

# Marianist Faith Sharing

## November: The Call to Be A People of Saints

❖ **Check-in:** Highs and Lows since the last meeting.

❖ **Call to Prayer**

Leader: Come Holy Spirit

All: **Fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.**

Leader: Send forth your Spirit

All: **And you shall renew the face of the earth**

❖ **Reflection: Blessed Father Chaminade: On the Road to Sainthood**

**Reader 1:** A beautiful and solemn Evening Prayer on July 16, 2010 at Our Lady of the Pillar Parish in St. Louis celebrated the official closing of the Tribunal in the Archdiocese of St. Louis investigating the cure of **Rachel Baumgartner Lozano**, a young St. Louis woman. Rachel was cured of terminal cancer and she, her family and friends believe the cure was a miracle they prayed for through the intercession of **Blessed William Joseph Chaminade**.

**Reader 2:** “The facts of this case are truly remarkable. For people of faith, they are a confirmation that grace touches our lives at every turn, and that the prayers of faithful people can bring healing and wholeness, sometimes dramatically so,” said Fr. Marty Solma, Provincial for the Marianists.

“The public recognition of this healing by the Church will confirm what we already believe: that Fr. Chaminade was a holy man and that the Marianist charism is a way of holiness and sanctity for those who seek to further Mary’s mission.”

Now that the Tribunal is completed, the transcripts will be sent to Rome, which will study the documentation from a medical and theological point of view.

**Reader 3:** In Church tradition, a person that is seen as exceptionally holy can be declared a saint by a formal process, called [canonization](#). The first step in this process is an investigation of the candidate's life. After this, the report on the candidate is given to the bishop of the area and more studying is done. It is then sent to the Congregation for the Causes of Saints in Rome. If the application is approved, the person may be granted the title of "Venerable". Further investigations may lead to the candidate's [beatification](#) and given title of "Blessed. At a minimum, two important miracles are required to be formally declared a saint. Finally, when all of this is done the [Pope](#) canonizes the saint



The front page of the Saturday, July 17, 2010, St. Louis Post-Dispatch

❖ **Questions—Reflect and Share:**

1. What Saints have had special meaning for you throughout your life?(are you named after a Saint---given name or confirmation name, a Saint associated with your family heritage, etc.)
2. Saints are models of living a good and holy life...what are some of your personal role models who have inspired you?
3. "All Christians, through Baptism, are called to holiness..."**call to be saints**":  
**"We are called to be a people of saints." Father Chaminade.**  
What do you think of this challenge? What are some ways you are trying to answer the call to holiness?
4. **Rachel Baumgartner Lozano** will be visiting C-M this January to give witness to her healing---what questions would you like to ask her?
5. This week we are celebrating Homecoming---what does it mean to be "home"?  
What makes you feel "at home"?
6. This month is filled with opportunities to remember and give thanks--To be a people of Gratitude: All Saints Day, All Souls Day, Veterans' Day, Thanksgiving.
  - a. Do you have any traditions associated with these holidays?
  - b. Who and what do you want to remember and give thanks for in your life?

❖ **Petitions/Our Father/Sign of Peace**

**Leader:** What do we need to pray about...please voice your intentions...(give members time to voice their intentions)

Let us gather our prayers together as we pray with the word Jesus taught us...Our Father...

As we end our time of prayer together let us offer each other a sign of peace...

