

CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

January - June 1858

Feb 19	Fr. Eymard signed the deed to buy the house at Faubourg St. Jacques.
Mar 30	Permanent departure from rue d'Enfer.
Apr 4	Inauguration of the Chapel of Faubourg St. Jacques on Easter day. Father would later call it "the chapel of miracles."
May 25	Arrival in Paris of Miss Marguerite Guillot at noon with her sister Claudine and Madame Richard, to begin the Congregation of the Servants of the Blessed Sacrament. They spent an hour in adoration which was commemorated each year by a "general adoration" from noon to 1 o'clock by the Servants.
May 30- June 6	Retreat to the Blessed Sacrament Religious (men).
June 8- June 17	Retreat to the future Servants of the Blessed Sacrament.

June - December. 1858

June 17	Close of the retreat preached to the future Servants of the Blessed Sacrament. ¹
July 4	Precious Blood Sunday, Blessing of the house of the Servants of the Blessed Sacrament. He named Miss Guillot as Superior and gave them a Rule.
July 4, 6, 13, 16, 20, 23	Conferences to the Servants.
July 24	First trip to Brussels at the invitation of Miss Anne de Meeus.
July 26	Opening of a Triduum preached in the chapel of rue des Sols (Brussels).
Aug 3, 4, 5, 13, 24, 27, 31	Conferences to the Servants (Paris)
Sep 1, 3, 7, 10, 14, 20, 21, 24, 28	Conferences to the Servants.
Oct 1, 5, 8, 12, 15, 19, 22, 26, 28	Conferences to the Servants.
Nov 3, 5, 9, 12, 19 or 20	Conferences to the Servants.
Dec 3	Departure for Rome.

Rome: December 1858 - January 1859

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Dec 3	Friday. Departure from Paris for Rome via Marseilles.
Dec 8	Arrival in Rome for the first time in view of obtaining a Letter of Commendation for his Congregation.
Dec 9	In the morning, celebrated Mass at the altar of the Minerva, the Dominican church where the body of St. Catherine is kept. In the evening he entered St. Peter's Basilica on his knees.
Dec 20	At 11 o'clock, audience with Pius IX from whom he requested a Letter of Commendation for the Society, a blessing for the Servants and indulgences for adoration. cf. Docs. 784, 789, 802.

1859

Jan 5	Ecstasy at St. Peter's. The Sovereign Pontiff signed the Letter of Commendation, Blessing and Indulgences.
Jan 6	Epiphany. Father received the Letter of Commendation and Blessings. (cf Doc. 802 - footnote)

¹ Available dates and topics of retreats and conferences given to the Servants will henceforth be indicated at their proper places. Because a similar listing is not presently available for the Blessed Sacrament Fathers, a summary of this material and its Archive references can be found in Appendix VI.

- Jan 7 First solemn sermon preached at St. Andre della Valle (the 2nd was to be given in 1865).
- Jan 26 Return to Paris. Permission requested from the Nuncio for his community to follow the Roman calendar, granted Jan 31, 1859.

February and March 1859

- Feb 6, 18 Conference to the Servants.
- Feb 23 Father and his first colleagues began a retreat to prepare for their religious vows.
- Feb 23 Conference to the Servants.
- Mar 2 Ceremony of religious vows for the pioneers of the Society of the Blessed Sacrament.
- Mar 3 Departure of Father de Cuers to found the house of Marseilles.
- Mar 8, 15, 18, 23, 30 Conferences to the Servants.

April - June 1859

- Apr 2 Fr. de Cuers moved into the Convent (Monastery) of the Minimes in Marseilles, Saturday, the evening of Laetare Sunday.
- Apr 3 First Mass at the monastery of Marseilles.
- Apr 4 Monthly Retreat to SSS Fathers preached by Fr. Champion.
- Apr 8, 15 Conference to the Servants, Paris.
- Apr 24 Easter Sunday. Inauguration of the first chapel of Marseilles.
- May ? Final colloquy with the Holy Cure in the sacristy of Ars. (This latter was to die Aug. 4.)
- May 24, 31 Conferences to the Servants.
- Jun ? Departure for Marseilles.
- Jun 3 Opening sermon in Marseilles, in the presence of the bishop and several priests, explaining the Work of the Society.
- Jun 12 Pentecost, First Mass in the large chapel of Marseilles.
- Jun 16-23 Octave for the Feast of Corpus Christi preached in Marseilles.
- Jun 23 First Exposition in Marseilles.
- Jun 24 Departure for Paris, leaving Fr. de Cuers alone. Community life did not begin until Nov. 9.

May 1859

- May In early May, final conversation with the Holy Cur in the sacristy of Ars. (This latter was to die Aug 4.)
- May Conf. Ser: Spirit of the Servants of the Blessed Sacrament. Eucharist as means, end and center.

July - October 1859

July 2, 5, 8, 15, 20 or 22	Conferences to the Servants.
Jul 25-31	Annual Retreat to the Servants. First vows which were only private, at the close of this retreat.
Aug 3, 9, 12, 14	Conferences to the Servants.
Aug 15	First Rule of Life (Constitutions) given to the Servants. Inauguration of the Work of First Communion, 12 workers received.
Aug 17, 19, 20, 30	Conferences to the Servants.
Sept	Entrance of Fr. Leroyer toward the end of the month.
Sep 6, 9, 13, 16, 23	Conferences to the Servants.
Sep 20-29	Novena in preparation for the opening of the novitiate.
Sep 29	Inauguration of the first novitiate with St. Michael as its patron.
Sep 30, Oct 4, 7, 11, 14, 19, 21, 25, 27	Conferences to the Servants.

November 1859 - April 1860

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Nov 1	First communion for 12 Adult Workers
Nov 2	Departure for Marseilles with the four religious who were to inaugurate the house on rue Nau.
Nov 6	The community of Marseilles began to pray the full Divine Office in choir even during the tasks of establishing and furnishing the house, before the house was even inaugurated.
Nov 9	Foundation of Marseilles
Nov 9-17	Eight Day Retreat to the people of Marseilles.
Nov 17	Inauguration of the Aggregation in Marseilles.
Dec 8	Departure of Father Eymard to Tarare and Amplepuis for Eucharistic Retreats at their Parish Center of Adoration, courtesy of Mme. Tholin-Bost.
Dec 24	Conference to the Servants.
Dec 25	First Communion of 18 children in Paris.
Dec 27	Conference to Servants.

1860

Jan 1-6	Retreat to SSS novices for vows.
Jan 17, 20	Conferences to the Servants.
Feb	To Tours to preach to Nocturnal Adoration group.
Feb 22, 28	Conferences to Servants.
Late Feb	Meeting with the Bishop of Nantes in Paris regarding a projected foundation.
Mar 1, 2, 9, 14, 16, 19, 20, 23	Conferences to Servants.
Apr 3, 18, 22, 24	Conferences to Servants.
Apr 9	Easter: First Communion of 35 Adult Workers.

January - April 1860

Jan 1-6	Retreat to SSS novices for vows.
Jan	Visit to Mme. de Grandville.
Jan 17, 20	Conference to the Servants.

Feb 18-22 To Tours to preach to Nocturnal Adoration Group at the chapel of the Lazarists.
 Feb 22, 28 Conferences to the Servants.
 Late Feb Meeting with the Bishop of Nantes in Paris regarding a projected foundation.
 Mar 1, 2, 9, 14, 16, 19, 20, 23 Conferences to the Servants.
 Apr 3, 18, 22, 24 Conferences to the Servants.
 Apr 8 Easter: First Communion of 35 Adult Workers.

May 1860 - December 1860

May 1, 2, 4, 8, 11, 18, 29 Conferences to the Servants
 Jun 1 Conference to the Servants
 Jun 3-10 Preached Adoration Retreat at Rouen
 Jun 10-17 Preached Octave of Corpus Christi at the Church of St. Julien in Tours to establish a center for the Aggregation
 Jun 22 Conference to the Servants
 July 6, 9, 10, 17, 20, 27, 29 Conferences to the Servants
 Jul 30-Aug 5 Annual Retreat to the Servants
 Aug 7-10 Conferences to the Servants
 Aug 15 First Communion of 38 (40?) adult workers Confirmed by Bishop de Charbonnel
 Aug 17, 21, 23, 31 Conferences to the Servants
 Sep 3, 7, 12, 14, 18, 21, 23 Conferences to the Servants
 Oct 1, 3, 12, 16, 19, 26 Conferences to the Servants
 Nov 2, 3, 5 Conferences to the Servants
 Nov 21 Marseilles: Presentation of the first statue of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament
 Dec 1, 3 Conferences to the Servants
 Dec 25 First Communion of 58 adult workers
 Dec 27 Paris: Inauguration of Guard of Honor
 Dec 31 Circular Letter

January - May 1861

Mar (undated), 4, 21 Conferences to the Servants.
 Apr 25 To Lyons to see the work of the Prado and meet its founder, Fr. Chevrier.

May - December 1861

May 1 Beginning of novitiate exercises for SSS men in Paris.
 May 3, 4, 7 Conferences to the Servants.
 May 19 Pentecost. Sixty-three first Communions and Confirmations.
 May 21-25 Ordination Retreat at Beauvais.
 June 1 Conference to the Servants.
 June Octave of the Blessed Sacrament preached at St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Paris.
 Jun 23-30 Annual retreat to the Servants.
 Jul 11-20 Novena of the Sacred Heart preached in Paris at St. Sulpice.

Jul 16, 19, 22, 26 Conferences to the Servants.
 Aug 9 Conference to SSS novices.
 Aug 9, 13, 20, 23, 27 Conferences to the Servants.
 Sep 1 Received in the Confraternity of the Sacred Heart at St. Sulpice.
 Sep 3, 7, 10, 13, 17, 20, 24, 27 Conferences to the Servants.
 Oct 1-8 Retreat to the Benedictines at La Pierre-qui-Vire (men).
 Oct 18, 22 Conferences to the Servants.
 Nov 15, 18, 22, 29 Conferences to the Servants.
 Dec 10-8 Retreat preached to new SSS novices.
 Dec 14-21 Retreat for SSS candidates to Ordination.
 Dec 17 Conferences to Servants.
 Dec 21 Ordination of three men to priesthood in the Society (Fr. de Cuers came for the occasion).
 Dec 31 To Angers in view of a projected foundation of the Servants of the Blessed Sacrament.