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CAUSES OF MARIANIST SAINTS: CELEBRATION AND PROGRESS

CELEBRATION OF THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BEATIFICATION OF BLESSED CHAMINADE

Archbishop Angelo Amato, SDB, Prefect of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints was the principal celebrant at a Chaminade Day Mass held at Via Latina 22 on Saturday, January 30. This year marks the 10th Anniversary of the Beatification of Fr. William Joseph Chaminade in September 2000. Fr. Manuel Cortés, SM, Superior General, Fr. Antonio Gascón, SM, Postulator General, and many other Marianists from the communities in Rome were concelebrants. Members of the Society of Mary, Daughters



Archbishop A. Amato, SDB

of Mary Immaculate and lay Marianists attended what was truly a family celebration. In his homily, Archbishop Amato offered a wonderful summary of the heroic virtues of Fr. Chaminade and the charism he passed on to all Marianists. In the near future, we hope to publish this homily.



CAUSE OF CANONIZATION: BLESSED WILLIAM JOSEPH CHAMINADE

As was previously reported, the Office of the Postulator General has been investigating the cure of a young woman which occurred in St. Louis, Missouri, USA. The woman, Rachel Baumgartner Lozano, was cured from a particularly aggressive recurrent cancer in 2005. Her doctors maintain that this cure cannot be medically explained and Rachel, her family and friends, had been praying through the intercession of Fr. Chaminade throughout the time of her illness.



Michael McAward, SM (l.) and Antonio Gascón, SM (r.) with Archbishop Carlson

On January 20, Fr. Antonio Gascón, SM, Postulator General, and Bro. Michael McAward, SM, Secretary General, met with Archbishop Robert Carlson of St. Louis. During this meeting, a formal request for the initiation of the Diocesan Process regarding this cure was presented. As part of the request, thousands of pages of medical documents and personal statements were also presented to Archbishop Carlson. During this time, as his cause moves forward, we encourage all to pray the prayer fervently for the Canonization of Blessed William Joseph Chaminade.

SERVANT OF GOD: FR. VICENTE LOPEZ

On January 27, the Diocesan Process regarding the life of the Servant of God, Vicente Lopez, SM, formally concluded in Cádiz (southern Spain). Fr. Antonio



Gascón, SM, received the documents from the tribunal established by Bishop Antonio Ceballos Atienza, Bishop of Cádiz. Fr. Vicente López Uralde Lazcano was a Marianist priest who died in the city of Cádiz on September 15, 1990 in his 97th year. Fr. Vicente was born in Vitoria, Spain, in 1894. Fr. Vicente's cause was introduced by Bishop Ceballos on September 25, 2008. After consulting the bishops of the region of Western Andalucía, and receiving the *nihil obstat* from the Congregation for the Causes of Saints, Bishop Ceballos approved the introduction of Fr. Vicente's cause in his diocese. The bishop presided at the public closing of the diocesan tribunal which gathered oral and written testimony regarding how Fr. Vicente lived and practiced Christian virtues to a "heroic degree." Fr. Vicente was greatly loved by the diocesan clergy and the faithful of the city of Cádiz.



(l.→r.) Fr. Fransico Canseco, SM, Fr. Enrique Torres, SM, Bishop Ceballos, Julio Ramos, Vice-Postulator and Fr. Antonio Gascon, SM



Tribunal documents are sealed before the Bishop by the diocesan chancellor.

positio over the next year and then present this to the Holy See in order that Fr. Vicente may be considered to receive the title of "Venerable."

Now, for the next step, we will formulate the official

GRATITUDE TO TIM PHILLIPS, SM



Fr. Manuel Cortés congratulates Bro. Tim Phillips on behalf of the entire Society of Mary

Bro. Timothy Phillips, SM, Vice-Rector of the Chaminade International Seminary will conclude his work there during this month of February. In gratitude for his more than 10 years of service at the Seminary, the Seminarians and General Administration honored him recently during a festive "pranzo." After departing the Seminary, Bro. Tim will assist temporarily with formation in the Philippines, before beginning a period of sabbatical. We thank Bro. Tim for his outstanding and generous service to the International Seminary and both communities of Via Latina 22.

ADDRESS AND INFORMATION CHANGES

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GENERAL ADMINISTRATION CALENDAR

- Jan 31-Mar 22: General Council visits the Province of the United States of America



G.A. COMMUNICATIONS RECENTLY SENT...

- Death Notices - #'s 1 & 2
- Jan 13: VL22 #186-Extra
- Jan 19: VL22 #187-Extra
- Jan 19: SM 3 Offices: Solidarity with Haiti
- Jan 26: *Necrologium Societatis Mariæ*

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE REGION OF EASTERN AFRICA

In his letter to the Councils of the Province of the USA and the District of Eastern Africa, Fr. Manuel Cortés, SM, Superior General, happily conveyed that, with the unanimous support of the General Council, he has approved the transformation of the District of Eastern Africa into a Region directly dependent upon the General Administration. Following the ratification of various foundational documents, it is expected that this transformation will take place on May 23, 2010, the Solemnity of Pentecost. In his letter, Fr. Manuel indicated that “this is great news for the entire Society of Mary. It is a sign of the District's development and its ability to be implanted into new cultures... At this historic moment for the District of Eastern Africa, we are moved to a deep sense of gratitude to the brothers who founded our presence in this part of the African continent, as well as to those who faithfully accompanied its growth over these years, with great dedication and a deep love for the Society. We thank God for them, while at the same time we ask continued blessings on our life and our mission in these lands.”



THE MARIANISTS
District of Eastern Africa

NEW EDITION OF *NECROLOGIUM SOCIETATIS MARIE* NOW AVAILABLE

The newest edition of the *Necrologium* has been printed and shipped to all Unit Administrations. Individual communities should receive copies from their Unit Administration shortly. This new edition contains a listing of all those members of the Society of Mary who have died up to, and including, December 31, 2009.

The prayerful remembrance of our confreres who have died is a solemn practice called for in our *Rule of Life*:



When the news of the death of a member reaches a community, public prayers are offered for him, and his name is mentioned for nine days in community prayer. Each member of the Society offers a Mass for his intention. If the deceased member had a special relation with a particular community, additional intercessions are offered in accord with Province guidelines. During the annual retreats, the Eucharist is celebrated for the religious who have died during the previous year. **Every day, a community prayer is offered for the religious whose anniversary of death occurs on that day.** (RL 4.8)

You are asked to remind those in each community who are responsible for publically reading the *Necrologium* each day to review the instructions printed in the beginning of the book. In particular, please note a change regarding how those who have been beatified are listed:

Those religious who have been beatified are included in all lists with a special designation as *Beatus*. By virtue of their having been declared “Blessed” they should be recognized apart from the other deceased religious mindful of their accession to Heaven and capacity to intercede on behalf of individuals who pray in their name.

We have made every effort to provide an accurate listing, based on our records at the General Administration. If you notice an error, please feel free to bring it to our attention, so that we may update these records accordingly. May we continue to remember with prayer and gratitude those who have gone before us and may their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in Peace!

CONGRATULATIONS

Recently the Superior General and the General Council announced the following appointments:

- **Provincial** of the Province of Zaragoza (second term) – Fr. Ramón Iceta, SM
- **Assistant Provincial** of the Province of Madrid (first term) – Bro. Rogelio Nuñez, SM



Ramón Iceta, SM

Congratulations to both of these men! We are also grateful to Bro. José Manuel Ciudad, SM, for his service as Assistant Provincial of Madrid over the past eight years. He has served, and will continue to serve, the Province with generosity and excellence.



Rogelio Nuñez, SM



José Manuel Ciudad, SM

ORDINATION OF SUDHIR KUJUR, SM, IN INDIA

The Most Rev. John Barwa, SVD, ordained Sudhir Kujur, SM, to the priesthood on January 17 in Harasmara, India. The ordination took place at St. Francis Parish, Fr. Sudhir's home parish, with members of the SM, FMI and MLC in attendance. His Mass of Thanksgiving took place the next day in his home village, about 40 minutes away by car. We congratulate Fr. Sudhir and offer him our prayers for his ministerial service to the SM and to the Church.

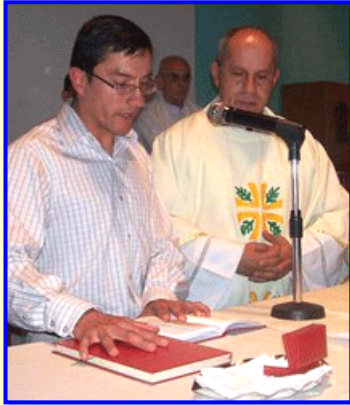


Fr. Sudhir (center) with Bishop Barwa (r.) and some of the Marianists in attendance



PROFESSION OF VOWS

We ask God's blessings for our brothers from around the world who have recently professed vows:



José Luis Morales, SM

COLOMBIA-ECUADOR – Perpetual Vows on January 9 in Bogotá:
José Luis Morales, SM
Nelson Mendieta, SM



Nelson Mendieta, SM

INDIA – Perpetual Vows on January 22 in Ranchi:
Sabastian Bara, SM

IVORY COAST – Perpetual Vows on January 30 in Abidjan:



Patrice Comoe, SM



Hervé Dagbo, SM



Lambert Kouassi, SM

Temporary Vows
on January 30 in
Abidjan:



Antoine Ametchi, SM

HAITI:

The Society of Mary is grateful for the gracious outpouring of support and prayers for the people of Haiti, in general, and the Marianists associated with this foundation, in particular. We ask your continued prayerful support as they recover and face a difficult future ahead.

Three Offices #127: Solidarity with Haiti

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NEXT STEPS FOR THE MIXED COMPOSITION PROJECT

The November issue of *Via Latina 22* reported on the aim and rationale for the study and reflection on how we are living Mixed Composition today, a fundamental, charismatic component of our Marianist identity. All of the members of the Society of Mary have been consulted, the results have been tabulated and analyzed and the report is now ready for distribution to the membership and, in particular, the participants in the Symposium scheduled for January 2011.

Coming soon to a mail box near you! In early February, the General Administration will send to each Unit Administration via email the report on the consultation. Shortly thereafter, they will receive a CD containing all of the statistical tables upon which the report was based. Units may decide how they wish to make these documents available to the members of their Units.

A reading of the report will reveal some lights and shadows in our contemporary situation of living this characteristic trait of our spiritual, social and canonical identity, which we describe as: the experience of Gospel brotherhood and a mission of formation in faith carried out through varied works, services and ministries. Local communities may want to enter into a conversation about these lights and shadows and the significance for their life together and as a Unit.



A Society-wide Reflection: Toward Symposium 2011. Because this matter is so central to our identity beyond the local level, the Commission for the project [Tom Giardino, SM, Pedro González-Blasco, SM, and André Fétis, SM] has planned for a Symposium in January 2011 to reflect on key themes as they impact our vocation ministry, formation practices, ministries, community living and governance structures. Below you will find an outline of the themes and the participants in the Symposium. More information on the Symposium and its documents will be forthcoming in future issues of *Via Latina 22*.

Symposium Themes & Participants

STUDY THEMES ↓	Authors/Presenters	Written & Oral Responders	Written responders
Ecclesiology	Johann Roten, SM	Lorenzo Amigo, SM	Joseph Kozar, SM Domingo Fuentes, SM
Canon Law	Frank Morrissey, OMI (Written paper only)		
Marianist Charism	José Ramón García-Murga, SM Tim Phillips, SM	Antonio Gascón, SM	Eddie Alexandre, SM Rémy Sandah, SM
Pastoral Ministry	José María Arnaiz, SM	Maximin Magnan, SM	Hugh Bihl, SM
Sociology & Cultures	David Fleming, SM	Darwin Joseph, SM Félice Melcher, SM John Ko, SM Joseph Mwaura, SM	