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Dear friends,

I am pleased to send you this newsletter, which highlights how **International Missionary Benefit Society (IMS) is adapting to the realities on the ground** through a significant organisational change: the closure of its Belgium Section on 1 June 2026, following the departure of its head. Mr Gorgemans and Ms Godefroid have done a remarkable job over the past few years. The Groups can now rely on their new (General) Section.

This newsletter also highlights the **vitality of our Sections and their essential role** : reaching out to their member communities and re-establishing links with the Conferences. In terms of health, the large-scale initiative led by Sr Dena is worth noting. On this occasion, Archbishop Prosper Kontiebo, Metropolitan Archbishop of Ouagadougou, strongly emphasised that *"membership of the EMI is not a luxury but a necessity"*.

IMS truly has a vital role to play in many countries. For instance, the IMS representative in Kenya highlights the health challenges in the region: communities in Uganda, Kenya and other neighbouring countries can find solutions tailored to their needs by contacting the local EMI Section (Nairobi)..

I hope you enjoy reading this.

With fraternal regards,
Sister Elisabeth Auliac,
President of IMS

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Closure of the Belgian branch of the IMS

Our colleagues in the Belgian Section of the IMS have informed us that their Section is ceasing operations. Two....

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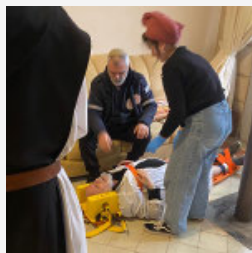
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On Friday 10 April, the IMS DRC Branch held a meeting with priests from the Diocese of Kisantu to show....

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At the Plenary Assembly of the Bishops of the DRC

On 24 February 2026, a presentation on IMS was given at the Plenary Assembly of the Bishops of the DRC,....

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In February 2026, the Section enjoyed two significant days. 19 February "We were delighted to welcome Sister Dena from....

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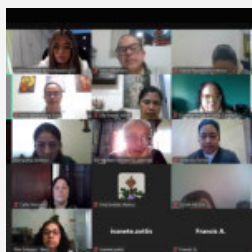
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Doctor's prayer from John Paul II

Lord Jesus, Divine Physician, who in your earthly life showed special concern for those who suffer and entrusted to your disciples the ministry of healing, make us ever ready to alleviate the trials of our brethren. Make each one of us, aware of the great mission that is entrusted to him, strive always to be, in the performance of daily....

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