

Antoinette Fage and Etienne Pernet

Founders of the Little Sisters of the Assumption

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A portrait

Antoinette

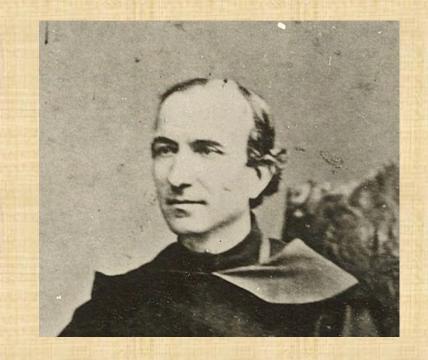


These two portraits date from roughly the same period: 1865, at the time of the Congregation's founding.

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

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 Congregationvellexon, native village



Etienne



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

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,

(1066) ge suivante pour un extrait de ces lettres)

Etienne

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du I. Pernet

au I. d'Alzon

Voir:

Mon bien aim: Pere.

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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 aimé l'ere.

Me tardait d'arriver à ce moment désire où il me va être donné de sérveter dans votre cour si bon, le trop pleise du mien. Nous voita prêtres du Seigner, frêtres in actornam! que bouheur est le nostre! Mon l'ere après d'em, l'ese vous que nous devous remerir est le nostre! Mon l'ere après d'em, l'ese vous que nous devous remerir les la grave surobondonte qui in onde uns ams. Reury donnés de la grave surobondonte qui in onde uns ams. Reury donnés les la grave surobondonte qui in onde uns ams.

"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!"