

Antoinette Fage and Etienne Pernet

Founders of the Little Sisters of the Assumption

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A portrait

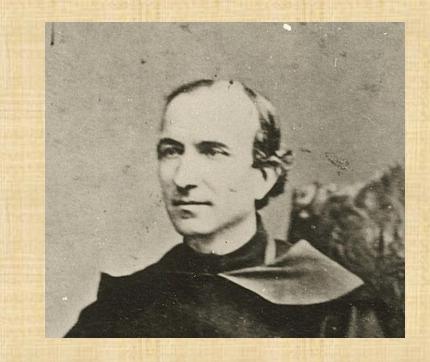
Antoinette



These two portraits date from roughly the same period: 1865, at the time of the Congregation's founding.

Antoinette wears the small bonnet that would later become the one worn by postulants in the Congregation. Both are around 40 years old.

Etienne



An object

Antoinette



Medallion containing a list of the first LSAs

Etienne



Painting by Father d'Alzon which was in Etienne's room on rue François I^{er}

Favorite text or quote

We lack information about the writings that the founders loved. We must therefore make assumptions about quotes or excerpts that may have touched them or shaped their personality or spirituality.

Antoinette

Letter of Etienne P. to Antoinette on January 22, 1866:

"I open myself to you, my daughter, you must see it, you are doing the same on your side; this is a guarantee of a good and lasting understanding. I am convinced that it will be so until the end. until we have

Etienne

Letter from Father d'Alzon to Father Pernet, September 11, 1849

"I can assure you, my dear friend, that you are the most mistaken in the world to believe yourself a stranger among us [...], and I assure you, I see you as a son whom I love with all my heart."

Un lieu

Antoinette

Grenelle, Motherhouse of the Congregation



Etienne

Vellexon, native village



A text

Antoinette

Letter to Mrs. Tubino, a young sick woman cared for by Mother Mary of Jesus, February 1869

"I am therefore happy, yes, very happy at this moment to place at your disposal this immense need that He has deigned to arouse in my heart to sympathize with all the and all the ills and to strive by all means to alleviate them. Thus, dear child, if, near you, I have the happiness of being able to do something, you acquire a right to my gratitude, since you provide my heart with great consolation."

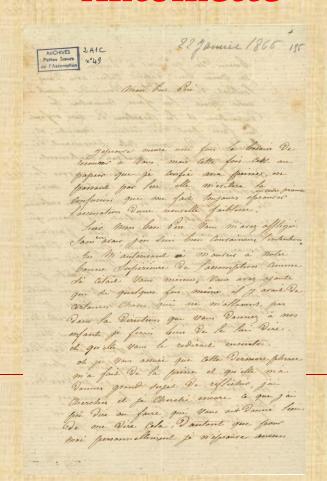
Etienne

Instruction of July 19, 1894

"Your predilection must be for the poor and not only must you respect them but love them with a love (...) which will have no limits because of their dignity which they derive from the fact that Our Lord wanted to be one of them and the first."

A manuscript

Antoinette



Letter from Etienne Pernet to Father d'Alzon the day after his priestly ordination (April 4th, 1858)

Letter from Antoinette Fage to Etienne Pernet (January 22, 1866)

(voir page suivante pour un extrait de ces lettres)

Etienne

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du l. Gernet

au l. d'alzon

Vois:

Mon bien aimi Por.

Il me tardait d'arriver à a moment disiré où il me va être donné de Sinche dans votre cour si bon, le trop plan de min. Hous voite preter de Seigner, britis in actionan quel bouleur est to wister! Mon Pine aprise Dim, C'est vous you were surson remains It to grave succhandante you wante was ames. Acury sommortements of are my to usuall offering or land, moraffed in, pour some, with excellence his en I. Ch. Comme Religions frai Tija just ente vos mins, mainte ce mointe fire, fisitite en skeistona: aujourd'hui com un Poito, tri, indiga Sourdoute, de Vine de usurea in shouldown i vite toint directing, afing our vous venter big onin i men side ee on toutenit Down to worder some so to disquest a doing hier winders If fait you I him an Saint Makinging as degles, and soine Fritts. Double obligation enjoyetant ever ele la series his plus hands, les plus saints en la gles sifficités à roughis. Un hundle abiessance how , I be love me Lover goods. In elle J. troums the went Loppi ifathile sela gian took prisent qui firtifica me fallesse Experierce non irrebolation as un condicion tous motheur i trans too, be carily contre bequels y pourrais Jour elle ales on brises.

A manuscript

(Extracts from the manuscripts proposed on the previous page)

Antoinette

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"I find nothing that bothers me in the direction you are giving to our dear children. You will never be too gentle with them because it is better to be loved than to be feared."

Etienne

Mon bien aimi lere.

Me tardait d'arriver à ce moment désire où il me va être donné de d'entre dans votre cour si bon, le trop plaise du mien. Nous voila prêtres de deigner, Prétud in activnan! que bouheur est le nôte! Mon Pere, après dien, c'en vous que nous devous remenir est le nôte! Mon Pere, après dien, c'en vous que nous devous remenir de la grave surabondante qui in onde was arms. Reury donne de la grave surabondante qui in onde was arms. Reury donne

"My beloved Father, I have been longing for this moment when I will be able to pour into your heart the overflow of mine. Here we are, priests of the Lord, Priests in aeternum! What happiness is ours!"