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“We are members of one another” (Eph 4:25)

IN the occasion of publishing the 300 editions of the Good Shepherd Newsletter. I would like to remember and thanks all the sisters who worked on the GSN since the time of Marie Claire Establier, Regina Kuizon and Marie Francoise Mestry.
I am really so grateful for all that these great women have done and proud to continue the service in the communications office.

I would like to share with you the theme that Pope Francis chose for the 53rd World Communications Day 2019 which I found it very encouraging.
«We are members one of another» (Eph 4,25). From network community to human communities.
The theme, underlines the importance of giving back to the communication a broad perspective, based on the person, and emphasizes the value of interaction as a dialogue and as an opportunity to meet with others.
This calls for “a reflection on the current state and nature of Internet relations to start from the idea of community as a network among people in their entirety. Some of the prevailing trends in the so-called social web place us in front of a fundamental question: to what extent can we speak of a real community in the face of the logics that characterize some communities in social networks?
The metaphor of the network as a solidarity community implies the construction of a ‘we’, based on listening to the other, on dialogue and consequently on the responsible use of language.
For us the Good Shepherd Newsletter can help us feel closer to one another, creating a sense of the unity of the human family which can, in turn, inspire solidarity and serious efforts to ensure a more dignified life for all. “Our vision is that the worth and dignity of all human and created life is honored and celebrated.”
Good communication helps us to grow closer, prepared us to listen and learn from one another. A culture of encounter demands that we be ready not only to give but also to receive. “The internet, in particular, offers immense possibilities for encounter and solidarity. This is something truly good, a gift from God”. Pope Francis

In the end, I would like to thank you, dear sisters and Mission Partners, for all your collaboration and faithfulness in sharing your province Stories which helped us feel closer to one another and create new relationships. I really appreciate our work together!
On February 17 of this year 2018 the Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd celebrated 100 years of presence and service in Paraguay.

The Sisters of the Good Shepherd arrived to this country, responding to the request of the Catholic Church and the Paraguayan State, to develop in the first Correctional Office for Women, (the Women’s Penitentiary) the service of attention to women deprived of freedom, with the love and solicitude of Jesus Good Shepherd.

The first two sisters were sent from Buenos Aires, Argentina, by Mother María de San Agustín Fernández Concha, a great religious of Chilean nationality, founder of the first houses of the Good Shepherd in Argentina, Uruguay and Brasil. Thanks to their zeal and missionary spirit, inherited from Saint John Eudes and Saint Mary Euphrasia, the Congregation has arrived in our countries.

We want to celebrate this historical event throughout this year in various dates and places. In February, we did it in the Feminine Penitentiary of Asunción, with those deprived of liberty. In the week of July 8 to 15, we did it in Itauguá, the second community in the country. Next November 25 we will do it in Ayolas, in the south of the country, where we are also present; On December 16 as the closing of the commemorations, we will be celebrating it with Our Lady of Caacupé, in the Sunday Mass of that day.

We have had the joy of having the presence of our Congregational Leader, Sr. Ellen Kelly, Sr. Graciela Méndez, Provincial Leader of Argentina / Uruguay, Sr. Eliene Barros, Leader of our province Brasil / Paraguay and some Sisters. Apostolic and Contemplative of Brasil.

We have visited some of the places where the mission is developed: The Integral Training and Training Center for young people and women Santa María Eufrasia, the Community Center for children and adolescents, Albergue Ntra. Señora de Guadalupe for women graduates of the Female Penitentiary in need of a transitory space to safely begin life in freedom, the Rosa Virginia Reception Center, for Girls and Adolescents rescued from trafficking and sexual exploitation, and others places where the presence of the Good Shepherd promotes dignity and the empowerment of people.

The celebrations began on Sunday 8 with the Eucharist presided over by Bishop Emeritus Monsignor Mario Melanio Medina. Throughout the week, we had various activities: Eucharist, with the participation of priests, friends, young people on vocations, neighbors, exhibitions of the works and services of the various apostolates and others.
It was an emotional moment to have the presence of Sr. Ellen, Sisters. Visitors, children of the Good Shepherd programs and people of the community, during the official nomination of two streets, both adjacent to the facilities of the Congregation, Community of Sisters and social ministries with the names of Santa Maria Eufrasia, and El Buen Pastor, which took place on Friday, July 13. It is in recognition on the part of the local authorities to the social work carried out by the Congregation in the Municipality.

The Eucharistic was the center of our celebration presided by the diocesan Bishop Monseñor Joaquin Robledo, accompanied by friendly priests and deacons. It was a beautiful and moving celebration held on Sunday, July 15, with the participation of all the Sisters, lay partners in the misión, people participating in the Apostolic Programs, Religious and Religious friends of the Diocese, relatives of the Sisters, friendly people, collaborators, neighbors, community and local authorities. In his homily the Bishop highlighted the merciful work of the Congregation in defense of human rights and the dignity of the most vulnerable.

Afterwards, we shared a Civic - Cultural moment: The Municipal Board Members present gave the Sisters a plaque of recognition for their social work. Then there was harps music folklore dances and the presentation of the Youth Recycling Orchestra of Cateura, internationally recognized for the innovative initiative to make music with recycled instruments from a garbage dump.

According to St. Mary Euphrasia "gratitude is the memory of the heart," these celebrations are to thank God for his fidelity and constant accompaniment. It is also an expression of affection and gratitude to the more than one hundred Sisters, foreigners and Paraguayans who have given and give their lives today to the service of the Mission, manifesting the face of the Good Shepherd in our country.

We also gratefully acknowledge all the lay people, men and women of our society and the local authorities, who have always collaborated with their work, their resources, their time and friendship guaranteeing the continuity of the Mission.

To our dear laity, partners in the Mission, whose presence and commitment is essential for the accomplishment of our Mission. Without their presence the vitality of the Mission would be impossible!

We ended with a lunch shared between Sisters and lay Partners in the mission. It was a festive, beautiful and memorable day, highlighted with the presence and closeness of our dear Sister. Ellen to whom we greatly appreciate her interest, support and encouragement. Thank you, dear Sister Ellen!

We praise and bless God our Father and Jesus Good Shepherd for all we have lived these days!
Sr. Ellen Kelly our congregational leader in her opening message for the sisters in the Perpetual Profession session: “She emphasized that the lifelong commitment expressed by Perpetual Profession calls for very deep and honest discernment. “Pay attention to your heart,” she said, “for where your heart is there is your treasure also.” She invited the Sisters into a deeper communion with God, the created world, the universe, with each other and with those who accompany them. Love is about relationships, she continued and it must be lived in our everyday life.

IF you want to read the full program's summary here are the links for the nine weeks:

The hot topic on the minds of the Good Shepherd family is the separation of immigrant children from their parents at the U.S. border. Hundreds of “freedom warriors” from border states began rallying at the detention camps in Tornillo, Texas, in late June. Their aim has been to show the nation that people will not stand for the deportation force. The rallies have been in response to the deportation force's detention of over 1,500 minors.

This is President Donald Trump’s latest executive order. It allows for the separation of families across the country and increased interior enforcement.

Twenty miles outside of El Paso, Texas, along the U.S.-Mexico border, sits the Tornillo Port of Entry, a U.S. Customs and Border Protection facility.

The Trump Administration selected the encampment as the first site for temporary housing for the overflow of unaccompanied minors and the children of detained migrant parents, under the Administration’s new “zero-tolerance” policy.

**Good Shepherd response to executive order**

On June 20, 2018, the U.S. Good Shepherd Sisters issued a statement to the President of the United States. The Circle of Provincials of North America signed the statement, along with National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd and the Good Shepherd NGO Special Consultative Status with ESOC, United Nations.

The statement read in part:

“As people of faith and of conscience, the Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd in the USA, the National Advocacy Center of the Good Shepherd Sisters, and the Good Shepherd International Justice Peace Office strongly condemn the United States’ policy reversing protections for asylum seekers fleeing domestic abuse and gang violence, and the “zero tolerance” policy that has resulted in the inhumane and deliberate separation of immigrant children and parents at the United States border.

“We call for an immediate end to these cruel and immoral policies, which have an especially harmful impact on migrant women and children. In the face of such egregious mistreatment of the most vulnerable seeking refuge in the United States, we cannot remain silent.”

The statement went on to say, “There is no justification for tearing children apart from their parents and keeping them in punitive conditions. The families and children impacted are among the most vulnerable, are often fleeing unspeakable violence and persecution in their home countries, and are not a threat to national security.”
The signers of the statement chastised the Trump Administration for incorrectly and repeatedly claiming that the policy is the “law.” In fact, the United States government has a responsibility under U.S. immigration law to hear a person’s immigration or asylum case, not to scare them away or prevent them from seeking protection.

Good Shepherd representatives further described how deterrence policies don’t work, as they fail to address the root causes that force people to leave their homes in the first place.

The signers also addressed how the policy puts families at extremely high risk of experiencing further rights violations.

“This policy is contrary to the values and principles of due process, solidarity, family unity and liberty that are embedded in U.S. law,” the statement reads.

Furthermore, the signed statement addresses how the Administration’s policy is a violation of the human rights of all migrants recognized under international law, including the right to migrate, the right to seek asylum, the rights of the child, and the right to family life.

It goes on to declare that detention causes physical and mental trauma and lifelong psychosocial and developmental problems.

“Community-based alternatives are more effective, more cost-efficient and better respect human rights,” the statement iterates.

The U.S. Good Shepherd family believes the Trump Administration’s policy is inhumane and goes against Catholic social teaching...

“The United States should pursue these alternative approaches that respect children’s and families’ fundamental rights to liberty, security, and human dignity,” the signers state.

The U.S. Good Shepherd family believes the Trump Administration’s policy is inhumane and goes against Catholic social teaching to love one’s neighbor, welcome the stranger, and respect the human dignity of every person.

Those who signed the statement to President Trump were Sisters Frances Aguillon, U.S. Province Leader Central South Province; Maureen McGowan, U.S. Province Leader New York Province; and Madeleine Munday, U.S. Province Leader Mid-North America Province.

Other signers were Sister Winifred Doherty, Main NGO Representative to the United Nations, Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd; and Lawrence Couch, Director of National Advocacy Center of Sisters of the Good Shepherd.

U.S. Sisters and Mission Partners are preparing to protest the zero tolerance policy on July 7, 2018. They will join with local community organizations in El Paso, other Catholic advocacy organizations, and diverse groups that oppose the Administration’s new policy on migrants.

Items of Interest will report on Good Shepherd’s involvement in the protest in the August issue.

How you can take action

Call the Department of Justice at 202-353-1555. Voice your distress with Attorney General Jeff Session’s changes to asylum policy and tell him to end the policy of separating families.

Call your Senators and Representatives. Let them know you oppose immigration bills that will restrict regular migration channels, split up families, harm children, and promote mass deportations

Use hashtags and raise your voice on social media. #FamiliesBelongTogether #KeepFamiliesTogether #ThereAreAlternatives

Join or organize a local rally or vigil. Find an event near you and participate.

Assist supporting organizations that are providing shelter, medical services, legal representation and psychosocial support to immigrant children and families. Volunteer or donate.
It has been 125 years since the walls of the Good Shepherd Convent in Hammana resist wars, poverty, inter-religious conflict, persecution and other hardships. They could tell us so many stories, some morbid and dark, but many others, rich, victorious and inspiring like the one chosen for this special day, commemorating the institution of the first convent of the sisters of the Good Shepherd in Lebanon in 1895. The story of the Good Shepherd who, through some the zeal of some nuns, continues to reveal his love to his people.

Hammana is a multi-confessional village where Muslims, Druze and Christians live together. The presence of the Sisters through the difficult times of the civil war, the tensions and violence between the different communities, has encouraged many villagers to remain in their land despite the conflicts and atrocities they have suffered. The sisters testified to their resilience and perseverance in the face of adversity.

Thus St. Mary Euphrasia taught her daughters: "The works cannot start, become strengthened and are accomplished except at the foot of the Cross, because Our Lord wants us to follow him to Calvary so that we can participate in the work of the Redemption of souls, which he has achieved by the shedding of all his blood ".

The jubilee festivities were concluded with the Eucharistic celebration in the presence of the sisters from Syria and Lebanon, joined by the friends of the Good Shepherd, in the garden of Our Lady of Lourdes on Saturday June 23, 2018.

His Most Reverend Excellency César Essayan, Vicar Apostolic of Beirut, in his homily during the celebration of the ceremonial Mass reminded those present that the Good Shepherd missions are God’s work, desired by Him. They spread throughout Lebanon and Syria and will continue to do so for as long as He wills through those who have stated their fiat. Many of them have left their mark then passed away; they have offered their time and their life for this work to grow and bear abundant fruits.
Sr. Souheila Bou Samra, Provincial of Lebanon and Syria, addressed the audience with these courageous words: “Our presence in this place, here and now, is a sign that history looks favorably on our testimony of the love of the Good Shepherd. The convent of Hammana with its eminent roofs that has survived so many storms, testifies to our rootedness, tenacity and perseverance in our mission of reconciliation and service to the most disadvantaged especially women and girls”.

From an abandoned cotton factory in Angers, the congregation of the Good Shepherd Sisters was born in France, and from this discarded silk factory in Hammana, the mission of the Good Shepherd Lebanon, started to weave the love of the Good Shepherd in the hearts of people. The big renovated bell will continue to ring and remind the people of the region that this convent will endure with the grace of God, to bear witness to the words of Jesus: « I came for you to have life in abundance ».
On 8th September we celebrated our 30th anniversary of presence in Taiwan. Over 1,000 friends, benefactors, Government officials, former workers, clients etc. came together for a thanksgiving celebration which ended with a Mass by a Jesuit Priest. We are registered as Good Shepherd Sisters with the Religion Department and Good Shepherd Foundation with the Department of Social Welfare – both are extremely necessary here in Taiwan.

Good Shepherd Foundation’s focus is on Mission. How did we develop our Mission? From the very start we could sense God’s guidance and blessing – this is truly God’s work. To do any ministry we needed funds. Our first halfway home, Telian, moved house 7 times, every year we moved because the owner was willing to rent for only a year and to find a house for 16 girls, 2 workers near a school, in a safe area was very difficult. After seven times we decided to either close-up or buy a house. God sent an expert, Nancy Wang, and after her advertisement was released money poured in. We bought not only one house but with the demand in other states, we were able to develop our mission to meet local needs. Nancy made it very clear that we can continue to get funding – support from the public – if our work is effective, that we are genuine and authentic. Otherwise we lose the trust of the public; we will not get any funds. We now have a team of professionals for fundraising. We have many lay partners who have been with us over 10 years, with a few over 25 years, helping to spread Good Shepherd spirit and values.

All work hard to raise our standard continuously developing spirit and values of The Good Shepherd. Capacity building has an important part and the workers love Mother Foundress. They marvel at how and why she built the tunnel – reminding them and encouraging them to be brave and courageous like our Foundress: when the clients or the situation needs, to risk change, be innovative and fearless in facing challenges. Today the area directors and leaders of homes and centers pass on Good Shepherd to their areas or centers. They are the backbone of our Foundation.

Unlike 50 years ago, where the ministry could be handled by one sister today we have so many requirements: research and development, English ability to connect Taiwan with RGS international, expertise on H.R. (Human Resources), I.T. etc. so working with partners is a must. As we were working on our 6 years strategical planning, we were grateful to get the position papers from our G.L.T. to guide our mission direction.

On 23rd September, our community celebrated the Mid-autumn festival and a “come and see” prospect joined us. It was her first visit – but she immediately felt at home with us and we had a happy time together. Our spirant was accepted to begin her pre-Novitiate, the pre-novice will be beginning her Novitiate and now a “come and see” arrives. We have hope of vocations “God gives His people hope”.

Good Shepherd Foundation, Taiwan
By Sr. Therese Thong
Princess Zenani Mandela Dlamini visits Pelletier House.

Home for girls – Mauritius

By Sr. Françoise Mestry

Princess Zenani Mandela Dlamini is the first Daughter of Nelson Mandela. She is the Ambassador of South Africa in Mauritius. On Nelson Mandela day, her excellence Zenani Mandela and her staff used to visit an institution and this year Pelletier house was chosen. Mandela Day, celebrated on July 18, is an annual international day adopted by the United Nations. It is more than a celebration of Nelson Mandela’s life and legacy, it is a global movement to take his life’s work into a new era and change our world for the better. The girls and the sisters prepared this event with great joy as it was really a great honor for us to welcome Nelson Mandela’s Daughter in our place especially on the international day of Non Violence. The girls prepared a little concert with 2 songs and 2 dances for the occasion. Actually there are eight girls in the foyer, all are students. For this special event we asked permission to take them from school earlier than usual as the visit was scheduled for 3 p.m. Sister Marie Françoise Mestry Community Leader welcomed her excellence, the Ambassador of South Africa with a little speech. As it was also the international day of Nonviolence, everybody was asked to tie the white ribbon on her neighbor’s wrist. Then we proceed with the dance of the earth, one French song, South African dance and finally the traditional Mauritian Sega. The Ambassador then delivers her message to the students motivating them on the importance of Education. She encouraged them to educate themselves and learn whatever they can learn. There is nothing wrong to be a technical person she said. She also added that: “Mandela’s day is to go out to your community and serve your community, it is about uplifting your community”. She offered a sewing machine with different functions for the girls, some sports outfit, cereals and cakes etc. We finished the day with a garden party where tea, coffee and snacks were served and it was also a time of sharing in a very good atmosphere.

Before going back, she signed the visitor’s book
The meeting of the Good Shepherd Mission Partners for the three islands of the Unit (Reunion, Mauritius and Madagascar) took place in Mauritius from 18 - 22 July 2018 in a retreat center held by the Diocese of Port Louis. This meeting was moderated by Sr. Isabel Royuela Unit Leader.

The sisters and Mission Partners of Mauritius have prepared this event with great joy since a few months to find the place, prepare activities, songbook, organization for transportation etc. The main themes discussed during the session were: Life in the Spirit, our vocation and the Beatitudes, the life of our Founders, The Spirituality of St John Eudes.

The presentations and sharing in small groups and at the plenary sessions were very enriching and allowed us to better understand the mission and know the spirit of our founders. Sr. Isabel emphasized on the life of the master and the disciple, how to let oneself be transformed from within by Christ and to be configured to him. She added that the inner transformation is a growth and a birth that allows us to form Jesus in us. We also had a reflection on the symbol of the heart which is important for St. John Eudes. He deepens the mystery of mercy especially around the symbol of the heart.

Every morning, we participated at the Mass at Montmartre and we even had the chance to participate in a Taizé prayer session.

Another important occasion was the Ordination of Youdesh, a Mauritian priest for the Diocese of Port Louis.

The meeting ended on July 21st with the closing celebration and a cultural festival rich in color, dance and song.

As part of this session there was also the visit of our two communities, outings to visit the island, among other pilgrimages to Father Laval, the monument of Mary Queen of Peace and St Louis Cathedral without forgetting a Tour of the island where we stopped for lunch at the beach.
Soeur Pascale

Sister Pascale turns 80 this year. The zeal of our founders continues to inhabit him. Her 15 years of service at the Women's Prison is marked by the memories of a Good Shepherd sister. Here are two testimonials:

I led a frivolous, carefree life. I accompanied my mother to church but praying meant nothing to me. I was only looking for pleasure. When my father died, it was the great crisis that brought me to the prison where I met many people. One person won my trust, Sr. Pascale, from the Good Shepherd - I opened my heart to her because she wanted my own good and nothing more.

She taught me to be true to myself, to be true to others, to ask forgiveness from God who loves me as I am, to forgive others and to be patient in difficulties. She prepared me to be myself and to become strong when I come out of prison, how to be close to my mother and my brothers who forgave me from the first day.

With all my heart, I thank you Sr. Pascale and I wish that every woman in prison listens to your advice because you are looking for their interests. “I will never forget your words”.

The nightmare started when I was 14 years old. Being obese, I did anything to adapt to any group. The only ones that have welcomed me were the drug users. With them I tried everything... I thought I was happy. My life was crumbling ... I did not have the strength to stop. One day the police caught me and put me in jail.

That's where I learned a lot from someone who had patience with me. She always listened to me, advised me, and wanted my good. She taught me how to pass the time, how to read in the Bible and pray ... she told me, to get me help in a rehabilitation center when I leave the prison. That's what I'm doing now, I followed Sr. Pascale's advice, to improve myself and be happy.

Nathalie

A path that took 12 years to finish was not easy, but anything was possible. I met lots of people of all nationalities and races. I learned a lot of things that were good for me including bad experiences that taught me unforgettable lessons.

The time of the goodbyes is very sad but it helps us to take the first step in life. This causes me an infinite sadness because it is very difficult to separate a soul from its body, a flower from its roots, and a mother from its child...

You have been of great moral support and helped me to reach an ultimate goal and develop my personality.

However, in this storm that changed my life, you were my lifeline and played the role of confidant who listened to all my complaints without criticizing. You have advised me and relieved me during this troubled period.

You taught me to forgive my enemies and my friends. I beg you also to forgive me all the worries I caused you. I’ll never forget your words.

In short, I cannot find words to express my gratitude. You are my family, my friends and my advisers. I do not know how to thank you and especially how to say goodbye.

Finally, we will leave with tears of joy and sadness but I will always have wonderful memories of all that I have learned and lived.

I would like to continue writing but I will never finish. In my last sentence, I will tell you that “Your Love is a true Love”

Thank you
The Good Shepherd Sisters in Lebanon organized a conference on March 22, 2018, to communicate and share a message of joy and life to the women invited. It encourages the celebration of the right of every woman to transform her life and bring happiness to her family. The beneficiaries of this event were Lebanese women and Iraqi and Syrian refugees of different faiths.

Two famous coaches animated this event: John Kairouz and Linda Chaccour. Their mission was to identify some of the difficulties in everyday life and to find the best ways to maximize opportunities in their lives.

John Kairouz, a training and performance coach who has consulted, trained and mentored more than 200 companies on 3 continents, has explored the intrinsic power of women to showcase their multiple skills and how to succeed in their lives. He explained the reasons why she will have to be ready for change and what inhibitions prevent her from changing by reporting 5 one-off steps.

Linda Chaccour, Life Strategist, Happiness Coach and Founder of the Emerge Coaching and Live-happy Project in the United Arab Emirates and Lebanon, who has extensive experience in coaching and training, talked about teaching children about art happiness. She shared the 8 most important practices that every mother needs to cultivate and support her children.

The audience was engaged and enthusiastic. Women were very proactive. They responded freely and spontaneously to the questions of the speakers. The atmosphere was lively and very friendly.
In the footsteps of our founders
By Sr Georgette Tannoury

Thank you Saint John Eudes for listening to Madeleine Lamy (1641). Thank you Saint Mary Euphrasia for collaborating with Geneviève d’Andigné and Augustin de Neuville (1835). Your inspiration remains current in the Congregation. If the mission is alive today, it is also thanks to the dynamism and professionalism of our lay partners. The general chapter strongly considered this collaboration – sisters and laity – our provincial chapter has made it an important priority.

In our Lebanon / Syria Unit, Sisters and Laity work together to respond to the many cries of our wounded society:
Refugees, migrants, human trafficking, poverty, violence against women / girls and children, gender inequality, religious fanaticism, etc.

We recognize the professional skills of our lay collaborators. We try to pass them (especially the most interested and attracted by our charisma), the Spirit and spirituality of the Congregation, the culture of Jesus, Good Shepherd.
We do this on two levels: in the first place meetings between sisters and laity, followed and / or in parallel, special training for the laity.
For the first time, a small group of 9 people are going to Angers for a week of training.

I would like to share with you testimonials of 4 people who were part of the group:

❤️ I was very touched by the zeal, the creativity, the courage of this young girl who identified with the cause of the Good Shepherd and made it her own. She stayed young until the end of her life because of her innovation and letting “Love” her primary rule to follow. Trusting and believing in God and her neighbor, she died surrounded by love. I would love to follow her, walk on her steps.

❤️ It was my first pilgrimage, an unforgettable experience. An impressive change had been made in my life. I felt reborn. Now I am going only for the essential themes; the superfluity has faded away. I went deeper into the knowledge of St. Mary Euphrasia and the mission of the Good Shepherd Sisters that I want to follow and to accomplish with love. Thank you to the people who gave me the chance to live this unique experience.

❤️ In Angers, I felt that every nun is aware of being personally called to adore God, to follow, St. Mary Euphrasia, in spirit and in truth, in the love of the most fragile persons.
Experience filled me with joy and love. I was in the company of friends, of Sister Georgette and of Sister Hanan who told me: “faith inspires my life through prayer, experiencing life and sharing it with others.

❤️ I was very touched by the reception of the 3 sisters, at the Provincialate of Paris. Through their presence, attention and service I discovered part of Ste. Mary Euphrasia, the courageous woman which in every day’s life does not stop at challenges but looks for new ways to love people. It was a unique experience that won’t not stop there.

I want to say thank you to the people who contributed to the realization of this experience. We believe that the more we drink from the source of Our Shepherd, the more our suffering sisters and brothers benefit...
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