mexico, which was begun by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Lyon. With great joy they visited the historic places of the Congregation.



(April) St. Joseph Health Systems groups visited the Centre. What a wonderful group of women and men very much living the CSJ Charism.



(April) Our friends from Australia: Ann Gilroy, Josephine Dubriel, Anne Derwin and Pauline Morgan. It was superb to have you with us!



(May) Congregation of St. Joseph visiting Lyon Heritage Room during their Le Puy pilgrimage.



And by the fountain, at the bottom of Rue des Tables in old Le Puy.



(May) Orange, CA Sisters of St. Joseph "under the rainbow". A delightful presence among us on their pilgrimage!



(May) What a joy to welcome and be with our Cuneo Sisters of St. Joseph



(June) In the Footsteps of the Founder—with Sr. Cristina Gavazzi: a visit to the Heritage Room in Lyon.

(end of May-early June) Albany Sisters of St. Joseph on pilgrimage...a graced experience for everyone! Some sisters shared their blessings: Being at the International Center was truly a home away from home. Here I was in Le Puy, the place of our foundation centuries ago, and it didn't feel like a traveler or tourist, I was at home. What a gift to look out my bedroom window and see the statue of Our Lady right there! It was no longer a picture but I was there!



The accommodations were exceptional, and Line and Deidre and then joined by Doreen were wonderful hostesses. Line not only made us feel at home, but helped us feel at home in Le Puy, always giving us info about the town, French customs, and life at the IC in general. The Center is so welcoming and so quiet and comfortable. It made the stay in Le Puy extra special. Blessings,
Jeanne Marie Gocha

Being on pilgrimage to France was a wonderful time of grace for me. Since this trip coincided with my 50th Jubilee it allowed me to remember the mystery of God's call to me and allowed me to touch gently into the roots of our charism with new eyes. I thoroughly enjoyed being with a pilgrimage group. Two special pilgrim memories stand out. The first was in the Cathedral at Le Puy when we stood together and sang the Salve Regina. I had a felt sense of connecting with Fr. Medaille and our first sisters. I wondered if they sang this ancient hymn together? As the eyes of other pilgrims and tourists turned to our little group, I wondered, did our first sisters experience the questioning gaze of their neighbors, "Who are these women!"

The second special memory was in the ancient chapel of San Michel, which is perched high on the volcanic "needle." There we pilgrims renewed our vows. This chapel dates back to the 8th century and is built high into the heavens, reflecting the perennial desire of the human heart to find and be connected to God's Presence. Today the vows express my deep desire to be in union with the Divine Presence and also to consciously live in union with my sisters, the neighbor and all creation. Once again the questioning gaze of the other tourist/pilgrims as we renewed our vows, connected me with our first sisters who lived this life in the midst of questioning and wondering gazes.

Being at the International Centre was a context that wove together the ancient roots of our charism and the modern living of our charism in a visible and concrete way. We live and serve today not only in small villages like our first sisters but now we live and serve in a global reality where connectivity and a growing sense of the web of life call us to a new lived reality. The Center welcomes sister pilgrims and companions of the Sisters of St. Joseph from all over the world giving witness to this new reality.

Danielle Bonetti

One of the most memorable experiences for me was the renewal of our vows at the top of St. Michaels Chapel. This is my 50th jubilee and it was a connection with the long line of fidelity reaching back to our early founding. Also walking the cobbled streets and sitting in the "kitchen" again reminded me of God's

fidelity during the journey, being with us as we serve the needs of today. I will always have a stronger, broader connection with all the Joseph Communities that today reach around our world.

Mary Anne Rodgers

My days at Le Puy and the Centre International St. Joseph will stay with me in my heart, for the rest of my life. It was an amazing privilege to walk the streets where our first sisters walked and to visit the churches where they first worshiped!...even after the climb to St. Michel!! Those days filled me with a deep appreciation of the call to be a Sister of St. Joseph! The hospitality and welcome at the Centre made real for me the gift of who we are and what we are called to be!! Those three days were days of real community and Love of neighbor which is what we are to each other as well as to God's world! Thank you!

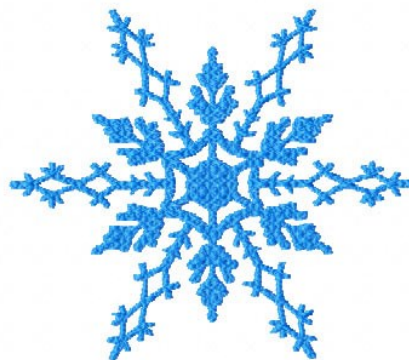
Ellen Spellman

What a joy it was to be there and walk the streets our sisters walked. **Libby Costanzo**

The most significant heart experience of the pilgrimage for me in Le Puy was praying in Fourvière where Mother St. John and her sisters prayed. To me, that was an awesome experience and one that I shall always treasure. **Maureen Donofrio**



(July) Congregation of St. Joseph – Sisters and Associates on pilgrimage...all with a smile!



(July) The newer members of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Lyon attending a session in Lyon, did a pilgrimage to the Centre and the sites of origins in Le Puy. A very vibrant group of women who touched our lives here at the Centre, as much as they were touched by one another.



(August) Contemplative Painting Retreat – with Patricia St. Louis, CSJ from the Congregation of Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada.



Sr. Pat share some reflections:

This retreat offered a time for painting and a time for pilgrimage; a time for silence and a time for sharing the heart; a time for resting and a time for climbing to the top of St. Michel, Notre Dame de France and the Camino walk in Le Puy. It was a time for bringing pilgrim experiences to stillness through art...

Through painting it was our desire to seek the essence of our experiences which required trust and courage not unlike the qualities required of Mother St. John and our first six Sisters. Stillness evoked through painting was meditative and soon summoned personal story of our graced evolution. Enriching the group were participants from France, Australia, Canada and New Zealand and included a rich variety of ages and life experiences. Associates, women religious and men steeped in the charism and legacy of Mary McKillop of Australia, enriched our CSJ desire to reflect anew on our story and how we ourselves are currently and creatively continuing to question how to best pass on our legacy and charism "to people of all ages".

Significant sites in Le Puy included the first Kitchen, Cathedral and the lace makers. Towards the end of the retreat we took a day to travel to Mother St. John's gravesite and the Heritage Room in Lyon. Visiting the Basilica of Fourviere we were in awe of the magnificent beauty as well as the hundreds of people sitting in stillness, beholding the beauty and energy of magnificent mosaic art walls, mammoth paintings and sculptures.

Art has always been used to express the inexpressible, hence my desire to offer a retreat of this nature to move deeply into our senses and connect with our csj story.

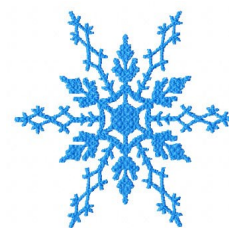
*The weaving together of painting and a retreat at the Centre International in France has been a soul filled way to embrace the milieu of our founders and our graced evolution. The challenge now is to continue to be awakened through creativity, the language of the soul, which empowers us to shift consciousness and enter into the dance with our evolving self, world and cosmos. **Patricia St. Louis, csj***

Hun Do, a Sister of St. Joseph from Australia, participant at the retreat shared:

Participating in the painting retreat allowed me to meet and share life with the Sisters from other branches at a personal level. We had Sisters from Australia, Canada and Le Puy, and two Josephite associates from Canada. I would never have thought of a 'painting retreat'! My curiosity took me there and I found it was

like a light shining out of our chapter call to 'embrace emerging possibilities'. Does a retreat have to restrict God to just the scriptures? ...This retreat called me to a new awareness of the creative God that is dancing through the hands, the paint, the water and various mediums used on the paper! As we painted, we, the retreatees, meditated on this dancing process, and God united us in our sharing at the end of each day. Does not this process re-energize us and heal us, and prepare us to live more contemplative with a deepening consciousness of God?

My heart beat joyfully when I learned the saying of Father Medaille 'I love love and let love love through me'. This is how the Sisters in Le Puy and other branches of the Sisters of St Joseph including us are called to communion with all of creation today. We are all in oneness as we love love and let love love through us! **Hun Do**



(late August – early September) Little Design Communities with Sr. Rosemary O'Toole, Sister of St. Joseph of Canada. Participants blessed the Centre with great joy!



(August) The World Inside Out & Upside Down: The Evangelical Counsels for the CSJ Mission in the World Today - with Sr. Cristina Gavazzi (Chambery)

Erin McDonald, a novice with the Congregation of St. Joseph shares: ... "As I walked the narrow and colorful streets of Le Puy this past August, I wondered if those early women would have dreamed about the future; about the future generations of women who would

carry on their legacy as the torch bearers of our charism. Visiting the original kitchen and standing under the tree where our sisters were martyred gave me a deep sense of connectivity to the long thread of women who have come before me and a sense of hope for the women and men who are yet to come. Each of us is like a shooting star, a momentary flash of light in the night sky, carrying the charism into the future.

The experience of my pilgrimage to Le Puy has given me a more intimate understanding of our foundation, our history, the landscapes that formed our earliest members and a greater understanding of our vows. Sr. Cristina Gavazzi, CSJ, an Italian Sister of St. Joseph, facilitated our week-long international program... an experience shared with Sisters of St. Joseph from every corner of the globe. Together we discussed, prayed with and were challenged by Fr. Jean Pierre Medaille's Eucharistic Letter and how this letter relates to our vows today. ...Although we came from many different cultures and we had different experiences of living our vows we discovered how our great love of God and love of neighbor ties us all together.

For me, the grace of this novitiate experience in Le Puy was intimately experiencing the lives of our earliest sisters while at the same time intimately touching the lives of our vibrant global community of sisters. As a multicultural and intergenerational group of CSSJ pilgrims we shared both our hearts and our call to bear the great love of God into our wounded and broken world. Rooted in our history and enlivened for our future, this experience affirmed, for me, my ongoing discernment with the Congregation of St. Joseph. Connected to the thread of our past sisters, I pray for the courage to carry this thread into an unknown but hopeful future.

Where Is My Heart

"Where, oh where? Where is my heart?

Where, oh where, oh where's my heart?

Donde esta mi Corazon?

Come back, oh come back, oh come back home...

"Where Is My Heart" by Sara Thomsen



It was the haunting words of this song that began our journey together when 12 of us from around the globe "came back home" recently to Le Puy. ***Deepening our Global Heart*** was a program held from September 12 through September 23. Twelve participants included sisters from Peru, India, Japan, Madagascar, Canada and the United States. Participants ranged in age from 41 to 84!

Throughout each day there was time for reflection, prayer and sharing, additional presentations and lots of wonderful meal-time conversation. Each spoken word was translated into English, Spanish and French.



Mary McGlone (Carondelet – St. Louis) was the Spanish translator and Simone Saugues from Le Puy translated the French.

Two days of the program were spent visiting sites that stirred our hearts with their deep meaning to the history of our Congregation. Sacred sites in Le Puy we visited included the first kitchen, the Cathedral, the Eglise du College and Rocher St. Michel, the town center and the tree that now stands in the place where two of our sisters

(and countless others) were guillotined. We travelled outside of Le Puy to Bas en Basset, Monistrol, and

Lyon where we visited the Lyon Motherhouse, Mother St. John's bedroom, her grave and the Basilique de Fourvier. Of course, we also had time to make our way to the lace shops and a chocolatier!

What a joy it was to connect with the gracious International Center staff during this 10th anniversary year of this global institution! We were delighted that they were able to occasionally slip into the room as we prayed, shared stories of our foundresses, and delighted one another with some cultural traditions.

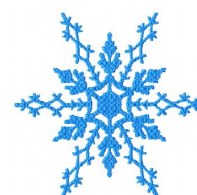
Being with one another helped us to realize at a precious, deep level how widespread is the work and love of Sisters of St. Joseph in our world. Peru, Japan, Kerala, Cleveland, Pittsburgh, and Madagascar are no longer just places on a map, but places where two Marias, Teresa, Gloria, Isabel, Madeline, Grace, Shiji, Georgette, Rondro, Karen and Judith are following in the footsteps of Jesus, Father Medaille and Mother St. John. Each of us left her own unique imprint on the other's hearts!

So "where is our heart?" It is echoed in the heartbeat of each one of us who carries the charism and mission to our corner of the world. And home? We are living proof that, while seeded in Le Puy, our Joseph-home has scattered and taken root wherever a Sister or Associate of St. Joseph has lived!

Sr. Judith Minear, Congregation of St. Joseph, U.S.



(October) Mission Effectiveness: The Charism Alive in CSSJ Ministries with Sr. Dolores Clerico, Sister of St. Joseph, Pennsylvania, USA.



(October) What great joy to welcome Sisters, Associates and friends of Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston on their Heritage Pilgrimage.

(November) In early November it was a pleasure to welcome the "Tutelle de l'education" of the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Institute.

(December) From St. Etienne Jeanne, Lucie, Colette and Marie Ange, Sisters of St. Joseph of Lyon, added to the richness of our Centre community.

It was a joy to welcome individuals over the year among whom was a Chambéry Associate from Brazil **Maria de Fatima FARIA** in April; **Joan Filla, Laura & Kay** from St. Louis in September; **Susan Jasko & Pat Owen** from the US in late September; and also from the US **Carol Beever and Sheila Holly** at the end of October.

Centre International St. Joseph 2015 Programs

Once again we offer you an enriching year of retreats and programs. We call your attention to two new developments in the programs offered. Our fees have been adjusted to include the number of days/meals for which you stay at the Center plus the cost of a particular program (bus trips to significant sites, materials, presenter(s), etc.). Individuals can determine what best fits their budget within a given range. Note that the starting fee reflects the minimum cost for the program, while a larger contribution may help to defray our operational cost, and enable us to assist individuals who may not otherwise have the means to attend a program.

Secondly, the Centre now owns Translation Equipment partially financed through a generous donation from the Federation of Sisters of St. Joseph of Canada. This equipment allows us to offer our programs in different languages depending on participants. This past year we offered simultaneous translations in two to three languages in several programs. Hopefully, language or finances will not prevent you from participating. For further information, kindly contact Sr. Line.

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF OUR FOUNDER:

Pilgrimage to the original places of the Sisters of St. Joseph

Begins on Monday, June 1, 6pm with Dinner and ends after Breakfast on Monday, June 8

Places we will visit: St. Flour—Le Puy en Velay—Monistrol—St. Etienne—Lyon.

A pilgrimage to the places where CSJ Congregation took its first steps starting from the initial intuition of Fr. Medaille; where the CSJ Congregation restarted after the French Revolution because of Mother St. Jeanne Fontbonne. Each day participants will have their own time to pray, reflect and share all they are living and experiencing in our places of origins as CSJs. Join us in June for an unforgettable experience.

Presenter: S. Maria Cristina Gavazzi, a Sister of St. Joseph of Chambéry, presently serves on the leadership team of the Italian Province. She is a theologian having graduated in Fundamental Theology from the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome. She also serves as a Spiritual Director and an Ignatian Retreat guide, offering recollection days, retreats, and formation programs for the Italian CSJ Federation.



Suggested Contribution: 625 to 750 Euros; **Register** by May 8, 2015



DIRECTED RETREAT IN THE HEART OF OUR CSJ FOUNDATION

Begins with 6:00pm Dinner on June 20 and ends at 11:00am on the 27th after our closing liturgy.

You can choose either a 6 day, 7 day or 8 day retreat within the above time frame. (If you choose an 8-day retreat please register for an extra day at the beginning of scheduled time.

Come to Le Puy, the heart of our heritage as Sisters of St. Joseph and walk, reflect on the paths, which our first sisters themselves walked and prayed. In a directed retreat an individual spends time in silence, with God, nature, and has a daily 30 to 45 minute meeting with a Director. Guided by the Spiritual Exercises, Scripture and our Maxims you will discover your own heart's desire and call for living the mission today. You will go forth to live fully the "more" of being part of God's Congregation of great love. A priest will be available for daily Mass. (As soon as we have the dates and the Directors' names we will let you know.) Stay tuned...!

Suggested Contribution: For 6 nights: 300 to 450 Euros; 7 nights 350 to 525 Euros; 8 nights 400 to 600 Euros (Fee is all inclusive: room & board, spiritual director, etc.); **Register** by June 1, 2015



Directors:

Marie-Jean Pougheon, CSJ, Institut des Soeurs de St. Joseph, from St. Etienne.

Line Rioux, CSJ (Lyon, USA Province), on staff at Centre International St. Joseph

Fr. Bill A. Clark, SJ, Associate Professor of Religious Studies, College of the Holy Cross Worcester, MA, USA



HOLY GROUND: A PILGRIMAGE OF THE HEART: A GUIDED RETREAT
at the heart of our CSJ Foundation

Begins on Sunday, June 28, 6pm with Dinner and ends 11am on Monday, July 6

A pilgrimage is a journey to a place where God has shown grace. St Ignatius of Loyola encourages us to return to places of grace and consolation, to be open to new grace. When we make a pilgrimage we do not always receive what we seek but we always receive what we need. Le Puy was holy ground even before our sisters came together, blessed by places of pilgrimage and prayer and by Earth herself. We will gather each morning for a guided meditation through our early history and spirituality and for quiet time. Each afternoon we will journey as pilgrims to the holy sites in Le Puy: Notre Dame Cathedral, Rocher St Michel, Eglise du College, as well as to our first kitchen, the market square, and the lace centers. We will also have a day trip to Lyon to visit the archives and Heritage Room. In each place we will have time to walk, to reflect, to journal. Le Puy has long been a starting place for the Camino, the pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostella. Those who wish may gather to watch the film **The Way** as an evening reflection.



Presenter: Kitty Hanley, CSJ Kitty is a Sister of St Joseph of Carondelet, Albany, NY province. She has travelled to Le Puy with several groups and has facilitated retreats and presentations throughout the US and Canadian congregations.

Suggested Contribution: 640 to 750 Euros; **Register** by June 5, 2015



THE RISK OF FAITH: A Journey of reflection on our Primitive Texts for our times

Begins on Monday, August 3rd, 6pm with Dinner and ends after breakfast on Monday, August 10.

Just at this time of irrelevance for the faith, Father Médaille has a word to say to get it out of the corner of insignificance and proposes to give a path, a journey of reflection, to encourage empathy, to create a bridge and experience a deep communion with who participates. Believing means that it is possible to reopen the most beautiful pages written by Father Médaille, from the beginning of his adventure as our Founder. He comes to us like a reliable gift to tell us that we are not alone in the risk of living and believing. The journey starts from the Primitive Texts, written in France in the first half of 1600, constituting

the core of our experience, to continue through the pages of Holy Scripture, the thought of some contemporary theologians, and brings us up to the present day.



Presenter: M. Cristina Gavazzi, a Sister of St. Joseph of Chambéry, presently serves on the leadership team of the Italian Province. She is a theologian having graduated in Fundamental Theology from the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome. She also serves as a Spiritual Director and an Ignatian Retreat guide, offering recollection days, retreats, and formation programs for the Italian CSJ Federation.

Suggested Contribution: 540 to 650 Euros; **Register** by July 10, 2015



LITTLE DESIGN COMMUNITIES REBIRTHING

Begins on Sunday, August 16, 6pm with Dinner and ends after Breakfast on Wednesday, August 26.

If you are feeling called to live more deeply the way of life described in ***The Eucharistic Letter***, plan to join us in Le Puy for a 10-day contemplative experience. Rosemary will guide us through a new commentary (100 pp.) on the prophetic-mystical text of ***The Eucharistic Letter*** (J.P. Medaille, 1660) Through deepening our shared vision, our hope is that animators will go forth and witness to the emergence of Little Design communities manifesting a new vitality for our church/world. The rhythm of each day flows with a creativity of Spirit movement. Each morning we gather for contemplative prayer and interactive teachings on ***The Eucharistic Letter***. Our afternoons invite more flexibility and movement outward as we 'circle the city with Love'. Some may choose the guided walking excursions around Le Puy: *the first kitchen, refurbished archives, Rocher St. Michel, Notre Dame Cathedral, Eglise du College, St. Joseph's Basilica, lace shops, market square etc.* Others may seek out solitude spaces for journaling, painting, or other creative expressions of Little Design. There is a one day trip planned to Lyon to visit the archives and Heritage Room.



Presenter: Sister Rosemary O'Toole, csj is a spiritual director and adult faith educator who has ministered at The Upper Room Home of Prayer in Ottawa, Canada for 31 years. Rosemary created and hosted The Medaille Online Course. She is a member of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Canada (Peterborough neighborhood). This will be her fourth session on 'Little Design Communities' in Le Puy.

Suggested contribution: 750 to 850 Euros; **Register** by July 24, 2015



MISSION EFFECTIVENESS: The Charism Alive in CSSJ Ministries

Begins on Saturday, October 3, 5pm and ends Saturday, October 10, after breakfast.

This program offers a pilgrimage for lay partners in mission, providing an immersion experience into the original spirit and global dimension of the charism and spiritual tradition of the Sisters of St. Joseph. If you are associated with one of the ministries founded by the Sisters of Saint Joseph as an administrator, staff person, board member or supporter, this program will deepen your learning, nourish your imagination and strengthen your conviction in participating in a world-wide movement which fosters union within all creation. The week-long experience offers a rhythm of in-pur sessions, interactive participation, prayer and visits to historic sites in Le Puy. A day trip to Lyon is also included.



Presenter: Sister Dolores Clerico, a Sister of Saint Joseph, PA (USA) regularly provides opportunities for deepening an awareness of the CSSJ charism and spirituality among Sisters of St. Joseph, Associates and partners in mission. Sister Dolores currently serves as Director of the Ministry of Spirituality for her Philadelphia congregation.

Suggested Contribution: 685 to 785Euros

Register by September 4, 2015



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We also welcome you for Pilgrimages, Visits, Retreats, Sabbaticals. These can be individually arranged throughout the year.

- Guided pilgrimages and visits for individuals or groups offered in various languages.
- Private retreats and spiritual direction by staff spiritual directors.
- Personalized reflective days and sabbaticals near the cradle of the Congregation.

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We look forward to welcoming YOU!

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Did You Know?

Le Puy en Velay on October 18, 2014 nearly made the **Guinness Book of World Records** when a number of its chefs (chocolate specialists) put together their attempt at the world's largest chocolate pie! Weighing about 500kg, the pie was made of a chocolate cookie/cake base topped with chocolate cream and a lentil like green crumble with raspberry.

There were special events all day to celebrate this occasion. One could taste the pie, or even better buy pieces to take home for a scrumptious dessert. All benefits were donated to "l'Association les Nez Rouges" (an organization that helps children in hospitals). Some of us got a taste of the pie!!!!



Yum!!!!