

European meeting in Spain of LSJ on their 50s



50 lsj of 18 different nationalities, living in Europe, gathered from January 18 to 25. We were welcomed in a small village of Cataluña, Tarres, by the "comunidad de Jesus",. Their let us use 5 of their houses.

The meeting was facilitated by Odile, a friend of the community coming from France. She led us into a passionate inner journey. How can our life become fruitful, when God's Word is welcomed and we are open to the

Spirit?

We realized that our struggles in relating have their origins in our personal history: we are invited to open our "soil" in order to let God enter our wounds and heal.

Every day we found light for our topic in Gospel passage, read thoroughly. We started with the storm during the crossing of the lake in Mk 4,37-41. Sometimes Jesus sleeps in the boat, il y a du vent, and we feel lost...why to be so frightened? Jesus knows what we are going through, we just have to open up to Him, to call... How do I react to Jesus silence, to his "sleeping"?

" If only you could be quiet...the new being will be born in you" (Tauler)



We try to answer the question " what is for you now, contemplative life? What are your challenges there? " Only from deep within I can discover The Presence, in myself and in the other...and learn to move from the inner monologue with my obstacles to the dialogue with the Lord, asking Him to teach me how "become disciple of the now". Reading Luke 10,38-42, we discovered a lot from Martha and Mary about our desires and community

life: the root of what I feel and of my "tantrums" is in my divided heart, not in the "other". Can I let God's Spirit dwell in me, can I choose to let go what still keep me tied up, in order to live better with my sister, and become free?

" Forgiving and being forgiven, asking for it: what does it mean?" Evil, sin, all this is from the pain of my wounds, from the evil that victimized me in the past. If I become aware, I can be healed from the crashing power of guilt and fear. We read Luke 15 "a man had two sons...". Knowing that a Father is always waiting, coming towards us, enables us to discover the pure gift of God's unconditional love.

50 years is the time of jubilee, the age to acknowledge life wonders in un and around us...time to let go what still bounds us, preventing fruitfulness....to let the vine be pruned, so it can give more abundant fruits.

It is the time to let do, let be, to search, to be silent in order

to listen to the grain sprouting.

Time to learn humility and adoration;

We also went on pilgrimage to Our Lady of Montserrat, on a beautiful sunny day, and we met the monastic communities living there and welcoming pilgrims....

