

Pilgrim and Servant

Newsletter of L'Hospitalité Notre-Dame de Lourdes



**"SINCE 1885,
OUR MISSION HAS
NOT CHANGED"**

Welcome
Serve
Bear witness

The world needs missionaries

"We encounter Christ in the Church, that is, in the communion of those who sincerely seek him. The Lord himself gathers us together to form a community, not just any community, but a community of believers who support one another. How much the world needs missionaries of the Gospel, witnesses of justice and peace! How much the future needs men and women who are witnesses of hope!"

Pope Leo XIV



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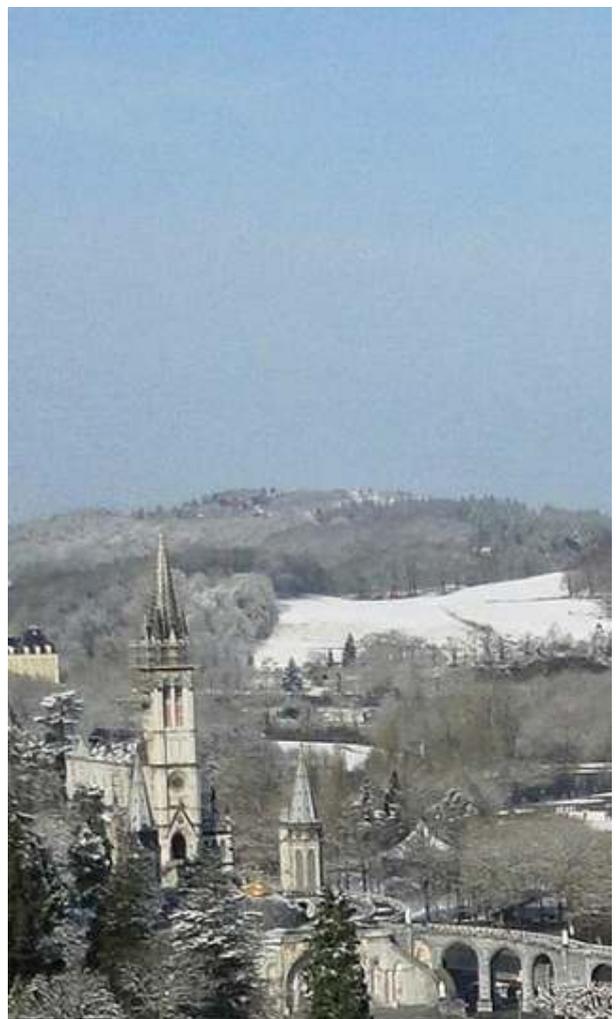
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Editorial



To live by this Hope

By Daniel Pezet,
President of the HNDL

Dear friends,
Brothers and sisters in hospitality

As we prepare for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, this final HNDL newsletter for the year 2025 begins with greetings from the Aumônier, our chaplain, and several Hospitalité leaders.

A few articles will show you that the off-season is not inactive in Lourdes, particularly at the Baths and with the renovation of the former 'Notre-Dame de Lourdes' hotel.

Preparations for the Lourdes Days (9, 10 and 11 February) and the 2026 season, as well as conferences and meetings of hospitaliers and hospitalières in France and Europe, are also at the heart of our activities.

The Hospitalité Notre-Dame de Lourdes is always on the move, always alive. During this jubilee year that is coming to an end, we have lived our mission with fervour.

We have been servants, pilgrims and witnesses of Hope.

Throughout the season, as part of the Jubilee journey organised by the Sanctuary, thousands of pilgrims stopped at the doors of the Accueil Jean-Paul II, discovering our mission and our presence, praying with us and for us.

Some of us, in April 2025, during the pilgrimage of Hospitalité, were able to pass through the four holy doors in Rome and say goodbye to our Pope Francis.

But today, we Christians, coming from all walks of life, happy with our many riches, are still invited to live this Hope founded in Jesus Christ.

Yes, the season of Advent has just begun, heralding Christmas. We will soon be invited to contemplate the Child in the manger, who is the source of joy.

For me, this is the time to wish you all a beautiful and Holy Christmas. May the coming of the Saviour bring you gentleness, peace and the certainty of being loved.

For the coming year 2026, I wish each of you, your families and all your loved ones, good health and a life that finds meaning in serving the most vulnerable.

I sincerely hope that we will be able to meet again in Lourdes. 'Mary is waiting for us there'.

With all my friendship and the assurance of my devotion.

In union of prayer.



A word from our Aumônier



Welcoming Mary, welcoming the grace of the Shrine, welcoming one another

By Father Horatio Brito,
Chaplain General of the HNDL

Dear hospitaliers,

As a Christmas greeting, I would like to share with you a meditation based on the theme for 2026, 'Welcoming the grace of the Annunciation'.

A little over 2,000 years ago, God was looking for a woman to give us his Son. And in Mary's 'Yes' is contained the 'yes' of all humanity.

168 years ago, the Mother of God was looking, in this corner of the Pyrenees, for a woman to give us the Shrine. And in Bernadette's 'Yes' is contained the 'yes' of all the pilgrims of Lourdes.

In the Bible, the Shrine is the person of Christ. And if Mary wanted to meet Bernadette, it was to give birth to the Shrine in the heart of this young girl. It is on the basis of Bernadette's testimony that the ecclesiastical authorities and pilgrims respond to this gift from Mary.

We invoke the Immaculate Virgin as Virgin and Mother. We kneel and venerate Mary's virginity before, during and after childbirth.

In the Bible, the word 'Virgin' also means keeper of a treasure. Mary is the keeper of the treasure that is Christ. The Church is the depositary of the Gospel. And the Sanctuary is the depositary of the grace that comes to us through Mary, which is none other than the presence of her Son. Today, every pilgrim who welcomes Mary is also, in a sense, a depositary of this treasure.

The invocation of 'Mother' in relation to Mary refers us to fruitfulness. So when we say that Mary is Virgin and Mother, we mean that this treasure only has meaning if it is given away.

I would like to share with you my feelings as Aumônier Général of the HNDL. The Sanctuary is the person of Christ and his presence – which is Welcome, Sharing, Mercy, Compassion, Forgiveness, Accompaniment, Dialogue, Encounter, Self-giving – is evident in every service of the shrine.

So my Christmas wish is this: Let us all work together, hospitaliers, volunteers, employees, priests, religious, pilgrimage directors, hospitality presidents, etc., in a spirit of communion, dialogue and information, because we form ONE BODY, the Body of Christ!



Happy and Merry
Christmas 2025





Jean-Marie Sire, Secretary General

Heaven visited Earth here, at the Grotto of Massabielle, where we all have the joy of gathering. Four years ago, I was entrusted with the mission of Secretary General: a demanding but exhilarating mission. Demanding, because it requires a regular presence in Lourdes to coordinate the activities of the various services and to plan, with our salaried staff, the actions and work to be undertaken to ensure the smooth running of the Hospitalité, both during and outside the season. Our Hospitalité is a 'big machine': this surprises some of our interlocutors, who discover an association made up of volunteers from all over the world, with a fairly complex structure that lives and evolves.

You all know that the major project currently occupying us is the renovation of the Notre-Dame de Lourdes accommodation, a significant financial and human investment, but one that is facilitated by constructive collaboration between our services and the various trades involved.

It is exciting because it allows me to be in Lourdes often: it is a blessing, and it is also a joy to meet you, our hospitaliers and hospitalières, with your traditions and your riches.

I take on this role of Secretary General with joy and humility, working in perfect harmony with the service heads, our Treasurer and our President.

Please accept my best wishes for you and your loved ones: health, peace and joy.

May the Beautiful Lady of the Rock allow us to meet again in Lourdes, so that we may put into practice this verse from Saint Luke: 'We are mere servants; we have only done our duty.'

Claude Chevalier, Treasurer General



Merry and Holy Christmas 2025

The jubilee year of 'Pilgrims of Hope' is coming to an end... but its message is to be lived out over the next 25 years! I offer you my best wishes, rooted in our mission:

Be servants with a smile, generous with your time, and friendly with the hospitaliers who are with you.

The mission is a service that we all perform, whatever our position: let us respect that of other hospitaliers, without forgetting that of our employees.

My wish is that every hospitalier be keenly aware that they bear witness to the HNDL wherever they live! Be joyful witnesses to your commitment, think about talking about it around you with simplicity and conviction, invite people to join us – including those whose talents we cannot imagine but who sometimes hide an immense desire to find meaning in their lives... serving their brothers and sisters can give them a new lease of life.

My wish: that each member invites two people to join the HNDL in 2026; if both respond 'yes', we will be blessed!

A quote from the film 'Sacré Cœur' ("Sacred Heart") : 'This world is dying because it does not know it is loved'.

Isn't calling people to join the HNDL opening a door to the hearts of those who only ask to be recognised as loved, discovering that serving their brothers and sisters brings them what they were deeply seeking?

Continue to be pilgrims of Hope!





Toïnon Vibert , service Marie Saint-Frai

The Accueil Marie Saint-Frai spent the jubilee year serving the sick, with the community of Sisters and thanks to their warm welcome. What wonderful encounters in our rich diversity! What profound and moving exchanges! What shared joys during our stages!

Let us marvel at all these graces received, as we marvel at the Little One in the manger. Let us keep in our hearts, throughout 2026, the Hope that animated us in 2025 and that will help us to accomplish, with humility, generosity and solidarity, our mission as pilgrims and hospitaliers. Let us remain Bernadette's broom: behind a dishcloth, there is a plate; behind the plate we wipe, there is a sick person; and beyond the sick person, there are the prayers we entrust to Mary. Great is the joy of the one who receives; greater still is the joy of the one who gives. I wish each and every one of you that the Light of Christmas may bring you ever greater happiness in serving with a smile.

Henri Dausse, service Saint-Joseph



The Saint Joseph service is part of a welcoming hospitalité: smiling. The first people it welcomes are not pilgrims, sick or healthy, but stagiaires and hospitaliers who come to take up their duties. It is an important moment that will determine the right frame of mind of the hospitalier and stagiaire.

A smile, even if you haven't got up on the right side of the bed, is essential: it will be passed on when everyone carries out their mission. This is one of the missions of the Saint Joseph service. Let us remember that Mary welcomed little Bernadette – the first ‘stagiaire’ at the Sanctuary – who was a little fearful at the time, with a magnificent smile that immediately reassured her. As those responsible for this service, our most ardent desire is that everyone should feel reassured by our welcome. Merry and Holy Christmas to all: people of the Sanctuary, hospitaliers, stagiaires and staff of the HNDL.



Bernard Grollier, service Saint-Michel

‘I dream of a world, a more beautiful world to build together, I dream of a world, a new world’ (JC Gianadda).

During this blessed Christmas season, may the birth of our Saviour, Prince of Peace, bring you this long-awaited new world.

May it warm your hearts and fill them with peace, love and joy.

May the light of Christmas guide and inspire you to continue your wonderful mission.

Together, let us continue to spread the spirit of Christmas throughout 2026!

May this new year be filled with wonderful and enriching encounters for you.

May God bless you and enlighten you every day of your life.

In 2026, together with the hospitaliers and stagiaires of the St Michel Service, we will always be here to welcome you with joy and in the best possible conditions. Let us build a better world together and wish for a pilgrimage season overflowing with grace.

I wish you and your loved ones a Merry Christmas and a happy 2026.



Helena Foy, service Notre-Dame



In this Christmas season, I would like to thank you for your constant commitment to the Notre-Dame Service and for the generosity with which you welcome all those who come to Lourdes. Your dedication, often discreet and imperceptible, reflects the humility of Saint Bernadette, who said she was "a broom in the hands of the Virgin Mary".

Every act of invisible service, every smile, every word of comfort, becomes a channel of grace for those who seek peace and healing at the Grotto of Massabielle. As we continue this mission of welcome, may you encourage and inspire other people, new hearts and new hands, especially young people, to join in this essential work and serve the Virgin Mary and her pilgrims through the work of our Service, bringing new energy and faith to this beautiful mission of love and hospitality. Happy Christmas to all of you and your families and best wishes for the new year. May God grant you health and happiness.



Maria Teresa Donato, service Saint-Jean-Baptiste

Dear friends,

As Christmas approaches, I would like to extend my warmest and most sincere wishes to you. Your commitment is the soul of Lourdes. Every day, through your discreet but essential presence, your kind smiles and your invaluable help, you embody the fundamental values of this unique place: fraternity, attentive listening and active collaboration.

In your service at the Baths of the Sanctuary of Lourdes, in particular, you offer much more than just care: you bring comfort, hope and dignity to the sick, the disabled and pilgrims who come in search of peace and healing. Your dedication is a source of inspiration and a living testimony to Christian charity. May your generosity continue to shine forth and may Our Lady of Lourdes watch over each of you and your families.

Véronique Cavalier, service Ste-Bernadette



The Sainte Bernadette service has been delighted to welcome you and accompany you throughout 2025, and hopes to see many of you again in 2026. Together with all the councillors in the service, I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a holy and happy New Year in 2026.

May the birth of the Messiah illuminate your lives and bring you hope, peace and health.





Commemoration of the Dead

The traditional All Saints' Day Mass in commemoration of the dead was a moment of prayer and unity for the staff of the Sanctuary and the members of the HNDL.

On 3 November 2025, the Sanctuary Notre-Dame de Lourdes dedicated a Mass to the commemoration of the deceased, following on from All Saints' Day. The faithful, pilgrims, Sanctuary staff and representatives of the Hospitalité Notre-Dame de Lourdes gathered for a time of prayer and reflection.

The Mass for the dead, celebrated at 11:15 a.m. in the Basilica of the Rosary, was presided over by Father Michel Daubanes, rector of the Sanctuary. In an emotional atmosphere, he entrusted to God's mercy all those who have left us, especially those who died during the past year.

During the ceremony, Xavier Decoopman and Maria-Teresa Masi Fantozzi read the list of deceased members of the HNDL, remembering those who had served this place of pilgrimage with dedication.

This celebration was a powerful moment of spiritual communion, where faith was able to ease the pain and rekindle hope.



Lippstadt, a fraternal gathering at the heart of Deutsche Hospitalité

Within Deutsche Hospitalité, several 'neighbourhood' meetings punctuate the year. They allow members from the same region to meet, exchange ideas and share moments of conviviality outside of their service in Lourdes. Among these, the Lippstadt meeting occupies a very special place.

Organised for decades by Susanne Kehl, councillor in the Marie St-Frai service, the meeting is distinguished by its warm atmosphere and the depth of its exchanges. Over time, a real community of faithful has formed there: every year, participants rejoice in walking through the large door of the Vinzenskolleg, their meeting place, as if they were coming home. The kindness and open-mindedness that reign there encourage new friendships to blossom and strengthen the bonds forged over the years.

In addition to sharing experiences of Lourdes, training and prayer sessions always play a central role. This year, participants attended two lectures: one by Father Radina on Mary and the Old Testament, and another by Christina Wolfgarten on Benoît Joseph Labre. The highlight of the meeting was the Franco-German Mass, celebrated in a spirit of fraternity and with the active participation of the local parish.

The word 'thank you' served as the guiding theme for this edition, which was marked by a special emotion. Indeed, it was the last meeting in this form, as the Vincentians and Father Witzel, spiritual guide for many years, were leaving the premises.



Numerous testimonials of gratitude praised their commitment, their loyalty and the spiritual mark they had left on this community. The participants spoke emotionally of their shared memories and how these gatherings had nourished their faith and their attachment to the Hospitalité.



The great and beautiful spirit of hospitalité blows over Liverpool



The association of British members of the Hospitalité Notre-Dame de Lourdes met on Saturday 15 November 2025 in Liverpool.

Daniel Pezet naturally accepted their invitation. He was accompanied by Father Jim Phalan, chaplain and formateur of English-speaking stagiaires at the HNDL.

This association meets every year to exchange ideas, receive information about the life of the Sanctuary and the Hospitalité, and to prepare for the coming season.

The opening Mass was celebrated on Saturday morning in Liverpool Catholic Cathedral (the city also has an Anglican cathedral), in front of about 80 hospitaliers. Beautifully prepared and led by the Liverpool Hospitality, it was presided over by the Most Reverend Father Thomas Neylon, Auxiliary Bishop of Liverpool.

The afternoon was devoted to presentations by the president of the HNDL and Father Jim Phalan, followed by a question and answer session.

A counsellor from Great Britain for each service then spoke about the difficulties encountered during the 2025 season, the initiatives put in place and proposals for the future.

Finally, Dr Kieran Moriarty, member of the International Medical Committee of Lourdes, gave a lecture entitled: 'Miraculous healings and the healing of John (Jack) Traynor'.

In conclusion, this annual general meeting was a real family gathering, both fraternal and warm. What a joy to see that 1,330 kilometres from Lourdes, there is the same love for Mary, the same affection for our Sanctuary, the same great and beautiful spirit of hospitalité, and the same joy of service.



The healing of John Jack Traynor, a British soldier seriously wounded during the First World War, was proclaimed miraculous on Sunday 8 December 2024 by the Archbishop of Liverpool. This is the 71st miracle at the Sanctuary of Lourdes recognised by the Catholic Church.



Cenacolo at the bedside of the Notre-Dame de Lourdes accommodation



Between 20 and 25 October, eight young people from the Cenacolo community in Lourdes moved the old furniture from the NDL accommodation ahead of the start of renovation work the following week.

On the occasion of the launch of the renovation work on the Notre-Dame de Lourdes accommodation, a unique partnership was formed between the HNDL and the young people of the Cenacolo community. Their presence, marked by joy, dynamism and a deep sense of service, left a lasting impression on all those who met them.

From the moment they arrived, the young people from Cenacolo impressed with their organisation and infectious good humour. Tasked with a mission that was as physical as it was symbolic—emptying rooms, dismantling and moving 180 bed frames and mattresses over eight floors—they accomplished their task with enthusiasm and discipline. Their enthusiasm, combined with remarkable team spirit, gave new impetus to this project, which had been awaited for several years.

On site, Mireille and Pierre Treujou, from the St-Michel service, saw this collaboration as a real breath of fresh air. Pierre testifies with emotion: ‘They arrived yesterday morning, everything was calm, and within a few hours, it was a hive of activity! Their joie de vivre is extraordinary.’

But beyond simple material aid, Cenacolo's participation has a human and spiritual dimension. These young people, often on a journey of personal reconstruction within the community founded by Mother Elvira, embody the power of self-giving and the value of shared work. Their commitment reminds us that Lourdes is not only a place of pilgrimage, but also a place of brotherhood and rebirth.

Thanks to them, the preparatory phase of the project took on a deeply human dimension.



In Lourdes, the service St-Jean-Baptiste knows no winter

While the Hospitalité Notre-Dame de Lourdes traditionally closes its doors around All Saints' Day, the baths service never stops. Each winter, a solid organization is set up to ensure the continuous welcome of pilgrims, especially those coming from the Southern Hemisphere, for whom the European winter corresponds to summer holidays.



Despite the cold season, pilgrims continue to come in order to experience the water gesture or request a bath. In November 2025 alone, 11,000 pilgrims were received at the baths, which are open every day from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., except on Sunday mornings.

Although the baths remain possible, they are more limited this year: the filtration system is out of order, and repairs will be completed in February 2026. This constraint forces the teams to reserve the baths only for sick pilgrims, depending on what is possible at the time.

The winter service relies on a group of hospitaliers and volunteers from many backgrounds, often geographically close: Bigorre, the Basque Country and Béarn, the Landes, as well as residents of Lourdes and Sanctuary employees who come to support the HNDL hospitaliers. Added to these, for the past two years, are high school students from Lourdes and the surrounding area who strengthen the teams every Saturday morning. Weekends benefit from additional reinforcements, while weekdays depend mainly on local hospitaliers.

Although the atmosphere differs from the summer bustle, winter is far from a quiet period. Some days are even very busy, such as the last Saturday of November when the baths welcomed 700 pilgrims.

Attendance nonetheless varies depending on the time of day and the weather: mornings remain calm until the end of the 10 a.m. Mass at the Grotto, after which many pilgrims head toward the baths. The welcome is calmer and more personalised than during the pilgrimage season.

Winter opening has not always existed. In the 1960s, the baths were accessible only on request: a couple of hospitaliers living in Lourdes kept the keys and responded when needed. With the rise in international pilgrimage, a permanent service became indispensable.

“Today, demand is much higher, and we are obliged to have a broader system,” explains the president.

The teams of hospitaliers in the service St-Jean-Baptiste must also welcome pilgrims on public holidays, notably December 8, the feast of the Immaculate Conception, Christmas, and New Year's Day. This year, the piscines will be open on the mornings of December 24 and 31, and closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Indeed, it is appropriate to allow everyone to participate in religious celebrations and family gatherings.

Emmanuelle

Having arrived at the beginning of the year in Bagnères-de-Bigorre after a period of religious life with the Carmelites of the Child Jesus, Emmanuelle chose to stay in the region for a mission of transmission.



Since September, she has been working as a pastoral coordinator in a private middle and high school in Tarbes, while living in Bagnères. At the same time, she volunteers at the Sanctuary: welcoming young people and families at the Petite Maison Bernadette, leading the Jubilee path...

It was in this context that she recently discovered the winter service at the baths. "It's only my second time, but I really love it: accompanying pilgrims discreetly, being the little hands of the Virgin Mary," she says. Winter offers her a calmer environment, conducive to meeting and listening. "It's a very beautiful, very moving service." She also appreciates the intergenerational dimension of the service, where long-standing hospitaliers and new volunteers work side by side. "This transmission is very rich," she emphasizes, happy to take part in this new mission at the heart of the Sanctuary.



Jean-Claude et Annie Pucheu

Basco-Béarnais hospitaliers from the Diocese of Bayonne, Jean-Claude and Annie have been serving at the Lourdes baths for ten years. After five years of training, they made their commitment in 2015 and have since ensured the winter service every Saturday from November to April.



Winter also requires a regular presence: "There is real demand because there are more and more pilgrims and fewer reinforcements," they explain. This period also allows for more attentive relationships with pilgrims. Trained rigorously by experienced volunteers, they now testify to the importance of having seasoned bath attendants on duty. Residents of Oléron, sixty kilometers from Lourdes, they travel back and forth every week, except during major Sanctuary celebrations, when they are housed on-site in rooms provided by the Sanctuary. It is an engagement they live joyfully: "We come to serve Mary."

Giovanna Spiridigliozi

Giovanna, originally from Sora in the province of Frosinone and a member of the Foulards blancs community of Latium, has been coming to serve in Lourdes for many years.



Currently in her second year of training, she has already served at the Sanctuary in July and September and is discovering the winter service for the first time.

This new experience touches her deeply: winter, she says, offers a more prayerful atmosphere. "There is almost no one, and you feel the Sanctuary more strongly — everything is more intense." The only Italian within the team present at the beginning of December, apart from Maria Teresa Donato, the head of the service St-Jean-Baptiste, she admits that she is sometimes a bit lost with the French language, but that does not stop her from fully living her mission. "Service is also understood through gestures, glances, and above all the heart," she confides.

Sœur Marie

Sister Marie of Jesus, an apostolic Carmelite of the Carmel of the Child Jesus in Bagnères-de-Bigorre, has been working in the Youth Ministry of the Sanctuary since summer 2022. For two years, she has accompanied young people during the winter services in Lourdes, particularly with the HNDL, to introduce them to service and to accompanying pilgrims.

“During the winter, I have more time than in the summer, and I discover a kind of accompaniment that is very different from what I usually do,” she explains. “Here, it’s about being with the pilgrims, carrying their intentions, and accompanying them on their journey to the Virgin Mary.”

Sister Marie sees this experience as a small but precious contribution: she offers pilgrims an attentive and caring presence while enabling the young people she mentors to experience fully the service and spiritual mission of Lourdes.



Philippe Dumont

Philippe, 64, originally from the Basque Country, has been a member of the *Hospitalité Notre-Dame de Lourdes* for about 14 years, as well as of the *Basco-Béarnaise* hospitality. “Being a piscinier means first and foremost putting oneself at the service of pilgrims, whether sick or healthy,” he explains.

In winter, as the number of bath attendants is smaller, their role is essential to welcome those who wish to perform the water gesture — or, exceptionally, take a bath — with contact that is often more direct and personal than in summer. For him, whether in high season or in winter, the important thing remains the same: “Putting oneself at the service of others, whatever the time of year, is always a privilege and a mission of the heart.”



Mariann Jedlicska

Mariann comes from Hungary, and her experience here will remain engraved in her heart: “For me, coming here was a personal call from the Virgin Mary.”

“This is not my first visit: I was already here in September. This time, the desire to give back what I had received moved me deeply, because I was first a pilgrim before becoming a volunteer. I was welcomed by wonderful people, all filled with great generosity. I truly believe that everyone here offers their heart so that the pilgrims may be blessed and find healing, both physical and spiritual. Whatever their purpose or intention, we are here to support and accompany them.

For me, it is an honor and a divine grace to take part in this service. Even in winter, every moment spent here remains an immense privilege.”



Marie-Hélène Pillorget

An *hospitière* from Rennes for a year, Marie-Hélène discovered the Lourdes baths service for the first time this year. A regular visitor to the Sanctuary since childhood — coming every summer with her family — she had long wished to commit herself to serving the sick. After a national call for reinforcements, she signed up without hesitation.

Her experience as a *hospitière* of welcome seems complementary to her usual service accompanying her diocesan pilgrimage. “Here, the pilgrims come from all over the world. It’s very moving,” she says. Unlike the diocesan pilgrimage, where bonds of trust develop over time, welcoming pilgrims at the baths is shorter but marked by intense encounters, sometimes extended by a discreet greeting at the Grotto or during Mass.

Deeply touched by these first days of service, Marie-Hélène finds in it a profound spiritual dimension: “We pray for them too, at the same time as they do.”



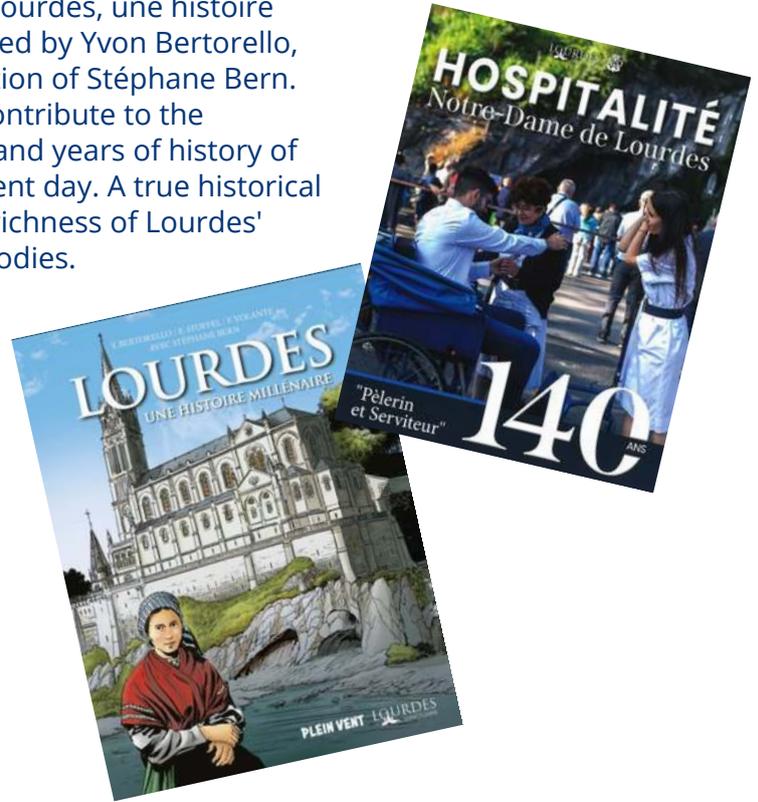
HNDL UNDER THE CHRISTMAS TREE

During this festive season, two complementary works — the 140th anniversary review of HNDL and the comic book *Lourdes, une histoire millénaire* (*Lourdes, a thousand-year history*) — are great gift ideas for Christmas or New Year's Day.

To mark its 140th anniversary, Notre-Dame de Lourdes Hospital is partnering with the publication of the comic book *Lourdes, une histoire millénaire* (*Lourdes, a thousand-year history*), created by Yvon Bertorello, Éric Stoffel and Frédéric Volante, with the participation of Stéphane Bern. By supporting this initiative, the HNDL wanted to contribute to the dissemination of this work, which traces two thousand years of history of the Marian city, from its ancient origins to the present day. A true historical and spiritual fresco, the comic book highlights the richness of Lourdes' heritage and the universal message of hope it embodies.

As part of this anniversary, the HNDL is also publishing a commemorative magazine looking back on 140 years of hospitality and service, through testimonials, archives and portraits of those who bring the spirit of Lourdes to life on a daily basis.

Both publications are available for purchase at our offices, at the Saint-Michel service office, for £14. The comic book is also available in English and the magazine in English, Italian, Spanish and German.



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Christmas 1933, the Crowned Virgin



Cotisations (Membership Fees)

What are membership fees used for?

Membership fees serve several purposes: They demonstrate the commitment of hospitaliers and stagiaires to the association.

They enable hospitaliers and stagiaires to benefit from insurance coverage while carrying out activities within the association.

They help finance the association's activities to fulfill its mission, to operate, and to facilitate its members' stays in Lourdes.

All members are required to pay dues each year, whether or not they come to Lourdes.

Dues are our most important source of income. Paying your membership fee each year is an act of solidarity and a strong gesture that marks your belonging to the family of hospitaliers.

Membership fee

- **for hospitaliers in 2026: €20**
- **for stagiaires (during their stage) until the end of their formation in 2026: €12**

How to pay your membership fee?

In person, at the Saint Michel office.

Remotely:

- by check (French hospitaliers only)

- by bank transfer or PayPal

- for UK taxpayers, by taking advantage of the British Hospitalité Trust (*).

(*) Paypal : <http://hospitalite-nd-lourdes.com/fr/faire-un-don-5.html>

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Serving in Lourdes during the off-season

In order to accommodate hospitaliers and volunteers during the off-season, the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Lourdes will reserve 10 rooms for the HNDL next winter at greatly reduced prices, with full board.

These hospitaliers will mainly serve at the pools. Priority will therefore be given to hospitaliers from the St-Jean-Baptiste service or to hospitaliers with good experience in serving pilgrims at the pools.

There are still places available from Friday, February 6th to Monday, March 9th, 2026.

Accommodation is offered at the Maison Abbé Pomian (a completely renovated house near the Maison des Chapelains) and meals will be taken at the Maison des Chapelains.

Full board: 15 euros per day per person

Registration with the HNDL secretariat (hospitalite@hospitalite-nd-lourdes.com)

We will forward your file to the Sanctuary and then confirm your registration with practical details (sending instructions, room number, access, key collection, return and billing).

Important dates

- For the Lourdes Days (February 9, 10, and 11, 2026), Notre-Dame du Oui and the Self will be open from February 7 to 12, 2026.
- The Administrative Council meeting will take place on Saturday 7 February 2026 and the General Assembly on Sunday 8 February 2026.
- For our Hospitalité, the season will begin on **Friday, March 27, 2026.**





David Peeters, hospitalier in the Saint Michel service, is delighted to announce the birth of his grandson Darius, born on 16 September 2025.



Cristina Ercolani, hospitalière in the Notre-Dame service, has just announced with joy the birth of her granddaughter Violante Maria, born in early November 2025.

“The Lord has taken them by the hand”

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Patrizia **BARBANO**

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Bruno **GERBAUDO**

Gianfranco **GENTILI**

Cesare **MUNGO**

Giovanni **MURGIONI**

L'épouse de Prosper **BADEL**



Father Robert **BOISVERT** passed away on 12 November 2025 in Montreal (Canada) at the age of 85. A Eudist priest, he was chaplain, responsible for the confessional chapel and then aumônier of the Hospitalité Notre-Dame de Lourdes. Let us entrust him to the Lord in prayer.

The announcement of his passing has stirred up strong emotions among the hospitaliers who knew him as chaplain general. Here are a few testimonials:

"We will remember his beautiful smile, his contributions to training, and his total availability to young people. His love of justice and forgiveness, and his Canadian common sense remain an example to follow for all the Hospitaliers of Lourdes. I have unforgettable memories of the three years I spent at his side."

'Many Hospitaliers can testify to Robert's kindness, open-mindedness, foresight and dedication to the service of the Hospitaliers.'

'To God, Robert, watch over us and especially our dear Hospitalité.'

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