## Letter to benefactors

Italy/Vigne di Narni (TR), December 2022

Dear friends and benefactors.

it is with supreme gratitude that we are writing this letter to inform you of what Divine Providence has granted us this past year.

In the month of June, on the solemnity of the Sacred Heart, our principal Patron, we had the grace to rejoice in the religious clothing of five postulants (three Americans, one Swiss and one Kenyan) and the profession of four novices (three Americans and one Indian), which took place in the new Convent in Narni, the "St. Joseph Novitiate".

Work on the renovation and maintenance of this Novitiate has continued and is still proceeding. Being an extensive structure, it requires a great deal of time and investment. However, thanks to the powerful patronage of St. Joseph, we are happy to say that the necessary administrative and bureaucratic paperwork has almost ended: unfortunately, it required a very high cost due to new legal regulations.



**Montalenghe Priory** 

The influx, moreover, of more and more pre-postulants asking to join us has shown that the "St. Joseph Novitiate", purchased mainly thanks to your generosity, is already too small. In fact, thanking God's merciful Goodness immensely, twelve new postulants have entered this year from different countries: Australia, New Zealand, Austria, Italy, Switzerland, Kenya, Nigeria, the United States and India. This is for us a sign of God's blessing on our little community and its apostolate.

It has, however, created the problem of where to house all the other girls who come to visit us to verify their vocation. Thus, in September 2022, we had to purchase a house located near the Novitiate to house these girls during their discernment.



In December 2021, our Superior Father Emmanuel du Picture of the school with Don Davide, Chalard and our Mother General Mother Maria Rita, accompanied Don Emanuele and the teachers by two American Sisters, left for Kenya, just as, in July 2022, they went to the United States with a view to upcoming foundations.

As you may know, in October 2021, we also started a small school, dedicating it to Jesus, the "Divine Master". Requests from families were becoming more and more numerous; parents were becoming more and more alarmed at what is happening in the schools (in terms of the school curriculum that is now atheistic and against Religion; and therefore on the moral and educational level). Several times the request was made to help these souls. Eventually the request was granted. For the school year 2021-2022, the small school was organized in a room at the Motherhouse in Vigne; this year, however, the number of pupils grew and the need arose to open a small boarding school to accommodate girls who come from far away. Therefore, we had to rent an apartment near the Motherhouse.



Given the influx of more and more faithful, especially after Covid, the apostolate increased significantly also in Montalenghe. Thus, a transfer of Sisters became necessary to meet the new needs of the Priory.

Finally, in this month of December, Father Emanuel du Chalard accompanied by two Sisters was finally able, after four years, to leave for India to support and help Father Therasian and the Sisters with the many activities taking place in the orphanage and the Priory.

As you can see, the expenses are always numerous in the face of ever-pressing demands for various needs.



In thanking you for the precious charity that has made you providential instruments in God's hands, we continue to trust in your spiritual and material support, certain that Providence will assist us daily, as it is already doing almost miraculously.

Before concluding this letter, we assure you that we will continue to pray for you and your loved ones, especially on Wednesdays, the day dedicated to St. Joseph.

May the Sacred Heart shower abundant graces and blessings on you and all your families.

We pray that the Holy Child of Bethlehem may be born and grow in your hearts, with His humility and simplicity.

Best wishes for a holy and peaceful Christmas.



