

The SVE throughout the world

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Paying homage to Marithou FLIPO (SVE Bordeaux)

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Marithou had got to know the Cor Unum Family at the time of Robert Mandiburu. In 2012, with her husband Jean-Luc, she made her final commitment in the SVECJ. She gave her energy, her dynamism, her convictions of sharing and justice, in different fields: family, social life or church.

Since 2022, she had been part of the General Council of the SVE. In charge of the secretariat, she showed dedication, self-sacrificing and self-denial. Thank you Marithou, you are still with us and we are in communion with you and all your family.

*Cécile Legris, general manager ,
General council SVECJ*

Vietnam, 320 members divided in 5 fraternities

The SVE in Vietnam started in the south of the country, in Saigon. Today, the members are divided in 5 fraternities in the whole Vietnam, from South to North.

Today's persons in charge of the region, Antoine, Pierre, François-Xavier... live in the South but they

often go to the North to support the members of the Northern groups. The groups often meet in parish buildings or in the houses of the women who are part of the ISF. The FCU Family is a real achievement. During a video meeting, Antoine presented a project of formation for the persons in charge in the North of Vietnam. The FCU Family is planning to set up an E-site for Vietnam.



During a trip to the North diocese Vinh

Madagascar: 100 members divided in 3 fraternities

Last summer, all the members of the FCU, met together for a spiritual retreat. Thanks to solidarity, a maximum of people were able to participate. Indeed, the lack of resources is permanent, mostly in the South, which make travelling difficult. Also thanks to the dynamism of the persons in charge, new and young members could enter the FCU.

In January 2025, the General Director of the PCJ, Emmanuel Chazot, went to Madagascar to receive the final commitment of a priest. He also had the opportunity to meet the new members of the SVE. Johnson, in charge of the Region, keeps the link between all the members thanks to Whatsapp. So as to allow each one to communicate, they speak Malagasy, though most of the Madagascans speak French.



Photo of the visit in january 2025

Peru: 35 members divided in 2 groups

For many years, the members of the SVE have been meeting in two places : Lima and Tarma. The long distances and the difficulties due to transport are a handicap to getting together. It's a Whatsapp Group that allows to keep the link between the groups. Flor, in charge of the Region, proposes a prayer each day. Next March, there will be a video- conference with the General Council of the SVE. Nuno Fernandez will be the translator. This will allow us to know better how the SVE lives. In Peru, there are no other FCU societies. The groups rely on a Jesuit brother who accompanies them.



Photo of the fraternity meeting

France-Belgium: 250 members divided in 8 fraternities

The meeting with the persons in charge of the groups, fraternities of the France-Belgium Region, was an important event last December. It enabled to share about the life of the local SVE groups and the way the responsibilities are carried out. Elisabeth Algier, former General Director, was present, and she reminded the important subjects to maintain, for these persons in charge, so as to remain faithful to our charisma. This week-end was a time to know each other better, for it is difficult to meet altogether as the Region is widespread.

At the moment, the new organization of the France-Belgium Region, with the General Council including the persons in charge of the fraternities, the Formation director and the general accountant, under the responsibility of Patrice Mollet, is successful. Different committees work on precise subjects and do it at their own pace. Thus, a new flyer to present the SVECJ has been printed to be widely distributed.

Final and temporary commitments will take place and we are glad to see members going through these steps which are often celebrated during Fraternity recollections and mainly with the Cor Unum Family.

The members of the Region have good opportunities of retreats in Abbeys, led by priests of the PCJ or lay-members of the SVECJ. For this year, 5 different retreats are proposed to all our brothers and sisters of the FCU Family.

SVE in West Africa

The members of the SVECJ have been present in West Africa for a few years and are mainly from Burkina-Faso, Mali, Togo and Benin.

There are also some priests members of PCJ and, recently members of the ISFCJ. Among the ISFCJ, the first commitment was celebrated on October 27th, 2024 with Marie Boudier, General Director of the ISFCJ.

During these last months, 4 members of the SVECJ group in Benin (Parish Saint Anthony of Padua in Abomey Calavi).

For the time being, in the SVECJ, there are four final commitments, about ten temporary commitments, some have started formation and some are there for a "time of seeing".



Entry into training of 4 SVECJ and first commitment of an ISFCJ

Elsewhere in the world

On Reunion Island, a group of 12 persons meet regularly. Some come to France where some members of their family live. They are faithful and contribute to the life of the SVECJ thanks to their financial participation.

India : 15 members, 2 groups

More information to be read in the next Newsletter.