

# **LIFE OF THE MOVEMENTS BELGIUM**

## **News from Belgian Vie Montante**

### ***We take our best care to continue our activities***

We have around 500 members. We have, as in other countries, lost a good number of members with Covid, either from the disease itself, or from withdrawal or old age.

In March we met in Alsace, at the Foyer Notre Dame Reinacker, with the Franciscans, to write the next year's brochure with our Swiss friends. There were 5 of us in total but preparation was done on both sides, in our respective countries, before our reunion. The chosen theme is "HERITAGE", a whole program, carried out in one week but with intense work that we have provided, supervised by our two spiritual advisors. This new brochure will be presented at the end of August to diocesan officials gathered on this occasion in Namur.

Our "Sérénité" magazine, which will only be distributed 3 times a year, is still being updated and remains a means of contact with all members.

In the different dioceses recollections continue as well as annual excursions when possible.

On October 1, Retirees' Day, we will be gathered at the Cathedral of Saints Michael and Gudule in Brussels for a festive mass presided over by our new Archbishop Monseigneur Terlinden.

In the meantime we work tirelessly to motivate our groups and we know how much they count on us. 2024 is a year of transition because after 8 years of presidency I have resigned and wish to give up my place. We are also eager to find a new spiritual advisor because Father José Vande Putte is finishing his 12th year in this role.

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