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The day has come to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary in the very town of their origin.

This Anniversary is the occasion to commemorate and to give thanks for all those who have contributed by their vision, their commitment and their generosity:

- to the foundation
- the development
- and the expansion of this Work

It is also the occasion to recognize the manner in which the work has touched our life and to rejoice at that.

Founded in Béziers – a place dear to our heart since the beginning, the congregation extends today over fourteen different countries. Its mission embraces a diversity of projects which continue to echo the history of its origin: an orphanage for boys and girls, women in difficulty, a school. The same dynamism animates the sisters and their collaborators in these various projects, inspired, as every, by the word of the Gospel: “*That all may have life.*”

Today, as yesterday, it is a matter of taking risks, of being rooted in faith so as to regard the past with *gratitude*, the present with *hope* and the future with *enthusiasm*.

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