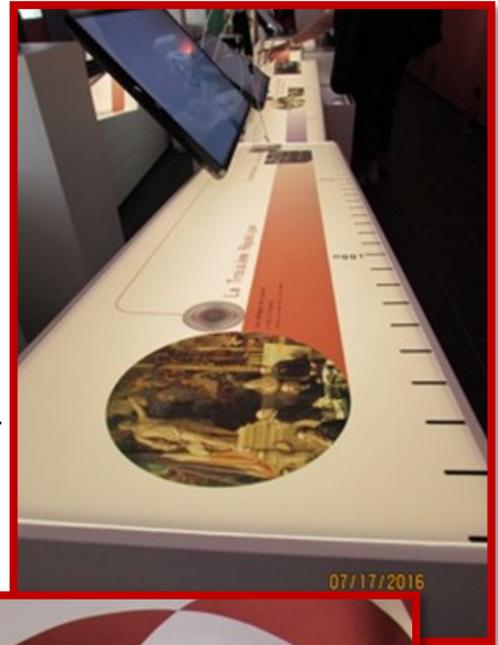




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Centre d'Histoire Vivante des Soeurs de St. Joseph

A few weeks ago Eluiza and I visited the Archives: the **Centre d'Histoire Vivante des Soeurs de St. Joseph**. The displays beautifully lace together our Origins with Ecclesial and Historical events over the years. These three dimensions are interwoven throughout the presentations and scenography. The scenography is an interactive experience in the language of your choice (English, French, Spanish, Portuguese and Italian). Notice the historical linear display which goes up or down depending on the high and low periods of our CSJ history.





(Facsimile of a letter to sisters from Fr. Medaille)

(Primitive Constitutions)

(Another letter from Fr. Medaille)

We've given you an "aperçu"! We are very happy this **Centre d'Histoire Vivante des Soeurs de St. Joseph** will be open by end of September and we invite you to come visit. Come and experience this superb space which offers an opportunity to discover our story over time in a unique way.

Eluiza & Line

Centre International St. Joseph's Mission Statement says

"Embracing the past, we will study and deepen our awareness of our history, tradition, and spirituality to ensure the preservation of our 'story' for future generations.

Nurturing the present; we will engage Sisters of St. Joseph, associates, and lay partners in deepening their understanding of our mission and charism; we will do this within an international setting and with a global focus.

Creating a new future, we will interpret our charism in light of today's world, and informed with this new understanding, help to establish ways to incarnate the prayer 'that all may be one,' particularly among the young and in areas in need of reconciliation."

Many sisters, associates and co-partners in ministry walked through the Centre doors this first half of 2016...and then each one transformed by their experience with one another and having gone to the significant sites of our Origins...*the first kitchen remembering six special women and Fr. Medaille, l'Eglise du College, the Cathedral and recalling Msgr. de Maupas, walking the streets of Le Puy, and some visiting the Mother St. John Heritage rooms in Lyon...*each one returned home to their native countries and areas of ministry to live the charism in the midst of the dear neighbor with renewed zeal. Each one lived and loved more deeply, fully and inclusively.

We meet them:

(March) Mrs. Carol Deshagette (Foreign Language professor) and Sr. Kathleen Brabson, CSJ (President) from Mount St. Joseph Academy in Flourtown, Pennsylvania stayed at the Centre while the young people stayed in host families from the “Assemble Scholaire de St. Jacques de Compostelle”.



M. Michel Belledent, Director, welcomed the group: *It is with a touch of emotion that we welcome you in our establishment, a place vibrant with the history of the Congregation of Sisters of St. Joseph . . . The time has finally come to meet us, talk to us, and relive together the story of our pioneers who risked everything to go into the unknown of a New World, animated with the sole desire to serve the other and The Other.*



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In March it was also a joy to host 16 members of the Association St. Joseph, “Tutelle” of the Institut St. Joseph.

Here they are enjoying breakfast and one another:



(April 25) Professionals involved in the Orange, CA based St. Joseph Health Systems visit the Centre and delight in a Wine & Cheese party and conversation:



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(April 30 to May 2) Catherine Lowe, student and teacher from Baton Rouge, Louisiana, who has presently been working in Rennes, France stayed with us for several days. She worked many years with the Baton Rouge Sisters of St. Joseph, and last year wrote her thesis on their work and history. It was a pleasure to have Catherine with us.

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(May 4 to 6) The Centre International Board was hard at work continuing to vision what is best for the on-going life of the Centre.



(May 9 to 20) The Cultural Diversity program for Directors of Temporary Professed facilitated by Sisters Janet Gagnon and Gloria Philip joyfully blessed all corners of the Centre from all corners of the world. Sisters participating came from, Egypt, Senegal, Italy, India, Unites States, Buenos Aires-Argentina, Mexico, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Ontario-Canada, Casamance-Africa, Nava Jeevan-India, Bolivia, Pinerolo- Italy, Madagascar and Congo. Following the group picture below is a collage showing them at work and at play sharing their Culture dance and food.





(May 22 to 28) *The Lace is Not Yet Finished* with Sr. Jane Delisle, from Orange, CA weaved together a beautiful week reflecting on the essence of the charism in response to the ever changing world and the needs of all God's people. The threads are now in the participants hands as they journey to their respective homes to continue to reveal God's great love. Participants came from Burkina Faso, Nava Jeevan, Brazil, Mexico, Tamul Nadu, Egypt and United States; a very loving and joyful group!



(May 30 & 31) Mount St. Mary's University, CA came for a Presentation on two mornings and with joy we shared dinner and conversation on the 31st.



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(June 7 & 8) The Sisters of St. Joseph, Cuneo visiting the significant sites in LePuy on a CSJ pilgrimage, blessed us with their joyful hearts and presence.



A birthday was celebrated !

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(June 29 to July 1) Olga Bonfiglio and Marge Morath fom Michigan graced us as they visited Le Puy, including the First Kitchen with Sr. Simone.





(July 7) Lyon sisters from around the world participating in a gathering in Lyon, came for a day's visit to Le Puy.



Visiting the First Kitchen...

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(July 18 – 20) Anita Kuroski, CSJ from Rochester, NY, her sister Melinda and friend Luke visited Le Puy and our home. On a beautiful day, we enjoyed dinner outside.



More visitors graced us . . .

- ◇ On May 25 some **sisters (including Kitty Hanley and Joan Lescinski**, lovingly known here at the Centre) and **co-partners** from **Avila University** dropped by to visit and have tea with the staff. It was heartwarming to share a bit of time with them.
- ◇ On June 16 it was with great pleasure that we welcomed **Madeleine Bruning**, Associate Professor in Nursing from Mount Saint Mary's University in Los Angeles, California, for a meal and some wonderful sharing. She was visiting LePuy following a colloquium held in Western France.
- ◇ On June 18 the **Institute St. Joseph communities of St. Etienne and Lyon** came for a day of reflection. Indeed a great joy to welcome our sisters!
- ◇ From July 11 to 13 we gladly hosted 5 members which included our Sister Marie Claire Berchet of the **Lyon Education & Formation Tutelle** who met here in LePuy in this Jubilee time,.

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Sister Joyce Murray

Thank you Sr. Joyce Murray (CSJ Canada) for your assistance for the month of May 14 to June 14 and for your presence to the needs of the Centre guests.

Blessings on all your undertakings.



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A Visit to the Haute Loire Countryside

Sr. Odile, Eluiza and Line on Saturday July 16 took a trip to the beautiful Haute Loire countryside. We visited Bigorre, one of the last villages with thatched roof cottages. We visited the Ecomusée de Bigorre, set in two thatched roof cottages where our guide helped us discover a bit of early 20th Century life and showing us the art of making a thatched roof.

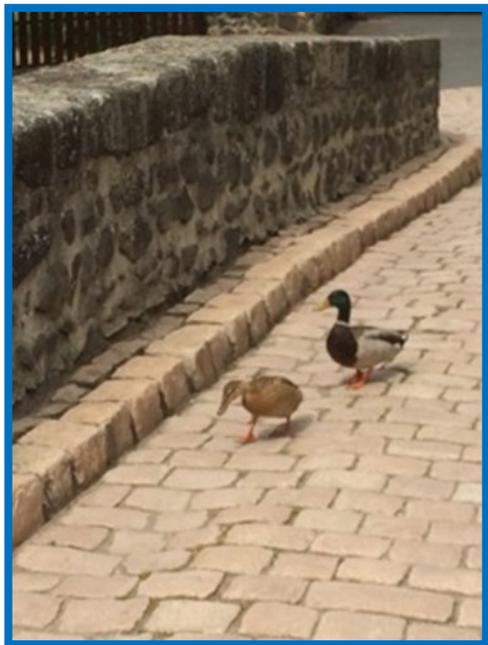




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Meanwhile back at Le Puy . . .

And then back in Le Puy, Line met a few friendly ducks while walking on the Pont Tordu (twisted bridge). The heart shaped rock is at the beginning of the bridge.



Come to Le Puy...

- ◆ Visit the archives: the **Centre d'Histoire Vivante des Soeurs de St. Joseph...**
- ◆ Walk where our first sisters walked ...
- ◆ Reflect in the First Kitchen and in Mother Saint John's Bedroom...

And Much More!

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In 2017

Deepening our Global Hearts

Sunday June 4 to Wednesday June 16

The Heart of a Mother, The Life of a Holy Woman

Sunday June 18 to Sunday, June 25

**Holy Ground: A Pilgrimage of the Heart: A Guided Retreat at the heart of our
CSJ Foundation**

Friday June 30 to Friday, July 7

Contemplating and Living the Eucharistic Letter in Today's World

Wednesday, August 9 to Wednesday, August 16

Radical Oneness: A Little Design with God's Great Design

Tuesday, August 29 to Wednesday, September 6

Mission Effectiveness: The Charism Alive in CSSJ Ministries

Saturday, September 23 to Saturday, September 30

Pilgrimage to our CSJ Origins

Monday, October 9 to Monday, October 16

**Go to the Centre International St. Joseph website at www.centreinternationalssj.org for
more information on above programs/retreats and to Register.**

