

Fraternity retreat 2025

Presentation of the workshops

Along with the main daily teachings, the workshops are intended to offer times of work, exchange and mutual stimulation. They will deepen the themes related to the Incarnation in order to bring out the potentialities and promises of our charisma in the face of the challenges of today and tomorrow.

Practical informations

Each workshop will be proposed twice.

- Monday from 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm
- Tuesday from 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm

List of workshops

1. Laudato si : return to the heart !
2. Compassion Is Not Optional: Let Dilexi te Inspire You to Move into Action!
3. Charism in the meeting of cultures : community unity and diversity of charismatic expression.
4. Church, Community, charism and institution
5. Coexistence of generations: identifying the issues
6. How to Foster and Support Creativity?
7. Community life in a world under acceleration
8. How to burn without getting burned?
9. Artificial Intelligence: A New World for Mission

1. Laudato si : return to the heart !

How can we enter into the joy of a simple and profound ecological conversion, rooted in Christ ? What are we practically called to live, in the charism of Emmanuel, to respond to the cry of the earth and the poor ?

Team - Equipe : Jean-Régis Catta ;
Olivier Roussy

2. Compassion Is Not Optional: Let Dilexi te Inspire You to Move into Action!

In Dilexi te, Pope Leo XIV calls us to encounter Christ in the poor. Do our missionary initiatives truly open the way for such an encounter? This workshop offers a moment of inspiration — an opportunity to renew and reimagine missionary action in the service of those most in need.

Johan Glaisner ; P. Thomas Guist'hau ;
Bruno Pouzoulic

3. Charism in the meeting of cultures : community unity and diversity of charismatic expression.

The incarnation of the charism of the Emmanuel Community within my local Church and culture is a mission entrusted to the members of the Fraternity of Jesus. How does dialogue between cultures open us to a deeper understanding of the common charism shared across the mosaic that the Community has become? How can we grow in a proper sense of subsidiarity at every level of community governance, in order to better serve the life and mission of local communities?

Otto Neubauer; Xavier Bizard ; Bas et Cissy
Suijkerbuijk; Clément Elabo ; Laurent Baleba ;
Jernej et Barbara Kastelec ; Diana Porter.

4. Church, Community, charism and institution

What kind of relationship would be best between the Community and the Church : absolute submission, constructive dialogue, prophetic independence ? How does the Church view the contribution of communities such as ours? From Ratzinger's speech (1998) to recent magisterium and current community affairs.

Bishop Philippe Christory ; Fr. Erwan Simon ; Guillemette Pradère ; Bernadette and Xavier Muller ; Stefano Simiz

The corporate body of the community

5. Coexistence of generations: identifying the issues

The coexistence of different generations in the same community is not a given. Regarding this sensitive subject, we will try to go beyond the simple "impression" ("things are going well" or "things are going badly") and we will practice identifying and naming the main challenges that an intergenerational community faces.

David Rabourdin ; Paul-Marie et
Clotilde Dabezies

The corporate body of the community

6. How to Foster and Support Creativity?

Sometimes our community life becomes monotonous, repetitive, and routine. Where does the lack of creativity in our province lives, in our apostolates, come from, and how can we remedy it?

Lionel Dalle ; Marc Benoît

7. Community life in a world under acceleration

In an era of profound change, marked by the rapid acceleration of communication, life rhythms, social changes, and production, this workshop offers an opportunity to reflect on these transformations and their impact on our daily lives within our community life.

François et Maylis Richard ;

Madeleine-Sophie et Nicolas Taithe ; P.

Benoît Tertrais

8. How to burn without getting burned?

Work and relaxation are often contrasted. Yet Jesus promises: "Come to me, all you who labor, and I will give you rest" (Mt 11:28). Is he talking about simple relaxation? If prayer is rest in God, why do those who pray feel exhausted? What if there were not two, but three poles: mission/work, relaxation, and true rest? How can worship become the living source of mission/work—a fire that illuminates without consuming? How can we burn without getting burned?

Pascal Ide ; Hubert et Séverine Laurent ;
Morgane Bonnardel ; Benoît et Véronique
Rabourdin.

9. Artificial Intelligence: A New World for Mission

At the invitation of Pope Leo XIV:
understand how artificial intelligence is
transforming our world, discern its
human and spiritual challenges,
in order to bring Christian hope to the
digital world.

Pierre-Yves Gomez ; Michel Mornet
