

Day – 13

30th April

We relished having a day off even though we were in the bus and on the road at 7am! Off we travelled to Lourdes. Just before arrival we had beautiful views of the snow-capped Pyrenees. Arriving at 10am we first went to the underground Basilica of Saint Pius X which is 191 meters long and 61 meters wide, and can hold about 25,000 people. We then went to the Grotto, then to the Rosary Basilica for Mass. We found a place by a tent with steps and chairs where all gathered for a picnic, after which in small groupings or by twos and threes, visits were made to different sites. Though it rained in Bordeaux during the day, we surprisingly had bits of sunshine and clouds all day, and the wind and cooler air started 15 minutes before we got on the bus for the return trip, and then it started pouring as we left Lourdes! Everyone had a very enjoyable day as can be seen in the pictures below.

While at Lourdes, Sr. Catherine Barange placed an offering for a Mass for the Congregation in Chapter at the Sanctuary of Notre Dame de Lourdes.



