

Only in the Family does one have such an eventful life

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On the 1st of February I started a new center here in Bordeaux. And since I have been searching for children for our True Parents and raising them -- what a wonderful experience! One really becomes so close to our Heavenly Father's Heart! Tears for refusal, pain for their suffering, for seeing them so attacked by Satan, and anxiety; but also such great joy in seeing a heart opening, in seeing a childlike confidence. Now after 11 months 13 are living in the center (and four are outside). I honestly think that during that period I grew up. The best proof is that I've got white hair!! (Bernadette is 24 years old) We have decided to be 120 more in France for God's Day -- and certainly very soon other members will come in. I begin to feel like a "mere de famille nombreuse."

That is the most important thing I do, and nothing special is happening, no big event, just a continuous growth (more or less smooth); the only 'special' thing I did here was to be interviewed on the Radio about a special action this summer on the beach. One member has been found on a beach. Otherwise I have come to know all (or almost all) the priests, ministers or group leaders.

Two weeks ago Reiner [Vincenz] phoned and asked who knows English and wish to go to America for training. Master is calling people from many countries in Europe. Fifteen French members are leaving the 15th of January (so quick!) and I have now the great joy to go back to see my (spiritual) native country.

I really do not know what Master wants us to do. Only in the Family does one have such an eventful life!

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