

Formation of pastoral agents of the South West Delegation in France

From 25 to 29 January 2023, nineteen collaborators and volunteers for the pastoral animation in the French ministries of the South-West Delegation/Reunion Island met at the Generalate in Rome for a four-day training program organised by Jean Bourrousse, Delegate of Trustees, and Raphaël Dulhoste, Pastoral Assistant in Bordeaux and member of the Delegation Council.

The main objective of the meeting was to create a Lasallian culture and to work on the Lasallian project in order to better live the pastoral commitment.

The first contact with the House was the participation in the solemn Mass of the translation of the relics of Saint John Baptist de La Salle...a beautiful start!

Brother Pierre Petitjean then introduced us to the House and gave us a tour, particularly of the archives.

For the formation sessions, the speakers were Brother Nestor Anaya on the Mission, Brother Paco Chiva on the spirit of association and its application in pastoral work, and Colette Allix on the La Salle Educational Fraternity. The participants in the program can now talk about the Lasallian mission and the spirituality that inspires us in words suitable for children and young people, but also for their colleagues.

Each day, which began with Mass, then had moments of formation and visits to the Eternal City to better understand the origins of the Church and its history. Father Jean Dominique Delgue also guided us for an entire afternoon through the hills of Rome to show us some very beautiful views thanks to his knowledge of the city. We thank him for the time he gave us.

At the meeting place inside the Generalate, called le Crêpe, where the French-speaking Brothers meet, we were wonderfully welcomed and shared our experiences ... and limoncello!

We sincerely thank Brothers Antoine and Pierre who accompanied us with joy, as well as Brothers Félicien and Sylvain for their fraternity; let us not forget Brother Rodolfo for the tasting of the Strega liqueur during the festive evening but also for the gift of the “Lasallian Holiness” booklet.

Brothers Anatole and Joel also found time to come and visit us and Brother Armin, Superior General, also spent time with us in fraternity and joy.

The experience was very positive for everyone and what makes us reflect is that each one of us, as a group or individually, can contribute to that process of building and creating the great Lasallian Family with which we deal on a daily basis.

Live Jesus in our hearts!

Colette ALLIX