



Sparklings

« Together, Let us Obey the Holy Spirit »

A WORD FROM OUR SERVANT GENERAL



Hello to you, "pilgrims of hope",
The Holy Year, that began on December 8, 2024, has led us to become prophets of hope. We were in Rome for the solemnity of Pentecost. With more than 70,000 people who came for the jubilee of ecclesiastical movements and renewal communities, Pope Leo XIV said: "The future will be less dark, the discernment less difficult, if together we obey the Holy Spirit." What a special program for the Church and for us! This year, let us answer joyfully to this invitation. Yes, together, let us obey the Holy Spirit and, as with the first Christians :

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer." (Acts 2, 42) How? A simple method, that of which Jesus spoke to us in the Gospel and that Sister Jeanne has left us: Marvel, that we always be in communion with each other, obeying the Holy Spirit.

*O God our Father, send into the world the breath of Church that touches our bretheren.
O God our Father, send into the world the breath of Church for "Hope, fanned into flame."*

LIFE IN COMMUNION: FIRST, BETWEEN OURSELVES!



Pilgrims moving forward, that is what describes our family life this year. A profound desire to open ourselves to God and to our brothers and sisters in our daily lives:

- *SILENCE: Interior silence, to keep silent, to forget oneself, to pray, to give of oneself, to make commitments;
- *DIALOGUE: Humble dialogue in one's persevering and fruitful endeavors;
- *DOCILITY: by listening to the Holy Spirit during community prayer so as to truly welcome God's will in all that happens;
- *EXPERIENCE OF PROVIDENCE: in our daily lives, as children who put their hope in all that the Father gives.

Let us see how this work of communion is fruitful in each of our foyers.

Myriam-de-la-Paix (Tracadie-Sheila)

Together, one loves, one welcomes and one gives of oneself: this is what allows relationships of trust and friendship to form. These ties build a Family-Church: through catechism instructing and accompanying adolescents and adults; through the welcoming of families one day a month; through the group "Live your baptism" during which fraternal ties in faith are made; through monthly days of "spiritual renewal" with our dear brother Father Deluida Leblanc who celebrates his 90th birthday this year and who is unflinching in his fervor. Creativity is not lacking in this foyer: artistic productions allow all to highlight important moments of the liturgical year.



Myriam-de-la-Vallée (Lac-au-Saumon)

The Family grows in its mutual fraternal welcoming, allowing us to live a special complementarity with simplicity. This year the Youth-Challenge II weekends (14 -17 year olds) resumed where they had started. The young people left renewed in their joy, their fervor, and with a living strength to move forward in their faith. A



A new group of Friends of Myriam, to journey toward the Yes of Baptism, was started. Family celebrations allowed us to express our thanks and joy with those who share our life and mission.

Myriam-de-la-Miséricorde (Mont St-Hilaire)

The team of Myriam-de-la-Miséricorde is well established in its new environment. Surrounded by nature, silence and the presence of God, the house draws and invites one to lift one's gaze to the Above. The Youth-Challenge I and Vocational weekends (photo) allowed several young people to pursue their journey to sainthood. Also, we welcomed different cultural communities, who discovered our spirituality as well as the joy of being loved and to be loved in a family, as children of the same Father.



Myriam-Providence (Québec)

Myriam-Providence is the hub for little brothers and sisters coming and going, a stop that renews hearts through welcoming and that is always warm and joyful. The house is always full. Thursday evening prayer is open to all and brings young and old together. Throughout such intense activity, each person keeps his and her intimate fervor with the Lord and as such is able to maintain the rhythm. This mission is the first that was founded after the Mother House, already 45 years ago! Its history is rich and important to us. Now is the time to gather our memories, our documents and to put some order in it all so as to give this heritage to those who come after us. Our little sisters Dominique Horodynski (archivist) and Geneviève Gadbois have undertaken painstakingly this vast project which requires much time and patience. Thank you to you both for your devotion.



Myriam-de-l'Espérance (Chicoutimi)

This year's theme is "Pilgrims of Hope, Chosen for a Great Love". Seminaries of Filial Life gathered little brothers and sisters, affiliated members, young people. All have been steeped in the Word so as to lead to an encounter with Jesus through a person in the Gospel. With Matthew, we learned that our wounds are the entrance ways to grace and that God chose us "in our entirety", with our failings and talents. With Martha and Mary, we marveled at being chosen, complementary, for the joy of communion.



With Peter and Paul, we said Yes to live under the gaze of the Father, with the freedom of children of God. We move forward thankful for all the graces received and for so many others!

Myriam-sur-Mer (Cap-Chat)



The Myriam-sur-Mer household works quietly. Between wind and water, there is the space to move towards the discovery of one's identity, a child of God, through the "Filial Identity Card". Each person leaves with the light of hope in his and her heart, with renewed trust. The Lord works also within the Family members. Everyone develops an attentive, silent listening to the Spirit during community prayer, letting His voice whisper God's will to our souls. This listening is felt in our work and relationships as we see Jesus, more and more in our neighbor. This is how we grow in charity and communion with humble welcoming that builds the environment of trust.

Myriam-des-Prairies (McLean, Saskatchewan)

The Holy Spirit is hard at work at our Myriam-of-the-Prairies foyer, where our little family welcomes and shares the fire of faith that dwells here. The mission covers the provinces from Manitoba to Alberta: missions in schools, various groups, parishes, etc. Moreover, what joy it is to receive four groups of Friends of Myriam preparing for their Yes to Baptism and Yes to Mary. The house already seems too small for all those who want to attend the various retreats offered. The need is huge and we are doing what we can to finance an addition necessary to continue our mission of welcoming.



Cenacles of Port-de-Paix and Jérémie Myriam (Haïti)

This year, only one team lived in Haiti, a presence in Port-de-Paix and short visits to our house in Jérémie. We took advantage of these visits to meet with the various groups and it was during one of these that our Friends of Myriam pronounced their Yes to Mary. A special commitment! Because of the political



situation, we had to return to Canada from December to February, leaving our postulant Hislove Dubréus with the sisters of Sainte-Thérèse. Together, we truly lived an experience of abandonment and trust in God our Father. During the summer of 2024, fifteen young people spent 2 weeks with us in Port-de-Paix for the Myriam Missionary Breath. With them, we led a camp for the children of Bombardopolis Parish. It was a wonderful experience of mutual cooperation.



Myriam-sur-la-Volga (Astrakhan, Russie)

Our little sisters of Myriam-sur-la-Volga spent the Day of Consecrated Life with their bishop in Rome as pilgrims of hope. They participated in Pope Francis' last general audience, just before he was hospitalized. Our little sister Marie Côté enhanced the team allowing our little sisters Anne Plourde, Marielle St-Pierre and Brigitte Légaré to come back to Canada one by one for a longer time. Our little sisters witnessed together the love of God through their joy and their fidelity.



Myriam-de-la-Communion (Jambes, Belgique)

In Belgium too the mission grew with two new groups of Friends of Myriam in 2024: One in Jambes, Belgium and the other in Alsace (France). Thus our spirituality of "oil stain" spreads in Europe. The house has been embellished: missionary collaborators contributed to the finishing of the work on our main hall. Now our groups marvel at this new place to meet. Many thanks to Johanne and Jean Doucet, to Any and Mario Vacher and to the members of Service-Amitié (Service-Friendship): a humble, joyful, and brotherly service. A huge thank you to all!



Myriam-de-l'Alliance (Rodriguez, Uruguay)



We find this small team of three tasting the joy of a simple life with God and with those surrounding them. Their wish? To help others experiment how it is good to live in a family atmosphere, placing God at the center of their lives. It was a tremendous joy to welcome for the first time a whole family for a retreat. We also led a retreat for a group of young people. We are proud of the Yes to Baptism of our new Friends of Myriam. Yes, it is good to be brothers and sisters living together!

Foyer central (Baie-Comeau)

At our Central Foyer too, members of Service Amitié rendered much needed help. What a blessing! Here life is lived fully! Our retreatants who stay for several weeks of renewal are more and more numerous, as well as our Youth-Challenge-Myriam I group. The Family Breath reaches new children. Several couples, mostly Innus, came to prepare for their marriage, two weekends bathed in the family atmosphere that restores them. Much grace springs from this. And lastly, another pearl from the Antilles, our little novice sister Hislove Dubréus has at last arrived at our Central Foyer home to continue her formation. A true blessing, a breath of youth and a little sister so desired.



A LIFE OF EVANGELIZATION: TO GIVE HOPE IN COMMUNION!

To give hope in communion is to give witness of our family life, to taste the sweetness of life lived as at Nazareth. Yes, our life in communion is also our mission!

This year, several parishes have asked us to lead retreats. What joy it is to share and transmit that which gives us life, to carry together the filial breath, and to give hope! With teachings, times of prayer, and Eucharistic devotion, with personal as well as group encounters, we see the Trinitarian Presence heal, renew and transform. Discovering the joy of being loved and to love in a family atmosphere is Heaven dwelling in our daily lives! Our little brothers and little sisters go out to encounter our Family-Church:

That these retreats be for a day or for a week, it is always the same flame that lives within us and that gives us life.



Myriam-of-the-Prairies



Myriam-de-l'Espérance

COMMUNION IN FAMILY: ONE COMES AND GOES, ONE LOVES...

Our Servant general Monique Tremblay made her pastoral visits to our missions in Uruguay, New Brunswick, in Mont-Saint-Hilaire, and in the Prairies: with her kindness, her searching for God's will and her tireless zeal, Monique brings with her a breath of abandonment. She knows how to encourage, to lift up, to show the way with the simplicity of the poor of heart. Thank you, Monique, for your service and the selfless gift of yourself.



Closure of Myriam-de-la-Réconciliation in Poland

Several events lead us to take the decision to close our foyer in Poland. As the town where we were situated takes its name from Joseph, and that Blessed Cardinal Wyszyński was at the origin of the community living in this house before us, we fervently prayed to these two saints for its new vocation. It will now be a house of refuge and help for women. The new owners love this warm and peaceful location, well adapted to its new mission. We continue sporadically our evangelizations in Poland, welcomed by friends who have enough space to receive small groups. Let us give thanks to our Father who directs all things with wisdom.

Yes, Jesus, everything, immediately, where you want, with whom you want



Jocelyne Collin



Esther Desnoyers



Madeleine Forcier

A breath of change blows this year in different foyers: After more than 7 years at Myriam-de-l'Espérance, Chantal Thivierge will take on the responsibility of Myriam-Providence from Nicole St-Hilaire. Thank you Nicole for your thoughtful and charitable service, your love of the Virgin Mary, and your docility to the Spirit.

Esther Denoyers returns from Belgium to be the new little sister servant at Myriam-de-l'Espérance. We gratefully acknowledge Madeleine Forcier (former little s.s. in Haiti) and Jocelyne Collin (former little s.s. in Uruguay) who return to Canada after several years of mission. They showed their love of the Father and aroused great confidence in the Merciful Christ.



Chantal Thivierge



Nicole St-Hilaire

In communion with Heaven



Our little sister Rose Tremblay (Dorr) took the place that Jesus had prepared for her at 106 years old. We saw the beauty of her soul surrendered totally into the hands of her Savior-Spouse allowing Him to reconcile all the happenings of her life; a pacified heart that expressed itself in the surrender and gaze of serene light that only the very small can show. Rose became a chef-d'oeuvre of mercy.

We offer our sympathy to Sylvie Grenier for the passing of her mother, Pierrette, to France Delaunay for the passing of her sisters, Murielle and Huguette, to Denis Ross for the passing of his brother, Jean-Marc, to Madeleine Forcier, Florkencia Jourdain and Julie Bissonnette for the passing of their grandparents. We offer them all to Mary, our sweet Mother in Heaven.

Together, let us continue to sow hope through our lives of communion and great confidence in God-Father-Providence who never ceases to manifest the power of his mercy throughout this jubilee year.