

16. Jeanne-Marie Chavoin to Bishop Devie

During one of his many conversations with Mother St Joseph, Fr Mayet learned of her interview with Bishop Devie on his visit to Cerdon in November of 1823. It seems the Bishop, having allowed the little community to begin, still had some doubts and tried to persuade Jeanne-Marie to consider other congregations. Her response makes very clear her thinking right from the beginning.

“My Lord, there are two of us. If we had the older congregations in mind we could have entered a convent long ago.

But we left home and family to start the Society of the Blessed Virgin.”

Recollections of Mother St Joseph
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Recorded by G. Mayet

This is Jeanne-Marie Chavoin's earliest recorded statement about the purpose she and Marie Jotillon had in mind when they left Coutouvre in 1817.

Here there is a clear conviction about,
and commitment to,
the mission of Mary.

