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# Newsletter Good Shepherd Museum

MOTHERHOUSE OF THE CONGREGATION OF  
OUR LADY OF CHARITY OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD  
ANGERS

## Editorial

### The Museum turns over a new leaf...



Nature is a master for living and thinking, if we are patient enough to change... Initiated years ago in an artisanal manner, the Good Shepherd Museum was designed and created in its new formula by professionals, and the result allows us to travel through

centuries at the service of women in difficulty, up to the current mission with the neediest.

The Spirituality Centre, the current team, a team of volunteers - the former, new and future ones - put their dynamism and knowledge at the disposal of the visitors, the residents of Angers and the clients of the Guesthouse and of the Restaurant.

The Museum continues its three-fold aim: sharing the history, culture and mission of the Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd with anyone questioning oneself, showing an interest, and makes us travel from 17th to 21st Century, discovering the interactions brought about by the unfolding of events, the dynamism of the founders, the evolution of society...

In this first number: the loan of a few objects from our Museum for the exhibition of the collegiate church of St. Martin, the display of cribs in 2021-2022 which takes us around the world and enables us to take note of some of the missions of the Sisters and lay partners, and the story of a Good Shepherd statue.

You will also discover the wonderful work of the Sisters in Kolwesi to get children out of mines. And also read a few lines about our Sister Aguchita, a Peruvian Sister of OLC of the Good Shepherd who was murdered in 1990 and has just been beatified!

Enjoy your reading!

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From now on we will offer you news from the Museum in a bimonthly newsletter.

This is an opportunity to know better the places of the Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd and the people around it.



## A Museum on display !

### The exhibition of the cribs of the world

**“All welcome in our Common Home”**

Two years after the last edition, the traditional exhibition of the cribs of the world was able to take place in the Motherhouse, on the theme of the Common Home, echoing the “Laudato Si” encyclical regarding ecology.



More than 2000 visitors were welcomed between the end of November 2021 and the middle of January 2022, including many schoolchildren. Youngs ones and grown-ups were able to enjoy the 155 cribs from the five continents, a good part of which were exposed in the Museum.

This new edition was very successful. It was organized in partnership with the Good Shepherd International Foundation (GSIF), the congregational NGO supporting projects in favour of women and children.

See you at the end of the year for the new edition!

## The exhibition “An Unusual Journey in the Museums of the region of Angers”

**In the collegiate church of St. Martin in Angers**

The Good Shepherd Museum was present in this exhibition which brought more than 10 000 visitors between 18th September 2021 and 2nd January 2022. It highlighted the collections of about 30 museums of the geographical department. Three objects were loaned: a printing block from the Tournemine factory, a statue of St. Mary Euphrasia and the Inuit crib from Canada. They have since gone back to the Motherhouse.



*“I don't want people to say I'm French anymore. I am Italian, English, German, Spanish, American, African, Indian, etc, I am from all the countries where there are souls to be saved.”*

ST MARY EUPHRASIA





## Event!

# Millenium of the Abbey of St Nicholas Angers, 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> August 2022

After a 2-year adjournment, the Millenium of the Abbey of St. Nicholas, founded in 1020, will be celebrated in the evenings of 26th, 27th and 28th August.

Many periods of its rich history will be recounted during the festivities which will include a night wandering with the screening of a video as well as recreational and theatrical visits !

This event of organized by the French Province of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd in partnership with the city of Angers and the Angers Tourism Office.

## *DATES TO REMEMBER*

\* **Millenium of the  
Abbey St Nicholas**  
26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>  
August 2022

\* **Heritage Days**  
17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>  
September 2022

**Millénaire**  
Abbaye St Nicolas  
Angers Soirées 26 > 27 > 28 août 2022

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[www.angers-tourisme.com](http://www.angers-tourisme.com)



# One Object, One History

## The Good Shepherd statue

This statue, on display in the first visit room of the Museum, comes from the house of the Congregation in Moulins, in the centre of France..

In 1885, the Sisters have a statue sculpted entirely in wood and representing the figure of the Good Shepherd carrying a sheep on his shoulders. It is hollow at the back and was sculpted in a lime-tree. It was erected on the dome of the Chapel, as can be seen in the photo on the right, and brought down in 1968 and transferred to the Motherhouse in Angers at the closing of the house a year later.

It remained in good condition and was slightly restored in 2014, especially to seal a few cracks.

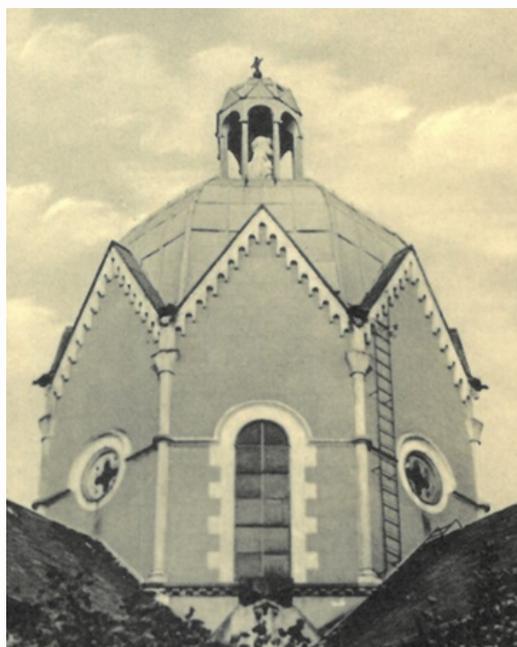
**FREE MUSEUM  
ADMISSION FOR  
ALL!**

Since the beginning of the year, the admission is free for all.

The visitors can give a free participation in support of the solidarity projects of the Congregation all over the world.



*Statue of the Good Shepherd*



*Undated photography, archives of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd*

# What's happening in the Congregation

## THE TESTIMONY OF A SISTER INVOLVED IN THE REGION OF KOLWESI, IN THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO (RDC)



In 2013, the Congregation began to work in the mining region, at the request of the local Bishop.

The video "Maisha, a new life outside the mines", on display in the Museum, presents this mission in its early stages.

The Sisters there fight against child labour, and now welcome 3000 of them in a school. Sr. Mary Kaluki gives her testimonial on her involvement in this mission :

<https://rgs.gssweb.org/en/content/maisha-new-life-outside-mines>

## THE BEATIFICATION OF SISTER AUGUSTINA RIVAS

On Saturday 7th May 2022, Sr. Augustina Rivas, a Peruvian Sister murdered in the village of La Florida (Peru) on 27th September 1990 with five other people, was beatified.

The beatification was celebrated in La Florida and broadcasted live to allow the whole Congregation to take part in it.

To relive the moments of the beatification, go to this address : [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=37cm\\_QVDxqw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=37cm_QVDxqw)



The Museum is open on Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 2 to 5 pm.  
Groups welcomed all week on request.

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