



First Meeting of the “Montfortian Heritage in France” Committee

PONTCHATEAU, France - On November 28, 2024, the “Montfortian Heritage in France” Committee appointed by the Superior General (cf. Sec. Gen. 26-2024) met at the Calvary of Pontchâteau to reflect on the future of the Montfortian mission in France. The participants worked on a strategy aligned with the orientations of the SMM General Chapter 2023 and the current needs of the Montfortian Places in France.

The meeting began with a prayer, followed by a reminder of the roles of the committee members. Three priority areas guided the discussions:

- **Mission in the Montfortian High Places:** strengthening the reception of pilgrims, promoting the spiritual heritage and developing a mission adapted to current pastoral realities.
- **Human resources management:** promoting dynamic and international communities while integrating new missionaries in France.
- **Real estate heritage:** ensuring the sustainability of Montfortian sites through maintenance projects, self-sufficiency, local support, but also solidarity within the entire congregation.

Important steps have been taken to stimulate both the provincial administration of France and the general administration on these issues. A preliminary action plan was developed for the next four months, with specific responsibilities for each member.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 26, 2025 at Pontchâteau Calvary, where a committed lay person, Ms. Josiane Peltier, will be invited to join the committee. With fidelity and creativity, the committee is engaged to help the Congregation in carrying this Montfortian heritage, “heritage of all, heritage for all”.