

The same spirit



A new location

*French Language Centre
at the service of the Church*

Angers, a new experience !

After 15 years of activities at Banneux, Mission-Langues has moved to Angers in France !

The language programme, the accommodation as well as the life of prayer and community now take place in the setting of St. Nicholas Abbey, a historic building, made available by the Good Shepherd Sisters, only 10 minutes walking distance from the city centre.

This new beginning has been made possible thanks to the hospitality and commitment of several church institutions :

- the Pontifical Mission Societies
- the French Catholic Mission Service
- the French Conference of Men and Women Religious (CORREF)
- the Diocese of Angers
- the Good Shepherd Sisters Congregation.

MORE THAN A LANGUAGE SCHOOL...

Mission-Langues is a formation centre serving the Church's universal mission. The centre is supported by the Pontifical Mission Societies.

Our main objective is to prepare, on the linguistic level and within an appropriate context, priests, religious and committed laity coming from all parts of the world :

- sent on mission (pastoral or ad Gentes) to a French-speaking country
- called to responsibilities within their institution
- pursuing a formation programme or other studies requiring the French language.

OUR PROGRAMME

4 KEY THEMES :

A CUSTOM-MADE TEACHING METHOD

The main objective is to aid students to develop their ability to communicate in French. The programme includes 6 lessons per day and 2 hours of personal study.

Students are divided into class groups of no more than 8 persons. Themes for the lessons are chosen according to the needs and interests of each student.

AN ONGOING IMMERSION IN THE FRENCH LANGUAGE

Throughout the day, French is the only language of communication. Special assistance is given to beginners.

A MULTICULTURAL COMMUNITY

Sharing the diversity of cultural and spiritual values with other participants coming from all parts of the world, provides a unique experience of intercultural living and thus a perfect springboard toward missionary life.

A small community of 3 Good Shepherd sisters accompany the students outside of class hours.

A COMMUNITY THAT PRAYS AND CELEBRATES

Community prayer and Eucharist set the rhythm for each day. The chapel is always available for adoration and personal prayer.

Students gradually become familiar with liturgical texts and prayers in the French language. When their level of language reaches a sufficient level, they can participate in a range of activities taking place in surrounding parishes.

15 years of existence

In the course of the past 15 years, nearly 2000 persons, priests, brothers, sisters and lay people, have followed an intensive formation programme at Mission-Langues.

They represent 188 religious congregations and institutes as well as around 70 dioceses worldwide.

The coming together of 96 nationalities from every continent has made for a rich multicultural experience appreciated by all.

Some memories...



PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Every year, 10 sessions are organized from January to December.

They begin every 4 weeks on a Sunday, except for summer sessions (5 weeks each).

Each participant can take as many sessions as he or she needs in order to achieve his or her personal goals.

All levels of competence are catered for.

Classes are organized from Monday to Friday. Weekends are free.

Meals and lodging are provided onsite, including on weekends.

Each participant has a private room with shower. Bedding and towels are provided.



A city of art and history, situated in the Val de Loire (western France), Angers boasts many attractive features :

- one and a half hours from Paris by TGV (high-speed train)
- the second missionary diocese of France with welcoming and dynamic parishes
- rich cultural and religious patrimony.

PROGRAMME 2010

Mission-Langues will welcome the first students in Angers on April 2010.

Sessions schedule

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| Session 1 | from 11.04 to 07.05 |
| Session 2 | from 09.05 to 04.06 |
| Session 3 | from 06.06 to 02.07 |
| <i>ANNUAL BREAK FROM 03.07 TO 16.07.2010</i> | |
| Session 4 * | from 18.07 to 20.08 |
| Session 5 * | from 22.08 to 24.09 |
| Session 6 | from 26.09 to 22.10 |
| Session 7 | from 24.10 to 19.11 |
| Session 8 | from 21.11 to 17.12 |

The programme is conducted in blocks of 4 weeks each, except for sessions 4 and 5* (5 weeks each).*

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FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION

Mission-Langues is a non-profit organisation, registered according to French law.

The financial contribution includes :

1. the cost of accommodation and meals
2. the cost of tuition.

For 4-week sessions :

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| Full board | 800 EUR |
| Tuition | 1.700 EUR |
| TOTAL | 2.500 EUR |

Exception : fees for sessions 4 and 5* (5-week session each) are 3.100 EUR (i.e. 1.000 EUR for full board and 2.100 EUR for tuition).*

TERMS OF PAYMENT

- a non-refundable deposit of 300 Euros must be paid once the application is accepted
- the balance of each session must be paid at least 10 days before the start
- refunds are not possible once the session has started
- payments shall be done in Euros (€) by international bank transfer.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Those institutions needing financial assistance may apply for a grant to the Pontifical Mission Societies through our office. Priority is given to "ad Gentes" mission projects.