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# Tradition, continuity and novelty

***You have  
in your hands  
a concrete  
example of  
life at the  
Fondation  
Œuvre St Justin.***

It represents both tradition and continuity, as well as novelty and youth. Tradition because it's the same newsletter you're used to reading every quarter, and new because this is the first edition, which is also available online in digital format.

Continuity because this issue contains the accounts and activity report of St Justin, youth because it is the first time that these accounts and activity report talk about the Foundation and no longer about the former associations. Tradition, because you'll find testimonials from residents and scholarship holders who live in St Justin. Youth, because it's a brand-new team that has put together this newsletter for the first time.

As you read this newsletter, you will see that the financial resources entrusted to us by your donations and legacies are managed with sobriety and efficiency. These financial resources are essential if we are to offer scholarships to talented young people from the four corners of the world. These resources also enable us to offer a calm and studious environment to enable our residents to succeed in their studies.

To you, our benefactors, to you, our former grant holders, to you, our former residents who read this newsletter, I appeal to you and encourage you to tell others about our charity. When you've finished reading, leave this newsletter on your coffee table, or leave it on the train or in a doctor's surgery for others to discover. You are our ambassadors, and it is thanks to you that the world will know about the influence of our Saint Justin Charity Foundation. THANK YOU!

**David La Framboise, Deputy Director**



# Fondation Œuvre Saint-Justin

***A new chapter has opened with the creation of the Foundation, but our initial mission is still well embedded.***

## **START OF THE FONDATION ŒUVRE SAINT-JUSTIN - STIFTUNG JUSTINUS WERK**

Since 1 July, the Fondation Œuvre Saint Justin - Stiftung Justinus Werk has been a reality. The associations of the 4 hostels in Geneva, Sion, Fribourg and Zurich, as well as the association of the work, have joined forces to form a single foundation. This move, which is largely administrative, will strengthen our structure and governance. The foundation, as its name suggests, will provide a solid foundation for the future of our charity. The purpose of this change is also to create greater cohesion between our various offices, to encourage us to work hand in hand to perpetuate the charity's mission, which has not changed: to enable men and women to acquire training, by offering them a place to live where respect and equal rights are exercised in a spirit of solidarity and democracy.

## **WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN AN ASSOCIATION AND A FOUNDATION?**

While an association can be set up very simply and cheaply, the creation of a foundation is much more complicated, requiring not only notarisation but also a fairly substantial capital contribution. If desired, the purpose and articles of association of an association can be changed by the members themselves, whereas changing the purpose or articles of association of a foundation requires the approval of the supervisory authority. The supervisory authority also monitors the use of the foundation's resources to ensure

that they correspond to the objectives set by the founders. However, this gives the founder greater security in the use of his assets. In our case, the 5 associations are the founders of the Foundation.

Staff annual dinner - November 2023



# St-Justin: Airport without a plane

***After finishing high school in Pully, I decided to continue my chemistry studies in Fribourg. Finding accommodation in this new town was a crucial step.***

That's when my aunt told me about St-Justin, a student residence. At first, I thought that St-Justin would just be a starting point, a place where I would spend a semester before finding a flatmate or a flat elsewhere. But as soon as I walked through the doors of this residence, I realised that St-Justin was much more than just a place to sleep. It was a home, a place of encounters, friendships and discoveries, and I stayed there for five years.

St-Justin was a place where cultures from all over the world came together. The international encounters I had there were incredible. The evenings in the kitchen of building 7 were special times when we discussed life, philosophy, love and friendship. For me, it was obvious that St-Justin was the best place in Fribourg.

I even joined the St-Justin student council. Together, we organised activities for the residents, including board game evenings, welcome parties in the basement of building 9 and my favourite evening: the Christmas party. We transformed the kitchen in building 7 into an incredible cooking workshop, where the Christmas atmosphere reigned despite everyone's cultural differences. There was mulled wine (which was much appreciated), Christmas tea and crêpes!

And how could I forget the days spent barbecuing in St-Justin's magnificent garden? After five years in residence, I left this wonderful home, taking with me great memories and friendships from



all over the world. St-Justin was much more than a roof over my head; it was a place where I learned, laughed and grew.

I would like to express my gratitude to the St-Justin team for their hard work in turning this residence into a second home for me.

**Shadi Alei**

# The 2023 accounts

## Feedback on the accounts

### REVENUE

Revenue for the period July to December 2023, totalling CHF 3,209,414.31, is testament to the strength and resilience of our organisation, as well as the generous support of our benefactors. This exceptional performance is the result of a concerted effort, from fundraising campaigns to innovative operational initiatives. We extend our deepest gratitude to our donors and supporters, whose commitment has been essential to our success.

Of this total, income played a vital role in our financial success. Donations amounted to CHF 261,791.30 for scholarships in Switzerland and CHF 119,339.65 for other scholarships and grants, demonstrating the tangible impact of our scholarship programmes on the lives of beneficiaries. In addition, our own activities generated significant income, reaching CHF 57,518.57. This diversification of our sources of

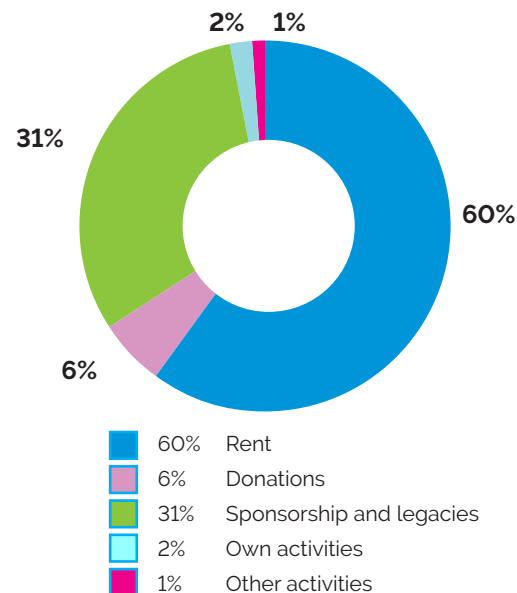
income demonstrates our ability to adapt to a constantly changing environment. In addition, other sources of income made a significant contribution of CHF 39,962.56, strengthening our financial capacity to pursue our mission effectively and with impact.

It should be noted that a significant proportion of the income from donations comes from the sale of land bequeathed to us by a generous benefactor in the past. This exceptional amount reflects the value of this bequest and its transformation into a valuable financial resource to support our activities and mission over the long term. In total, bequests during this period amounted to CHF 979,487.82, of which this bequest was the largest, underlining the significant impact of philanthropy on our work and our ability to achieve our mission.

Their confidence in our cause strengthens our determination to serve our communities with integrity and responsibility. We are aware of our responsibility and are committed to using every resource wisely and transparently. With their invaluable support, we are well positioned

to realise our vision of a better world and bring about positive change in our communities and beyond. Together, we can continue to make a significant difference and build a brighter future for all.

### REVENUE BREAKDOWN



# The 2023 accounts

## EXPENSES

Expenses for the period July to December 2023, totalling CHF 3,208,787.85, demonstrates our commitment to our mission and to serving our beneficiaries effectively. This prudent management of resources enables us to maintain our operations while ensuring that each item of expenditure makes a significant contribution to our objectives.

Among the main items of expenditure, overheads amounted to CHF 1,615,866.15. These include staff salaries, administrative costs, as well as expenses related to operational activities such as philately and newsletters. We endeavour to manage these expenses responsibly to optimise the use of the resources entrusted to us.

Expenses relating to scholarships and other grants totalled CHF 381,130.95. These funds are essential to support our beneficiaries in Switzerland and

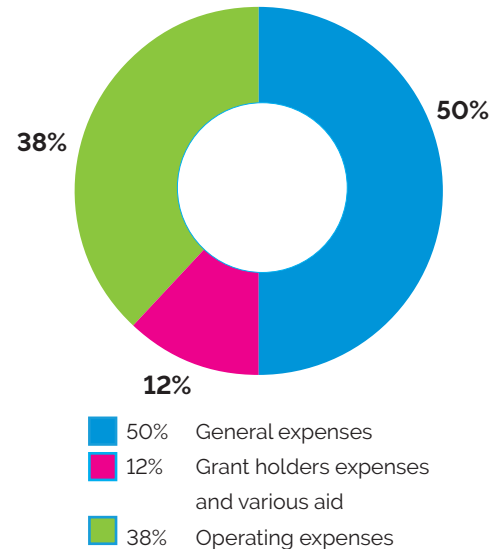
abroad, reflecting our commitment to the education and well-being of the individuals and communities we serve.

Operating expenses, which include expenses specific to our activities in different regions, amounted to CHF 1,211,790.75. These expenses are necessary to ensure the effective delivery of our programmes and initiatives in each locality, while meeting the unique needs of our beneficiaries.

Overall, this expenditure demonstrates our ongoing commitment to being good stewards of the resources entrusted to us. We strive to ensure transparency and accountability in our financial management, while constantly looking for ways to improve the efficiency and impact of our spending. With the continued support of our donors and supporters, we are confident in our ability to pursue our mission and create positive change in the world.

Thank you for your trust and support.

## EXPENSES BREAKDOWN



**REVENUE**

	ACCOUNTS 2023 in CHF
RENT	
Rent Fribourg	977 285,52
Rent Genève	517 403,52
Rent Zürich	285 750,68
Rent Sion	141 907,26
<b>TOTAL OF THE RENTS</b>	<b>1 922 346,98</b>
DONATIONS	
Missionary donations	82 094,78
Various donatins	64 830,04
Institutions donations	55 000,00
<b>TOTAL DONATIONS</b>	<b>201 924,82</b>
SPONSORSHIPS AND LEGACIES	
Various sponserships	8 173,56
Legacies	979 487,82
<b>TOTA SPONSERSHIPS AND LEGACIES</b>	<b>987 661,38</b>
OWN ACTIVITIES	
Subscription to bulletin St-Justin	8 410,00
Various incomes from own activities	49 108,57
<b>TOTAL OWN ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>57 518,57</b>
OTHER REVENUE	
Financial income	7 993,23
Various revenue	31 969,33
<b>TOTAL OTHER REVENUE</b>	<b>39 962,56</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>3 209 414,31</b>

**EXPENSES**

	ACCOUNTS 2023 in CHF
GENERAL EXPENSES	
Staff expenses	1 270 747,08
Administration and various expenses	265 325,15
Expenses for various activities (Philately, Bulletins, etc.)	61 481,97
Various expenses	8 602,41
Financial expenses	9 709,54
<b>TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>1 615 866,15</b>
GRANT HOLDERS' EXPENSES AND VARIOUS AID	
Grants in Switzerland	261 791,30
Other grants and aid	119 339,65
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES FOR GRANTS</b>	<b>381 130,95</b>
OPERATING EXPENSES	
Operating expenses Fribourg	864 681,25
Operating expenses Genève	201 235,89
Operating expenses Zürich	64 164,18
Operating expenses Sion	81 709,43
<b>TOTAL operating expenses</b>	<b>1 211 790,75</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>3 208 787,85</b>
<b>NET RESULT</b>	<b>626,46</b>

# Justin from Nablus, who are you?

***I was born in 105 AD in the city of Nablus, which at the time was still called Flavia Neapolis after the emperor Flavius.***

It was a new city and lies 50 km north of Jerusalem between Mount Ebal and Mount Gerizim. My parents were Roman citizens and I had access to education and culture.

My family spoke Latin, at school I spoke Greek and with my Jewish and Samaritan friends I spoke Aramaic. When I was very young, I became interested in philosophy. I was looking for answers to life's essential questions. I was in search of the truth and I sought this truth from the various master philosophers of my time. I have to admit that I was disappointed by the weakness of more than one of these schools of philosophy. The smugness of the Stoics annoyed me, the greed of the school of Peripatetics, founded by Aristotle, irritated me. The Pythagoreans were so pretentious. But finally I found a philosopher who rose above the rest. Ah, Plato, only Plato allows us to see beyond material things and to access the vision of God. For a moment I thought I'd found THE truth.

But one day, the happiest day of my life, by the sea not far from Ephesus, I met an old man with a beard. I don't even know his name. He was a Christian. It began with a fraternal philosophical dialogue. I was rather proud of my knowledge. But soon the old man was asking me questions, with his benevolent yet mischievous smile, that I couldn't answer. He made me understand that God infinitely transcends our little human mind and that only God can speak in truth about himself. He explained to me that

through Jesus Christ, God succeeded in speaking about himself, because Jesus is both man and truly God. I have to say that I was deeply moved by this encounter. The old man quickly explained to me that all this is confirmed by the writings of the prophets and the friends of Jesus. As he was leaving me, he said, "Above all, pray! And so the doors of light will be opened to you. No one can see and understand God unless God in Christ gives them access to understanding". He left me, I never saw him again, but he lit a fire in my soul. I was impressed by Christians, by the way they behaved. The way they lived showed the love that was in them. Their faith gave them strength and courage in the face of persecution and martyrdom. I ended up asking to be baptised.

After my conversion I travelled a lot and preached itinerantly. I explained to educated people that Christianity is a doctrine in line with reason and truth, that it was the philosophical school par ex-



cellence and that Christianity is the highest form of thought. It is the divine culmination of all human thought!

I ended up settling in Rome, the centre of the modern world. I opened a school of philosophy just above the thermal baths. There I took great pleasure in teaching my students and holding public debates. People appreciated my ability to demonstrate, my rigour and my argumentation. I'm even credited with being the first person to use the word gospel in reference to the writings of the friends of Jesus.

I wrote to those in charge at the time to explain and denounce the mistreatment of Christians. I tried in vain to explain that Christians were the most honest and courageous of all citizens and that they were being put to death without trial and wrongly because they were called Christians. I ended up making enemies among the other philosophers and one of them, a certain Crescent, denounced me. I was tried along with 6 of my students and sentenced to death because I held fast to my profession of faith. We were taken to the place of torture and after being flogged we were beheaded. Since then, I have been known as Justin the Martyr. Since ancient times, the Orthodox Church has celebrated me on 1 June. Catholics have commemorated me on this date since 1969.

Imaginary portrait of Justin Martyr, in André Thevet, *Les Vrais Pourtraits et Vies des Hommes Illustres, grecz, latins et payens*, 1584 (source Wikipedia)

# Cité St-Justin in Fribourg

***The year 2023 rhymes with two opposing words: "continuity and discontinuity".***

While the Cité St-Justin's homes continue to fulfil its mission of hospitality and solidarity, the Work's governance structure has undergone major structural changes with the dissolution of the associations and the creation of a single Foundation: the Fondation Oeuvre St-Justin / Stiftung Justinus-Werk.

During 2023, the occupancy rate reached 100% during both academic semesters. The trend observed since the end of the pandemic continues; the autumn semester reaches our capacity of 208 rooms earlier and earlier in July, with many requests for accommodation subsequently turned down, while the 100% occupancy rate is reached at the start of the current spring semester.

During the inter-semester period at the beginning of the year and the summer period, we welcomed 5 different university groups to the Cité St-Justin.

Our 208 students come from 55 nations and live in 4 houses spread across our site (see attached statistics on origin and branches of study).

At the end of September, two information evenings were organised to introduce new residents to the Cité St-Justin, with an online game that created a great buzz. The good atmosphere continued during the aperitif served at the end of the evenings.

During 2023, the Student Council organised several events to bring people together: at the beginning of each semester, it organised two welcome parties for all the residents. Taking advantage of the Cité's beautiful green space, the Council prepared the Saint-Nicolas party, Game Day with a variety of outdoor games in May and the traditional Barbecue party in our gardens in June. Throughout the year, there have also been smaller gatherings in our various houses, with a wide variety of activities. Thank you to the Student Council! It makes it possible to meet, exchange ideas and make friends in the Cité - 3 ingredients that keep the spirit of St-Justin alive and promote tolerance and solidarity in student community life.

Our staff have faithfully and efficiently contributed to the smooth running of the entire Cité. In addition to our residents, there are also 5 tenant schools that run our site in Fribourg. The organisation of cleaning, laundry and technical

maintenance represents a considerable workload. Thank you and well done to our 20 employees, 6 of whom work 100% and 14 part-time, for a total of 14.4 FTEs (full-time equivalents).

The kitchen was refurbished and equipped last year. Now brought up to standard, it can accommodate a new tenant. This is a kitchen team contracted by the City of Fribourg to provide more than 600 daily menus to the city's schools and after-school care centres.

With the new Foundation effective from 1 July 2023, administrative changes such as VAT have had to be prepared and gradually integrated into the administrative management in Fribourg and at all our other sites in Switzerland.



A day of games organised by the student council

St-Nicolas under the snow

# A welcome back to normality

***In Geneva, 2023 has started to feel like a normal, 'pre-COVID' year! Requests for rooms have been pouring in, with many people arriving and departing each month.***

## **GENEVA**

The Foyer remained fully booked throughout the year, and we noticed a marked increase in requests from public schools and trainees.

We try to maintain a balanced ratio with universities and state schools, but this change is still noticeable.

The Foyer in Geneva has pursued its renovation, which will continue in 2024, with the renovation of all the floorings on each floor, as well as the stairwell and the paintwork. A real facelift!

Our Great Hall is also enjoying a resurgence of interest, and we have set up several annual hirings for groups looking for a place to worship. We welcome groups from Senegal, the Philippines and Brazil in particular.

The Foyer in Geneva has maintained its excellent reputation as an International Foyer thanks to the diversity of the groups we welcome and the many nationalities of our residents.

We are convinced that this is what makes us different and contributes to our richness.

In 2023, we still have three scholarship holders at the Foyer de Genève. We hope to be able to offer more Masses in the future... it's an ongoing project!

## **LAUSANNE**

Our new Foyer in Lausanne opened its doors in July 2023!

We are renting rooms in the Cure of Saint-Joseph Church, and after a few minor adjustments, living with the members of the Cure is going wonderfully well, with respect for all, sharing and joy.

We are hosting a scholarship holder from Rwanda, a former scholarship holder from Cameroon, two students from the EPFL, Turkey and Dubai, a Swiss apprentice and a future PHD student from Lebanon.

The operation of this small hostel is different from that in Geneva, and is based on participative values, with each resident responsible for the upkeep of the premises.

We regularly visit the home to clean up, collect dirty laundry and spend time with the residents, but overall, the young people in this hostel are fairly autonomous.

We're very proud of this new project and hope that this small Foyer will become a big one!



The home in Lausanne



# Wonderful moments of friendship



**24<sup>th</sup> Stamp auction**  
 IN FAVOUR OF THE WORK  
 OF ST-JUSTIN

## IMPORTANT DATES

The stamp auction will take place on

**SATURDAY**  
**19.10.2024**  
 1pm

Visual inspection of batches

**FRIDAY**  
**18.10.2024**  
 12pm to 7pm

**SATURDAY**  
**19.10.2024**  
 8.30 am to 12pm

The catalogue will be sent at the beginning of October 2024

Thank you in advance for saving these dates in your diary.

The philately team of St-Justin

Providing good training means giving young people a better future to build peace in the world!

How can you help us accomplish our mission? With a gesture of solidarity and joy, such as:

A donation | a bequest | a sponsorship | a payment to the Ste Rita fund for people in distress | a payment to the Ste Monique mutual aid fund for the training of priests and religious | subscribing to the St-Justin bulletin - published 4x a year | sending us your stamp collections.

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# Zurich: a new challenge

***The biggest event in general last year was the reorganisation into a foundation.***

However, we did not notice this change in our day-to-day work in Zurich. In November 2023, the administration of the home was changed and Nathalie Hüppi became the home's manager. She was able to take over the running of the home magnificently, and both the team and the residents were relieved.

Formerly the assistant, Nathalie suddenly had to take over the management of the home, which initially caused her a great deal of uncertainty. However, Nathalie received fantastic support from all sides, whether from Fribourg, other house managers, the team or some of the residents, she no longer found it so difficult to manage the house.

Our former student reception assistant was at her side right from the start and helped her a lot. We would like to introduce her briefly in the form of an interview:

***Tell us Greta where you were before arriving in St-Justin and what you were doing:***

*Before arriving in Zurich and St-Justin, I lived in Pavia, Italy, where I completed my Bachelor's degree in Biotechnology. During this time, I lived in a prestigious university. There, I learnt to live with other students (we were 120 people!) and share common spaces while participating in community activities such as sports, charity events, educational seminars, dinners and parties.*



### And today, what are your projects?

At the moment I'm a PhD student in biomedicine at UZH. I spend my days in the lab, conducting experiments, reading scientific papers and attending conferences. In my (limited) free time, I enjoy walking around Zurich, swimming in the lake in summer and hiking in the mountains. I still have two or three years to complete my doctorate, so I don't have any clear plans for the future yet. However, I would like to stay in Zurich, find a job in a pharmaceutical company and maybe start a family in a few years' time.

### How long have you been here and what do you like about your stay with us?

I arrived at Foyer St-Justin in September 2021 when I started my Master's degree in Biomedicine at UZH. I found out about St-Justin's House through a friend who had highly recommended it to me. I hadn't checked the exact location of the house before I arrived, and when I stood alone and a little scared in front of it and saw the marvellous view of Zurich, I was shocked. I couldn't believe that I would be living in such an amazing place.

In the weeks after my arrival, I got to know many residents and we started to build a very nice and cohesive circle of friends that still exists, even though old residents left and new ones joined. In summer, we meet on the terrace to barbecue with the new gas barbecue and enjoy the nice weather. We also organise parties, watch films together in the party room and often meet in the kitchen,

which is the main meeting place. There, people from different countries can watch each other prepare their traditional dishes and sometimes you can even enjoy a tasting 😊.

Another important point of St-Justinus is the management and staff, especially Nathalie, who is always on hand to help the residents, remove any doubts and coordinate a very efficient team that keeps the house in good condition. They also provide us with various amenities, such as the new barbecue, garden chairs and a study, among others.

To summarise, what I really love about my stay at St-Justinus is the community and friendships, the perfect location with breathtaking views of the sunrise and sunset, a competent management and the dynamic and varied environment that the house offers.

Despite the changes, certain traditions remain. This year we once again had a term dinner, which the students really appreciate as it gives them the opportunity to get to know other residents better.

To promote life in the community even more, we have finally decided to re-equip our terrace. The old and brittle chairs and tables have been replaced by new ones. A fully functional gas barbecue has also been installed.

The residents were delighted and very grateful. They now use the terrace every fine day.

# Community life is getting a boost

***Occupancy at the Sion residence remains stable, with an average occupancy rate of 65%.***

This is not due to a lack of demand, but rather to the desire to limit the number of residents to around 26. In fact, Lara Kate Crettaz, the manager of the residence, believes that the students' kitchen needs to be enlarged first to make it as comfortable as possible for them to live together. This will certainly be done once the house is acquired. As a reminder, we are currently tenants of the house in Sion until the end of 2024.

Once again, the majority of our residents are students at the Haute Ecole de Musique. This trend is set to continue, as the HEMU and the Conservatoire de Musique will be moving 250 m from our home. Apart from music, it's the sciences that are attracting students to Sion, thanks to the development of the HES-So and the EPFL near the station.

What is interesting to note is the total change in dynamics between the residents from one year to the next. In the 2022-2023 academic year, the young people were more individualistic. They went about their business without trying to forge links. In autumn 2023, a different kind of energy invaded the house. There was a lot more camaraderie and organised outings. One of the first residents to move in in September wrote on the whiteboard in the kitchen "Hi, my name is Zoric, I'm in room 203". By doing this, he set the tone and the others followed with great pleasure. This young man explained that he is usually very shy and that his

objective in coming to Sion was to open up more to others. And he succeeded!

In the summer, when most of the residents vacate their rooms, the house welcomes various groups. At the beginning of July, a group on a silent retreat occupied the house for a week. This seems fitting, given that the building is named after Notre Dame du Silence. Then, for a period of 4 weeks, music students from all over the world stayed with us to take part in masterclasses organised by the Tibor Verga Academy of Music. At the end of August, we welcomed the Rayon de Soleil action, which aims to offer a week of leisure to people who have lost their independence due to disability or age. In doing so, families also benefit from a week's respite in the knowledge that their loved one is looked after 24 hours a day by a team of professionals.



Christmas dinner prepared by the residents.

We would like to thank the chaplaincy of the Valais tertiary schools, which organises a collective meal every Wednesday evening with the residents and other external students. These are great opportunities to meet, share and discuss a wide variety of topics.

All in all, Maria, Anne and Lara Kate are delighted with the gradual development of the Sion student home.



# Growth and Gratitude

## A Journey of Growth and Gratitude: My Experience with St. Justin Scholarship

As I reflect on my journey, I am filled with an immense sense of gratitude towards the St. Justin community in Switzerland. Coming from Rwanda, a developing country, to the advanced landscape of Switzerland was a leap of faith, fuelled by a desire to learn and grow within a developed economy.

The transition was not without its challenges. The cultural differences, unique spirit, diverse workings, and unfamiliar laws of a new country can be daunting for any student. It was during this period of adaptation, as I struggled to meet my basic needs and faced the prospect of returning home, that St. Justin became my beacon of hope.

I remember the days when the financial burden seemed insurmountable, and the dream of learning from a developed institution felt like a distant reality. Attending a private school meant job opportunities were scarce, and my plan to support myself through work was slipping away.

But then, a turning point arrived—my encounter with Foyer St. Justin in Geneva. Amidst the pressures I faced, I found a listening ear in the administration, particularly Zoe, who understood my plight. Their empathy and fair treatment paved the way for a life-changing opportunity—the St. Justin scholarship.

This scholarship was more than financial aid; it was a vote of confidence in my potential. It allowed me to focus on my studies at HES-SO Master, where I am currently pursuing an MBA with a focus on Business in Eurasia, set to graduate in 2025. My goal to learn from a prestigious institution has been realized, and I am deeply content with the knowledge I have gained.



My aspiration to study in a developed country stemmed from a simple yet profound reason—to enhance my entrepreneurial skills and passion. I am committed to creating solutions for the challenges faced by the world, especially in my region and homeland.

I extend my heartfelt congratulations to St. Justin for their remarkable support, which has significantly impacted many lives, including mine. It is a testament to their legacy that I have met several individuals over the age of fifty who have also benefited from the St. Justin scholarship and share in this gratitude.

In closing, I express my deepest appreciation to St. Justin. Your support has been a solid rock for me, and for that, I am eternally thankful.

# St-Ritas founds

*Thank you for your help  
in this mission!*



The story of Saint Rita is an astonishing and admirable one.

Wife and mother before becoming a nun.

Deeply rooted in the love of Christ, Rita found in her unshakeable faith the strength to be a woman of peace in every circumstance.

Through her example of total abandonment to God, her transparent simplicity and unwavering adherence to the Gospel, she helps us find the way to be authentic Christians. Rita learned to understand the sorrows of the human heart. She became an advocate for the poor and of those who have nothing, obtaining for those who call upon her, in the most diverse situations, countless graces of consolation and comfort.

Sainte Rita's aid fund provides support for students, families and individuals affected by one or more of life's hardships; loss of a loved one, abandonment, loneliness, financial difficulties, etc. Your gesture of solidarity towards these people is a sign of Christ's love through Rita's intercession.

This mission is supported by many people who come to the St-Justin chapel, where the saint is present in an altar dedicated to her.

Thank you for your gesture of sharing.

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