

# INFORMATION INFORMACIÓN

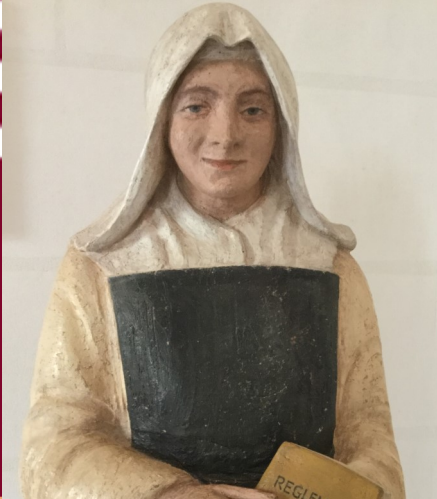
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In 1696, the Blessed Marie Poussepin having recognized the ignorance and misery of the village of Sainville, the distance of 17 kilometers from Dourdan, she chose to leave to leave everything in order to totally devote herself "to the service of charity" "for the service of the parish" In what way? In forming " a community of the Third Order of Saint Dominic, to instruct the youth and to serve the sick poor."

## YEAR OF GRACE: 25 YEARS SINCE THE BEATIFICATION

### "Daughter of the Church and of France"

The preface of the Rules for the Sisters of Sainville strikes one by its historico-ecclesiological position: Marie Poussepin and her 29 companions who sign the request for approbation of the Bishop of Chartres present themselves in full communion and continuity with the apostolate of the Church.

- ◆ They are linked to the deaconesses of the ancient apostolic community with their collective form of life and ministry of their time.
- ◆ They are women of prayer and evangelical action spread in several dioceses and well received by the bishops.
- ◆ They are placed under ecclesiastical authority and under the protection of the Virgin Mary whom they should honor and imitate.

The foundress, a Dominican tertiary with the name of Sister Catherine, had wanted to insert her community in the history of the Church by means of the Friars Preachers, being inspired by their charism and under their guidance.



“These Sisters of Charity directed and instructed by the “lady Poussepin” in the schools of the countryside founded and maintained by them, in their medical dispensaries, stretched out in a threadlike manner and parallel to the educational reform and assistance wanted by Louis XIV were not in any way the responsibility of the State”<sup>1</sup>.



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During this year of grace, in the Information bulletin, we will trace a path by several works, initiatives or experiences in various places in the Congregation that bear the name of Marie Poussepin, witnessing the continuity of the experience of the virtues of the Blessed Foundress.

The texts, the images are taken from the book “Our History is a mission” published during the 55<sup>th</sup> General Chapter 2019.

<sup>1</sup> Relatio et Vota. Congressus peculiaris. 26/02/1991. Voto IX



## FRANCE

### THE OAK MARIE POUSSEPIN



In the 19<sup>th</sup> century near the Abbey of Notre Dame de L'Ouyes, situated in the national forest of Dourdan, the inhabitants of this town wanted to honor the memory of Marie Poussepin who was at the origin of the prosperity of the country. So, they placed a plaque bearing the inscription "Marie Poussepin" at the base of the trunk of a red oak.

### A ROAD DEDICATED TO MARIE POUSSEPIN

Around the years of 1950-1960, a group of 18 industrialists of Dourdan wished to recall



the figure of Marie Poussepin by dedicating a road to her in the industrial quarter of the town.



Here is the text written by the industrialists motivating their gesture: You dear Dourdannais, you recognize the impetus, the dynamism brought to your industry in the 18<sup>th</sup> century by Marie Poussepin, and at the center of your industrial zone, you have wanted to conserve her memory, speak your gratitude, call for her protection by this road "Marie Poussepin".

## CHILE

### MARIE POUSSEPIN COLLEGE PUTAENDO



It was founded in 1928 under the name "Escuela Pascual Banados" exclusively for boy's education. On November 28, 2005, it received the name of "Marie Poussepin College". The most important moment of history of this teaching establishment occurred in 1960 when the Dominican Sisters of Charity of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin arrived from Colombia, promoted in their classrooms a pedagogy founded on the ethical and religious principles of the charism of Marie Poussepin which revitalize and energize educational performance.

Until today, the Marie Poussepin School offers its students an environment favorable for an integral formation where the academic aspect, the human aspect, and the spiritual aspect interact in their growth and their personalization.

## IVORY COAST

### MARIE POUSSEPIN HEALTH CENTER KORHOGO



The Marie Poussepin Health Center is situated in the bosom of St. John Bosco parish of Korhogo on the Ivory Coast. Since the opening of the community in 1987, the Sisters, moved by the same compassion as that which animated Marie Poussepin, rendered service to the sick. Over the years, the nursing Sisters followed one another and a dispensary was constructed composed of one consultation room, an observation room, a treatment room, a room for obtaining laboratory samples, a laboratory, and a pharmacy. Thanks to the hospitality and love of work, the dispensary is frequented from morning till night and certain sick come from very far to profit from the treatments. Marie Poussepin is always at work through her Sisters by her intercession the sick regain their health.

## BURKINA FASO

### MARIE PUSSEPIN DEVELOPMENTAL AND PRESCHOOL EDUCATION CENTER DASSASGHO



The Marie Poussepin Developmental and Preschool Education Center (CEEP/MP) is situated in Africa at Burkina Faso in the capital of Ouagadougou at the east side of the town in the quarter of Dassasgo in the sector No. 43. The CEEMP/MP is a Catholic foundation of the Dominican Sisters of the Presentation created in October 2004. This work has seen day thanks to the former students of Barcelona (Spain) and at the Torres Foundation of the same country. This Preschool welcomes children aged 3 to 6 years old without distinction of sex, religion, or social class in order to obtain a human, intellectual, physical, and spiritual education. The parent/teachers association organizes several activities for the development of the children. Since its creation, the school has welcomed 810 children into its bosom.

## TCHAD

### MARIE PUSSEPIN CENTER OF FORMATION MOUNDOU

The Marie Poussepin Center of Feminine Formation (CMP) was created by the faithful of St. Peter and Paul parish of Moundou in Tchad under the inspiration of the Dominican Sisters of Charity of the Presentation supported by BELAC Caritas.

The creation of this center wants a response to the problems that are posed in regard to the human



formation of young women- mothers in view of the integration into active life. These are fixed as objectives:

- ◆ Help the young girls to discover their potential and to put them to the service of society.
- ◆ Promote the integral development of young women.
- ◆ Give to young girls the possibility of opening themselves to the active and social life and to share their knowledge with others.

## REOPENING OF THE COMUNITY IN SAINVILLE



the general community, the sisters were accompanied by seven priests, a deacon and a large number of people from Sainville, Dourdan and the surrounding villages. All expressed their joy for the presence of the community in Sainville and many offered to collaborate with the sisters in their needs.

On January 24, 2020, in an atmosphere of great joy and thanksgiving, a heartwarming Eucharistic celebration marked the reopening of the Community of Sainville. In her words of welcome, Sr. Maria Escayola Coris, Superior General recalled that Marie Poussepin had established a community in Sainville for the service of the parish, to instruct youth and serve the sick poor of the village. The *raison d'être* of her Community is to know and announce Jesus Christ through the service of Charity.

We are grateful to all the sisters of the Congregation for their expressions through messages and their communion with us on this occasion through their prayer and the celebrations that took place in the structures.

The new Community is composed of: Sister Alicia Álvarez Arenas (superior), Sister Ana Isabel Manrique Blanco and Mr. Rosalie Silga. María Verónica Villalba, from the Province of Bucaramanga is with them to continue her process of formation and make her novitiate there.

We entrust to Marie Poussepin the journey of this new community and its mission, in this year marked by thanksgiving for the 25 years of her Beatification, so that they may proclaim the Gospel and give witness to the vitality of the Charism received from our Foundress for the good of the Church.

Sr. Diana Gisela Dolorita

In his homily, Father Silouane Deletraz, parish priest of the Blessed Marie Poussepin parish of Auneau, invited each one to see and realize what is good according to his/her personal vocation so that the parish and religious communities can radiate and spread the joy of the Gospel there where Jesus has sends us.

Together with sisters of the community of Dourdan and a representation from



Sr. Joanna Fernandes, Sr. Alicia Alvarez Arenas, Sr. María Escayola Coris, Sr. Isabel Manrique Blanco, Sr. Diana Gisela Dolorita, Sr. Rosalie Silga.