

OCTOBER 2007 FEAST DAYS

Tuesday, October 2 — Memorial of the Guardian Angels



We commemorate the anniversary of October 2, 1817, when the “first meeting” of those who had decided to embrace religious life in a new Institute were gathered at Father Chaminade’s residence at Villa St. Laurent.

Sunday, October 7 — Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary



This feast was established in 1573 by Pope Pius V in gratitude for the victory of the Christians over the Turks at Lepanto. It was extended to the universal church in 1716.

Friday, October 12 — Feast of Our Lady of the Pillar



This is a feast celebrated in memory of the graces received by Father Chaminade at the shrine of Our Lady of the Pillar during his exile in Spain [1797-1800], especially that of the inspiration to create the Marianist Family and to found the Society of Mary and the Marianist Sisters.

Sunday, October 14 — Marianist World Day of Prayer (28th Sunday in Ordinary Time)



The worldwide Marianist Family prays in union with the Marianist Family in Canada at the Marian Shrine of Notre Dame du Cap, Our Lady of the Cape. Dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary, the shrine is located near Trois-Rivieres, between Quebec and Montreal.

Sunday, October 28 — Beatification of the Marianist Martyrs of Madrid (30th Sunday in Ordinary Time)



Pope Benedict XVI will beatify four Marianist Martyrs of Madrid along with 494 other martyrs of the religious persecution in Spain during the years 1936-1939. The Eucharist will be held at the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls in Rome.