

March 09, 2026 Arrival Day

We have arrived! Twelve pilgrims from across Canada came together throughout the day, arriving in Marseille, France. Met by Oblates from the Foundation House in Aix-en-Provence (Aix), we made the short drive to the house with anticipation and excitement. After unpacking, we gathered in the dining room for our first time together as a group. A traditional table awaited us—baguette, wine and cheese, along with a hearty soup, rice, and roast duck.

Fr. Paolo Archiati, Superior of the House, welcomed us warmly. He introduced us to the coffee machine and showed us where the bread will be located for the next ten days.

Fr. Bonga, coordinator of the Aix Experience, also greeted us and reminded us that the Foundation House is our home during our stay—encouraging us to make ourselves comfortable. We assured him that we would do just that. He outlined the schedule for the coming day, and after a brief visit to some parts of the house, we all retreated to our rooms for a much-needed restorative sleep to help dispel any jet lag.



