

JANUARY 2021, BEGINNING OF A NEW YEAR OF FORMATION :

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4TH JANUARY 2021 : ARRIVAL OF TRAINEES :

Eight religious from eight different Congregations : four from Ignatian Congregations, Laurette, a Sister of Christ, Marie Jeannine, a Sister of Our Lady of the Cenacle, Rondo of St Joseph D'Aoste and Julie, a Sister of Marie Reparatrice. Four were from non Ignatian Congregations : Olga, a Clarist Sister, Suzette, a Sister of La Salette, Adeline, a St Vincent de Paul Sister and Charline, a Missionary Sister of the Gospel.



They were welcomed by some members of the teaching staff with Sister Melanie, the Regional Superior of the Sisters of St Joseph d'Acoste and the Community of Saint Terese Couderc whose house they were sharing for the six months of formation. From this moment we could see that they were eager to enter into this spiritual experience.

VISIT TO THE HOUSE AND THE ENVIRONMENT





As in former years, the team launched the year of formation at FSI with their concern to help the group to enter humanly, spiritually and psychologically into this special time of formation.



January 10th 2021 is an important day : It is the day of the official opening.

The Provincial and Regional Superiors of the team had a meeting before the celebration of the Eucharist.



The importance of this meeting was shown by the presence of three Jesuit priests and the Jesuit Provincial Superior.



The Celebrant at the Eucharist was P. Rakotozafy, Provincial of the Company of Jesus, and two of his brother priests, P. Jean Romain Rafanomezantsoa and P. Oliver Rasolofoniaina. It was a festive Mass in honour of the Baptism of Jesus.



Since some of the major Superiors were not Ignatian, Sister Melanie, Regional Superior of the Congregation of Saint Joseph d'Aoste introduced the organisation and running of this time of formation.



The group presented the name of the course : « **IRAKA** » and the « **logo** » which explains it's aims.

This time, the number 8 is very significant : 8 trainees, 8 different Congregations, the 8th group of participants, their chosen Word of God is Mt5, 3-11 : **the eight beatitudes.**

In his turn, P. Jean Romain, used a flow chart diagram to present all those who collaborate in the smooth running of the FSI from the general level to the teaching staff and the support staff.

Then P. Fulgence Rakotozafy expressed his joy at being able to participate in this meeting and to be involved through his brother priests, P. Jean Romain our Supervisor and P. Oliver who is receiving us into the Centre of Ignatian Spirituality. He also introduced us to an important time which the Company of Jesus is living through now :

- 125 years since the martyrdom of James Berthieu
- 50 years of the growth of the Jesuit Province in Madagascar
- 500 years since the conversion of Saint Ignatius
- The 4 apostolic priorities for the Company of Jesus asked for by Pope Francis.

To achieve all of this the Jesuits in Madagascar are organising a program, not just to celebrate but, above all, to establish a special time of evangelisation which will touch the different age groups in society.

They have taken as their motto, « **To renew all things in Christ.** »

We are agreed that collaboration will have plenty of space.

The meeting closed with a photograph of the group



THE MORNING ENDED WITH A CORDIAL AGAPE.

