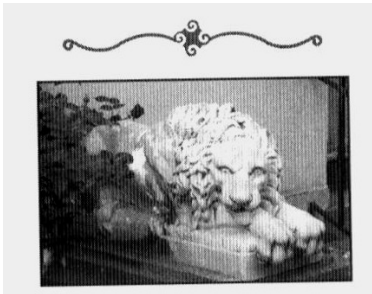


The Institute was established on the initiative of Marc Sangnier's descendants and of a group of academics. Its mission is to widely spread the thoughts and works of Marc Sangnier, a committed politician and a precursor in many fields.

A welcoming place for French and foreign researchers, this Institute collects the archives regarding part of the political, cultural and religious history of the late 19th century and of the first half of the 20th century. This collection revolves around the issues of popular education, of the foundations of a Christian democracy, of the search for international peace, as well as of youth hostels.

Through Marc Sangnier's work and through the trend (called "le Sillon") that he created, we can note the gradual laicization of social Catholicism.



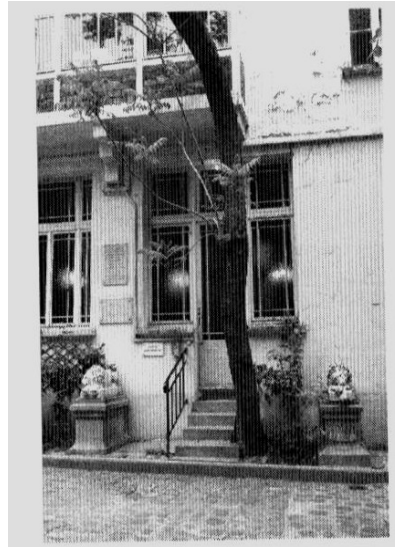
The Institute is in charge of filing the collections left for us, as well as putting these at the public's disposal by means of an inventory.

We take the initiative in arranging seminars and colloquiums in order to make Marc Sangnier's works, be they accomplished or still in progress, known to the public.

We create ties with other archive and documentation centers, be they public or private.

Our website regularly provides you with all the information about the activities organised by the Marc Sangnier Institute, about its projects and the publications in connection with it.

## The Institute welcomes readers (preferably by appointment)



**On Tuesdays and Thursdays  
From 9 to 11AM and from 2 to 5.30PM**

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From 9 to 12 AM and from 2 to 5.30PM**

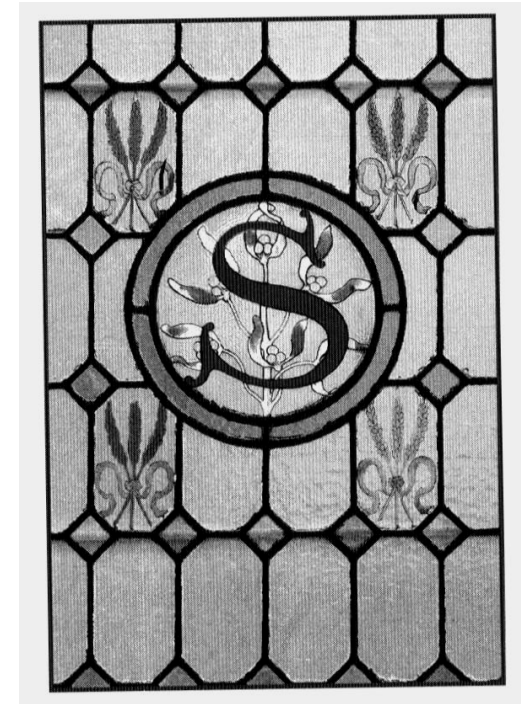
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*The Marc Sangnier  
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**A non-profit-making association since  
1901**

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Secretary: Anicette Sangnier**

## The Institute

The Marc Sangnier Institute is an association governed by the French law of July, 1st 1901. Its objective is to preserve and make public the archives and documents enabling **the enrichment of the public's knowledge of Marc Sangnier** and the movements that were created after his thoughts and initiatives, in order to contribute to historical research.



At the end of the 19th century, Marc Sangnier (1873-1950) runs "le Sillon", a movement of Christian inspiration devoted to Popular Education and Democratic Awakening. After Pius X's letter asking for the termination of "le Sillon" as a political movement and Marc Sangnier's submission, the latter carried on with his action in various domains: **he launches the newspaper entitled *La***

***Démocratie* (the Democracy), and then founds, in the political sphere, *La Ligue de la Jeune République* (the league of the Young Republic).** After World War 1, he becomes deputy and becomes involved in a campaign for peace and for the reconciliation between France and Germany, and organizes, in various towns in Europe, **international democratic conferences** for peace. In 1929, he founds the *Ligue Française pour les Auberges de la Jeunesse* (LFAJ, French League for Youth Hostels). During World War 2, he publishes clandestine newspapers and, in 1945, **he is elected honorary president of the Mouvement Républicain Populaire** (MRP, Popular Republican Movement).



The Marc Sangnier Institute welcomes (by appointment) small groups of people **for guided tours** held by our historian-librarian, Anne-Valerie Etandard.



**To make an appointment, you can call the following phone number: 0033.1.45.48.77.70**

## The collection

The Institute owns a collection of private origin mainly composed of Marc Sangnier's, of Francisque Gay's (an editor and journalist who founded the magazine *La Vie Catholique* (Catholic Life) and the newspaper *l'Aube* (Dawn), and a member of the MRP. He will later become deputy Prime Minister, senior minister and finally ambassador in Canada), of Henri Colas's (*Le Sillon*'s minstrel), of Charles Lachaud's (Marc Sangnier's lawyer and grand-father), of Paul Sangnier's (Marc Sangnier's son, but also an ethnologist and an explorer in Guyana. He disappeared in 1938) and of Dominique Magnant's (a member of the LFAJ).

You can especially find there:

**A collection of books** that either belonged to Marc Sangnier or concern him directly. It keeps getting richer thanks to donations and to the purchase of the most recent publications.



**A rich collection of illustrations:** photos, posters, DVDs and various audio documents.



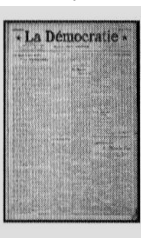
**The periodicals published by Marc Sangnier** (*Le Sillon*, *l'Eveil du Peuple* (the People's awakening), *la Démocratie*, *la Jeune République*), by Francisque Gay (*la Vie Catholique*, *L'Aube*) and by thematically close movements (*le Petit Démocrate* (the Little Democrat) and *la Justice Sociale* (the Social Justice)).

**A collection of newspaper articles** that cover more than 50 years of Marc Sangnier's active life.



**Personal papers**, notes, notebooks and letters

**Scientific publications:** theses, papers and articles that refer to the collection



## The readers

The Institute appeals to:

**Students**, with the written consent of their supervisor, in the course of a scientific research, a copy of which shall be sent in to the Institute's library.

**Researchers**, writers and journalists who need to work from the Institute's collection and documentation.

**The general public** who wish to discover or know more about Marc Sangnier's life and action, about the different trends of Christian democracy, about the birth of Europe, about the peace commitments, ...

**Companies**, associations, think tanks, ... close to the movements and think tanks stemming from Marc Sangnier's thoughts, and who are in search of a convivial meeting place in a historical setting.



Various pieces of work (colloquium deeds, biographies, inventories, recent publications) as well as DVDs are for sale.



All the books and documents are available for consultation within the Institute's, *Le Sillon*'s and *La Démocratie*'s grounds which have been renovated because they constitute a heritage site.