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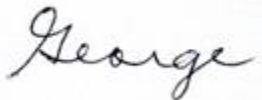
Dear Sisters and Brothers,

A new apostolic year has begun. Many have embarked on a new community venture or ministry experience. It is a time for making plans, scheduling events and stirring up energy for all the new year will bring.

The daily scripture readings are always a challenge. I want to point out some readings that may be overlooked. Only every third year do we read the Letter of James. Beginning with the last Sunday of August and through the four Sundays of September, we will be challenged by this “no-holds-barred” preacher in a letter with powerful rhetoric. In these days of economic struggle, James poses incisive questions about making judgments, sharing our resources, envy and selfishness, the rich and the poor. We would do well to ponder this Letter of James in our daily prayer throughout the month, rather than have it get lost between the first and third readings on Sundays.

September is a very *Marianist* month. We commemorate events of our history in the Society of Mary and we join to celebrate with joy our patronal feast, The Most Holy Name of Mary. As we begin this ministerial year with great hope, let us pray for our Marianist Family and for our commitment and fidelity in spreading the charism of Blessed Chaminade far and wide!

Affectionately,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George".

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