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INAUGURATION OF THE NEW PROVINCE OF ESPAÑA

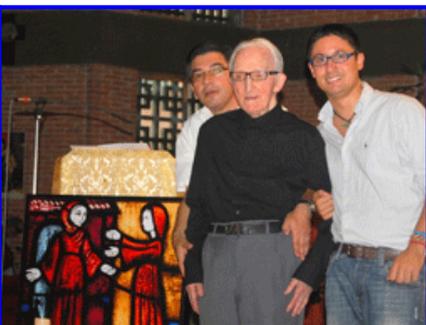
With gratitude for the blessings of the 125-year history of Marianist presence in Spain, and with renewed hope and a commitment to continuing the mission, the new Province of España was formally established on September 12, 2011. Two days earlier, on Saturday, September 10, 2011, Marianists from all over Spain, along with the entire General Council of the SM, and other guests, celebrated this momentous occasion.



The events began, first, by celebrating the Eucharist together at our parish in Carabanchel Alto (Madrid), and then continued with presentations and a reception held at the Marianist school on the same property as the parish.



Bishop Agustín Cortés, Bishop of Sant Feliu de Llobregat, was the main celebrant at the Mass and Fr. Manuel Cortés, SM, Superior General, delivered the homily. The Gospel chosen was the account of Mary's visitation of Elizabeth. In his homily, Fr. Manuel pointed out two aspects of this story which have special meaning in the context of the combination of the former Provinces of Madrid and Saragossa in the new Province of España. The first was that, following her reception of the angel's message at the annunciation, Mary did not remain where she was. Rather, she got up and went out to Elizabeth. As religious, we are not called to simply possess our gifts and God's grace, but to go out and bring these gifts to others: to our brothers, our work and our mission. The second aspect stems from the fact that Mary "entered into" Elizabeth's house. She did not remain outside, but gave herself completely, in love. Dedicated religious are not just present, but they enter into their mission, out of love.



Following the homily, Bro. Michael McAward, SM, Secretary General, read the Decree erecting the new Province. Next, the new provincial, Fr. Miguel Ángel Cortés, SM, and new assistant provincial, Rogelio Nuñez, SM, were formally installed. This was followed by each member of the new province coming forward to reverence an icon of



the Visitation, as a sign of his commitment and devotion.

After the Mass, all in attendance, which included not only members of the SM, but FMI, lay affiliates and other representatives and friends, moved to the school's auditorium to view a short film which beautifully depicted the many paths which led to this convergence and will guide the future of the Province. The film introduces the new logo of the Province and is exceptionally well done. It may be viewed on our website at



www.marianist.org .

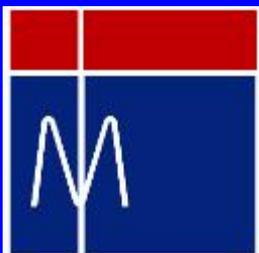
After several presentations, particularly messages of gratitude to the leadership of the Provinces of Madrid and Saragossa, a short concert of classical masterpieces was presented by the Koinē Ensemble singing group. Finally, all proceeded to the school's garden for a reception.

Let us all pray in joy and gratitude for the life and work of the Society of Mary in Spain, and for the future of the new Province of España.

SUMMER 2011 - MARIANIST PILGRIMS FIND INSPIRATION ALONG THE PATH OF THE FOUNDER

The summer months often provide the opportunity for travel and discovery. As we celebrate this Chaminade Year, many members of the Marianist Family chose to spend time this summer tracing the roots of the Founder and re-discovering the mission and charisma that Blessed Chaminade envisioned. Here are some images from some of those experiences:

FORTES: Young people from Spain, France, Italy, Brazil, Chile travelled together through Fr. Chaminade's territory in France and Saragossa, on their way to celebrate World Youth Day in Madrid. More than 150 young people, plus 30 Marianists and lay adults shared their cultures, languages and common Marianist identity along the way. Along the way, a group from Albania joined them between Saragossa and Madrid. One highlight of the event was a meeting for all Marianist-associated pilgrims at World Youth Day. Here they were delightfully joined by a large contingent from the Marianist School in Fulda, Germany, who entertained all with music.



PILGRIMS FROM KOREA: Two groups from Korea came for a pilgrimage to Bordeaux-Périgueux. One, at the end of July and the beginning of August, consisted of religious (SM and FMI) and members of the Marianist Lay Communities. Another one of 15 students and Fr. Simon Choi, SM, traveled from August 10-19. For a short period of time, this student group joined the Fortes group in Madrid, at the beginning of WYD.



MERIBAH PILGRIMAGE: More than 150 young people, 20 Marianist religious and lay teachers traveled in pilgrimage to Bordeaux, Périgueux, Lourdes, Saragossa, Compostela and Fatima on their way to World Youth Day in Madrid. One special moment, among many highlights, was the visit to the tomb of Fr. Chaminade.



Surrounded by all the pilgrims, Rachel Baumgartner Lozano (the woman cured of cancer whose case is being reviewed by the Vatican as a miracle attributed to the intercession of Blessed Chaminade) who, along with her mother, was accompanying the Meribah pilgrims, prayed at



the tomb in silent thanksgiving for her cure. The group also enjoyed celebrating Mass at both the Shrine of Our Lady of the Pillar in Saragossa and the beautiful gothic church of Colegio Nuestra Señora del Pilar in Madrid, where Rachel gave a moving account of her illness and cure.



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PROVINCE OF ITALY: Members of the Province of Italy, made a pilgrimage to the Chaminade heritage sites as a special retreat during this anniversary year. They were joined by members of the Italian lay fraternities.



PILGRIMAGE OF SPANISH MARIANISTS FROM SAN SEBASTIAN TO BORDEAUX

Traveling on foot, a small group of religious trekked from the beautiful city of San Sebastian, in northern Spain over the mountains and into France. It was part of their annual retreat and they were destined for Fr. Chaminade's beloved city of Bordeaux. The experience was one of profound grace as they contemplated the legacy of our Founder.



PROFESSION OF VOWS IN SPAIN, INDIA, EASTERN AFRICA

Congratulations to the following who recently professed vows in the Society of Mary:



District of Mexico: Profession of Perpetual Vows, July 2, 2011,
Colonia Amanecer Balvanera, Mexico →

- Nereo Ramírez Hernández
- José Jesús Ruiz Santillán

Province of España: Profession of Perpetual Vows, September 17, 2011, Logroño, Spain

- Francisco de Borja Viché

Region of Eastern Africa: First Profession of Vows,
July 9, 2011, Limuru, Kenya →

- Epiidius Chisala Ngosa
- Paul Katumbi
- Shadrack Malesi
- Kennedy Mutale Bwalya
- Wisdom Nyondoh
- Elvis Omondi Oweya
- Dancun Onyango Omondi
- Frank Sandiko



Province of Madrid: First Profession of Vows, September 5, Saragossa, Spain

- Alejandro Borrella

MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL ASSISTANT FOR EDUCATION

BIBLIOGRAPHY ABOUT EDUCATION

In the General Archives in Rome there are numerous books about education and, in particular, about Marianist education. The criteria for designating books under the category of *Education* are, in some cases, debatable; some, for example, seem to better fit under *Theology* or *Formation*. Recently, a complete catalog of these books has been developed (not including articles published in periodicals). There are two listings, both ordered chronologically: one which contains a listing of all the books written by Marianists and the other which lists those that are about Marianist education.

With a double motive, I have sent these lists to the Education Assistants of all Units. In the first place, I send them so that all interested persons might know about these bibliographic resources. In some cases, there are multiple copies and if someone has a need or interest, we might be able to send a copy. The second motive is our desire to complete this bibliography. Therefore, if someone knows of the existence of some other book which might pertain to one of these two categories, and which does not appear in the catalogs, I ask you to please let me know. If it is possible, you could also send us a copy.

You can also find these catalogs in the Education section of our website (www.marianist.org). Thank you very much.

José María Alvira, SM

LETTER FROM THE NEW DIRECTOR OF THE INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR MARIANIST FORMATION

5 September 2011, Mary, Queen of Apostles



Today, members of the Society of Mary remember the 193rd anniversary of our first brothers professing religious vows in the newly founded congregation for men within the Marianist Family. However, all members of the Marianist Family have reason to celebrate and rededicate themselves today under the title of Mary, Queen of Apostles. It is with great pleasure that I write you on this special day.

I begin my new ministry to the Marianist Family with feelings of excitement, humility and gratitude. The International Center for Marianist Formation (ICMF) stands on the threshold of becoming an even more active collaborator with the new Zonal Formation Centers located throughout the Marianist world and all branches of the Marianist Family. Together, on a local, zonal and global level we hope to meet the needs for the formational and spiritual growth of all Marianists.

I am also humbled that the General Administration has asked me to build on the excellent work already being sponsored by the ICMF. I can only hope and pray my gifts and talents can bring the ICMF to a new level of acceptance and understanding. This can only be accomplished with your help and support.

Lastly, I am very grateful to Bro. Tom Giardino, founder of the ICMF and his assistant Mrs. Roser Williams. Words will never be able to express the appreciation for all they have accomplished during the last 9 years. I am sure I speak for the entire Marianist Family when I say thank you and may God continue to bless you!

I would also like to take this opportunity to announce the new location of the ICMF. I would ask you to direct all correspondence to the following:

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I look forward to ministering alongside the directors of the Zonal Centers and all members of the Marianist Family. On this special day, when we remember Mary, Queen of Apostles, may all of us be inspired to be true apostles of Mary as she forms us to be disciples of Jesus Christ.

Fraternally,

Bro. Jack Ventura, S.M.
Executive Director



MARIANIST WORLD DAY OF PRAYER



This year's Marianist World Day of Prayer will take place on October 9, 2011. The focus of this year's meditation will be the inspiration for our foundation as received by Blessed Chaminade at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Pillar, Saragossa. For complete information visit our website at : www.marianist.org .

**PLEASE JOIN WITH THE
MARIANIST FAMILY
THROUGHOUT THE WORLD ON
THIS DAY OF PRAYER.**

OCTOBER 9, 2011

OLDEST MARIANIST CELEBRATES 85 YEARS OF RELIGIOUS PROFESSION



Bro. Frank Deibel celebrated his 103rd birthday on August 13, 2011. On the same day, he celebrated 85 years of religious profession! He is the oldest member of the Society of Mary and oldest vowed Catholic male religious in the USA!

CHAMINADE YEAR: Have you taken advantage of the many resources available on our website at www.marianist.org ?

SEPTEMBER, 2011

WJ CHAMINADE: INVENTIVE AND COMMITTED ... THE MAN OF NEW WARS "Nova bella elegit Dominus"

- **3**: 2000: Beatification of Fr. Chaminade
- **5**: Mary Queen of Apostles (1818: 1st vows in the SM)
- **12**: Holy Name of Mary, Patronal Feast of the SM
- **14**: 1836: death of Marie-Therese de Lamourous
- **18** : Marianist Martyrs of Ciudad Real

OCTOBER, 2011

WJ CHAMINADE: MAN OF PRAYER AND TEACHER OF PRAYER (Exile of Fr. Chaminade: a time of prayer and preparation for the mission)

- **2** :Anniversary of the Foundation of the SM (1817)
- **9** :Marianist World Day of Prayer (Shrine of Our Lady of the Pillar, Saragossa)
- **12**: Our Lady of the Pillar



POPE BENEDICT XVI RECEIVED BY MARIANISTS AT COLEGIO HH. AMORÓS

On his way to greet more than 1.5 million youth gathered at Madrid's Cuatro Vientos for the World Youth Day Vigil, Pope Benedict XVI's motorcade stopped at the Marianist school Colegio HH. Amorós to transfer from his sedan to the famed Popemobile. Since the school is very close to Cuatro Vientos, it served as an optimal transfer point along the last leg of the Pope's arrival. Several Marianists briefly greeted the Holy Father before he continued on his way.

Rogelio Nuñez, Assistant Provincial of the Province of España greets the Holy Father →



COMING IN OUR NOVEMBER ISSUE...

The first all-Asia meeting at the newly formed Asian Center for Marianist Formation "Morning Star" took place in Bangalore, India during the month of August. The next issue of *Via Latina 22* will contain a report about this meeting as well as information of the other continental centers for Marianist Formation.



PREPARATORY COMMISSION MEETS IN MADRID



The XXXIV General Chapter Preparatory Commission held its second meeting from July 25-27, 2011. The commission worked on drafts of the documents for the Chapter, the schedule and practical considerations. Pictured here are members of PrepCo: *L-R* José María Arnaiz, SM (CH), Rogelio Nuñez, SM (ES), Joseph Kamis, SM (US), and André Fétis, SM(GA).

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION CALENDAR:

- **Sept 15 - Oct 15:** AF and JMA visit Eastern Africa
- **Oct 31:** Meeting of the General Council, Rome
- **Oct 29:** AF attends meetings in France
- **Nov 2-4:** Annual meeting of the World Council of the Marianist Family, Rome



G.A. COMMUNICATIONS RECENTLY SENT...

- **Death Notices:** # 24 - #27
- **Aug 25:** Documents for the Marianist World Day of Prayer, to all members of the SM
- **Aug 5:** General Chapter Communications #2, to all members of the SM

