

November 2016

The International Leading Team (ERI) met up in the Secretarial Office of Rue de la Glacière in Paris to discuss the various projects that are underway for the upcoming years.

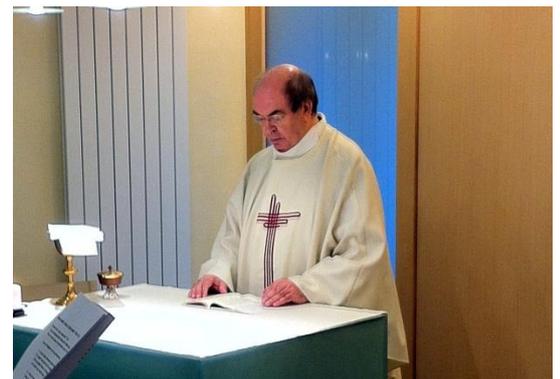


Notre-Dame, Paris



The Chapel at Rue de la Glacière, Paris

Five days of work, prayer and reflection in the service of the Teams and also of the Lord, who calls us to follow Him...



Father Jacinto Farias

Conviviality was not forgotten... Indeed, it was always apparent during the breaks, when specialities from the different countries of the ERI members were shared and enjoyed together!



Life of the Movement

Assessment of the Swanwick College

All the ERI members found this College to be very interesting and rich in ideas. They all appreciated the quality of the welcome in such a beautiful location..., and the devotion of the service teams that saw to the smooth running of the event.

The participants gave an overall mark of 4.52 out of a maximum of 5, which is a great mark! The best mark was given to Friendship (4.95) and the least good went to the Forums (3.62). So it will be necessary to see how to improve their content and organisation.

Colloquium on Father Henri Caffarel

As we already announced, there will be a Colloquium of Father Henri Caffarel in Paris on December 8 & 9 2017, to celebrate the **70 Anniversary of the Teams' Charter**.

The ERI met Father **Angelo Paleri** (the Italian Postulator for the Cause of Canonisation) and the **Association of the Friends of Father Caffarel**. The details of the Colloquium's organisation were established at a preliminary meeting between To & Zé, Father Marcovits and Elisabeth & Bernard Gérard.



The SR/RR will be asked to think up and prepare **clips** that will be projected at the Colloquium. They will need to send in their images **by the end of April 2017**. The aim is to show how Father Caffarel's thinking encouraged numerous people throughout the world to encounter God and to pray to him... **A precise list of specifications will be sent to them at the end of November.**



The Intercessors

Georges & Mahassen, the liaison couple between the Intercessors and the ERI, joined a meeting with the Intercessors on October 19. An **International Intercessors Team** will be put together, made up of 4 couples from different countries representing each of the four zones.

Update on Work in Progress or Finished Work

Satellites Teams

* The **database** is available. It is a unique collection of documents for the Movement. Alas, few people consult it. The SR/RR are invited to publicise it extensively.

* The translation of "Inns" (« Auberges ») from the **Platform of Christian Training** continues. It represents a large amount of work, but is proceeding well. For countries where internet access is difficult, CDs containing elements from this platform, will be edited.

* The booklet on "**Sexuality and Spirituality**" will be available at the July 2017 College.

* The **Pedagogy Team** finished the writing of the booklets on the "Rule of Life" and "Listening to the Word of God." They too will be available at the July 2017 College.

Elder Teams

The working document was finalised by Graça & Roberto and **the SR/RR should send their observations and contributions before December 15, 2016**. The final document should be ready in French and Portuguese for March 2017 and then will be translated and distributed at the July 2017 College.

Spiritual Counsellors and Guides

Amaya & José-Antonio have sent a preparatory document to the SR/RR. **Feedback and contributions can be sent in until December 31, 2016**. The final document will be available for the July 2017 College.

Foyer de liaison

The document that Françoise & Rémi prepared has been approved. The layout will be finished for next March and it will be available in all languages for the July 2017 College.

Teams of Our Lady Guidebook

The Spain SR is in charge of centralising all the contributions and corrections that were made following the ERI's request. The final document will be produced and validated by the ERI.

Study Topic for 2017-18

The study topic for 2017-18 document is being prepared by the Spain SR on the theme of **"The Mission of Love"** and will be presented by Amaya & José-Antonio in April 2017.

Perspectives

Florianopolis College

The next International College will be held in Florianopolis, Brazil, July 24-29, 2017. The College will be articulated around the phrase from Saint John's Gospel, *"Without me, you can do nothing."* Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation will provide a written support to the reflection on the joy of Love in couples, the family and Teams. Conferences, roundtables and various meetings will enable members to get together, pray together and experience the charisma of our Movement in all its dimensions...

Preparation for the Fatima Gathering

July 16-21, 2018

In anticipation of July 2018, 3 major events (the International College, the Gathering and the International Session) will necessitate much thought and preparation.

For the Gathering, the Gospel phrase will be taken from the **Prodigal Son** (Lk 15:12-32)

Group activities will be proposed and they will be detailed subsequently.

Every day there will be at least one conference and two testimonials.

NB: Each SR & RR must send the Secretarial Office its **attendance forecast and the names of those, who are to be responsible for inscriptions** before the end of November, in order to enable the organisers to manage the flow of inscriptions.

These inscriptions will be open from **September 2017 to January 2018**. A designated website will be opened in early 2017 to circulate all important and useful information.

A letter explaining the reasons for and means to achieve **solidarity** will be sent to all SR/RRs.

Diary

* **Upcoming ERI** meetings in 2017: In **Munich** March 7-11, 2017 and in **Paris** December 1-7, 2017, before the **Colloquium** on Father Caffarel, December 8 & 9.

In **Florianopolis (Brazil)** July 19-23, before the **International College** of July 23-28, 2017.

* **In Fatima July 2018: ERI meeting:** July 7-11, 2018 / **International College:** July 12-15, 2018 / **International Gathering:** July 16-21, 2018 / **International Training Session:** July 21-24, 2018