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## COMMUNITIES UNDER THE DEPENDENCY OF THE GENERAL GOVERNMENT CDGG

### COMMUNITIES IN EUROPE

For the Congregation as a whole, these communities represent a very significant historical heritage, with more than 3 centuries of history.

#### • **SAINVILLE, FRANCE**

The Sainville community, known as the Marie Poussepin Convent, is made up of 3 sisters, coming from 3 Structures: Our Lady of the Presentation, Bogotá, and Africa and two nationalities: 2 Colombian and 1 Burkinabé.

It is a community of welcome, prayer, service and formation. The sisters participate in the pastoral ministry and feel very integrated into parish life.

The convent of Marie Poussepin is considered at the diocesan level as a house of spirituality and regularly attracts numerous groups of the diocese: chaplaincy groups, preparation for sacraments, retreats, adult movements, the association for the disabled, the Alpha group, the hospitality of Lourdes, the Eucharistic Youth Movement (MEJ) and various catechetical groups.

The parish organizes meetings of the parish pastoral team (EPP) in the convent; Monthly retreat meetings are also held to prepare for the strong moments of Advent, Lent, etc.



The simple and fraternal life of the convent attracts many people for community prayer (Adoration, Rosary, Vespers) and the Eucharist on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The house is always open to everyone, without exception, and people never cease to admire the quality of the welcome of the sisters in the community and the simplicity of their life.

Every year, the “Friends of the Convent” organize a pilgrimage from Dourdan to Sainville, on October 14, to celebrate the feast of Marie Poussepin. This year, together with the parish and accompanied by the sisters, they visited the Basilica of Saint Martin of Tours, the Marmoutier Abbey and, above all, our Mother House, where the remains of Marie Poussepin rest. Much was shared with the sisters of La Bretèche.

## • DOURDAN, FRANCE

This community is characterized by its internationality and multiculturalism, since it is made up of 3 sisters from different countries: India, Burkina Faso and Colombia.

The mission of this community is essentially one of presence. The sisters welcome different groups for meetings and sharing the Word of God, and people who want to know more about the life of Marie Poussepin, including:



- TALITAKUM, which brings together a dozen people who have gone through a painful experiences, to share the Word of God and learn about the life of Marie Poussepin, followed by a fraternal meal once a month.
- The rosary team, who visits families to share the Word of God and pray the rosary, followed by a snack once a month.
- After their retreat, young people who make their profession of faith also come to discover the life of Marie Poussepin.
- The fraternity group for the season of Lent proposed by the diocese.
- The young scouts who have asked to spend the day with the community.

The sisters take advantage of the opportunity to learn the language, which allows them to be in contact with people and get involved in certain parish activities:

- Participate every month, from September to June, in the 6th, 4th and 3rd classes, to offer catechism at the chaplaincy in secondary education centers.
- Bring communion to the sick at home and at the EHPAD every week.
- Go to the Catholic Charities Association at least two or three times a month, whenever possible.



- Give Lenten talks to the students and teachers of the Saint Joan of Arc School.
- Lead the rosary prayers, listen and share with the students of the Saint Joan of Arc School every Monday.

## • IL ROSARIO, ROME

This community began with the welcome and accompaniment of young Italian women who came to Rome to study, later it expanded in receiving families and finally with the invitation of the Pope, they made all the modifications, to welcome pilgrims and people who come to this city, respecting the laws of the country.



It is a community marked by internationality and interculturality, made up of 4 sisters from 4 Structures, one of them of temporary vows: Africa, India, Our Lady of the Americas and Our Lady of the Presentation, and from 4 countries: Burkina Faso, Colombia, India and Mexico; also host two Vietnamese sisters from the Congregation of the Dominican Sisters of Saint Catherine of Siena from Vietnam, who, like some of our sisters, come to study in Rome.

The mission is welcoming, trying to ensure that every person who arrives here feels at home, finding a place of prayer, harmony, silence, peace, security, trust and study.

Challenges: Going beyond ourselves to welcome others through prayer and fraternity; language learning, interculturality to know different customs.

Thus, this community responds to the call that God makes to us and to all to be brothers and sisters in the common Home and, as a Congregation, to live and die at the service of the Church in the exercise of charity, wherever He needs us.

## • VALDIERI, ROME

The Permanent community of Valdieri was founded in 1968. It has been part of various structures over time, first to the Province of Italy and later to the Province of France.

The 54<sup>th</sup> General Chapter of 2014 left as a task to rethink the organization of the communities residing in Italy and it was decided that they would depend directly on the General Government.



This is a community marked by internationality and interculturality, made up of nine sisters from 6 structures: Africa, India, Los Andes, Medellín, Our Lady of the Presentation and 5 countries: Colombia, Peru, India, Romania, Burkina Faso; a reality that constitutes a richness and requires each of us to go beyond our borders to discover, value and accept cultures with evangelical fraternity and be constantly open to diversity.

Its main mission is administrative support to the General secretary and General Treasurer.



Likewise, it welcomes the sisters in the various ongoing formation activities, and the people close to the parish and favors the time and space for the academic formation of the sisters at the university.

Currently Sister Victoria Balteanu resides in Romania and participates in inter-congregational cooperation in the field of Psychology.

## COMMUNITIES IN ASIA

### PHILIPPINES

There are two communities in the Philippines and one in Vietnam, with 13 sisters of 6 countries: Burkina Faso, Colombia, El Salvador, Philippines, India and Vietnam. We also have a Novice and a Postulant from the Philippines.

#### • SONGKOY

The first community in the Philippines was founded on January 16, 2012, in a rented house in Calasiao in the Archdiocese of Lingayen-Dagupan. Later, we built our own house in Songkoy, on October 25, 2018, in the Cristo Divino Tesoro parish, Buenlag.

The sisters are involved in the faith formation of children and young people in four villages around, dedicating every Saturday to this mission in collaboration with the laity. In addition to this, the sisters teach catechism in the public schools of three villages. Through creative activities, engaging sessions, and the unwavering dedication of our sisters, the catechism ministry has become a beacon of hope for these communities, particularly to the youth.

Both in the parish and in the diocese, the sisters are involved in the biblical apostolate, catechetical ministries, coordination to offer formation and updating to catechists, animation of the CEBs (Basic Ecclesial Community), etc. Sr. Lilly Chalakkal teaches Sacred Scripture at the San Fabián Seminary of Dagupan and Sr. Rosy Karippai

teaches religion classes at the Virgin Miraculous University (UVM). Our presence at this institution is an opportunity to accompany the youth in their thirst for learning.



Another aspect of our mission is to visit the elderly and bring them communion every Sunday; We accompany 47 people, taking the time to listen to their stories and difficulties, since most of them live alone.

A group of Marie Poussepin Lay Associates and a group of Young Dominicans are formed, and we accompany them in their faith formation.

At Songkoy, we promote sustainable agriculture in collaboration with the University of Santo Tomas (UST). This initiative also addresses issues of gender equality, access to resources, food security, nutrition and sustainable livelihoods. One of the highlights of this program is the contribution of women to the advancement of sustainable agriculture techniques. Around 25 of them are in the process of organizing themselves as an association. Sr. Madeleine Tiemtoré coordinates this program.



## • MALIBAY



The Malibay community was begun as an expanded mission of the Calasiao community (today Songkoy) in January 2014, later on November 1, 2018 it was established as a community. A densely populated city composed of both rich and poor urban families, with precarious conditions of life. Most of the poor depend on Pedi cabs, (Bicitaxis) roadside food vendors and small shops for their subsistence.

Since August 2016, this house became a formation community for aspirants and postulants. The sisters also are involved in health care and pastoral care ministries.

Health care is provided through Marie Poussepin Care Center, a small building located in the squatter area, densely populated by the poor and less privileged. There is a doctor available for consultations and treatments, with two health workers helping us. Regular monitoring of people's health conditions and provision of medicines at a very affordable price or sometimes free are ways of reaching out to the sick. Once a week, the sisters take time to visit the sick and bedridden, to pray and read the Word of God with them. Faith formation classes are offered to children on weekends and they are encouraged to participate in Sunday Mass and pray the rosary.

We have occasions for regular meeting with the young people of the community, and we promote vocations by providing them with an experience of prayer and fraternity to imbibe in them the Charism of Blessed Marie Poussepin.

We offer livelihood programs to improve the economic situation of families through training, candle making and leather products are some of the new initiatives.

# VIETNAM

## • CHUA QUAN PHONG

After many years of visiting Vietnam, with the desire to begin our presence and having 4 sisters from this country, the seed of the charism of Marie Poussepin has reached this new land.

By the providence of God, the sisters arrived in Vietnam on August 17, 2023 to start a new community in Vietnam: Sister Lilly Vadakineyath and Sr. Arul Selvi Ignasiammal, from the Province of India and Sr. Dang Thi Bich Ha (Vietnamese) who had her formation in the Philippines. Sisters stayed at the house of Mr. Dang Minh Cong and Cao Thi Ngoc Mai, parents of Sr. Bich Ha, who offered it for the beginning of the presence of the Congregation.

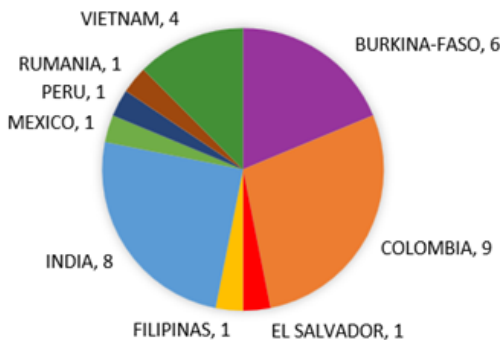
On September 8, 2023, the community of God's Providence (Chua Quan Phong) was established in the parish of Vong Phan, in the Diocese of Phu Cuong.

Immediately after our arrival, we began the pastoral mission in the Hieu Liem Parish, which is 10 kilometers away. We teach catechism and direct the children's choir.

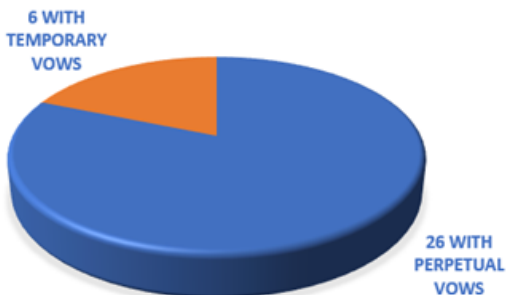


## STATISTICS CDGG

### COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN



### 32 SISTERS



### NUMBER OF COMMUNITIES

