

The Plenary at the Josephite College in Melle



The welcome and kindness of Superior, Fr Raymond, who was there to welcome us and helped us.

Then the “soirée” ... sandwiches, very varied cheeses ... with the brother of sister Clara, a brewer, who spoilt the fathers and the sisters ... and until then the fathers had looked at us in the corridors a little sideways ... but after a nice evening outside in the courtyard ... we had friends and had got to know each

other a little...

We have returned several times to Melle for inter-congregational meetings ... always with the same pleasures at seeing again ... of praying together and sharing. Agnès Charles and M. Etienne were translators from English to French for the plenary. I found a letter from the Father in the archives of M. Etienne, thanking her for her effective help. M. Etienne, very discreet, never spoke of herself or of her engagements at school or elsewhere.

They took us to meet the other sisters founded by the Canon Van Crombrughe). Since then our sick sisters from Aalst have been "admitted" (not without difficulty) to Erpe-Mere. Marie Lutgarde often took advantage of our visits to Aalst to drive to Erpe-Mere. So we often met the sisters who live there ... very welcoming. Hence, our pleasure in participating in inter-congregational meetings.

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