

# Via Latina 22

News From the General Administration - Society of Mary



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## APPOINTMENT OF REGIONAL SUPERIORS IN CHILE AND KOREA AND NEW DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION IN INDIA



J.M. Arnaiz, SM

Congratulations to each of the following on their recent appointment:

- **Chile:** Fr. José María Arnaiz, SM, has been appointed to a second term as Regional Superior.
- **Korea:** Fr. Hee Song Francis Chang, SM, has been appointed new Regional Superior in Korea. He succeeds Fr. Pascal Lee, SM, who will be completing his second term.
- **India:** The Province of the United States recently announced that Bro. Augustus Surin, SM, will be the new District Superior and Fr. John McGrath, SM, will be the Assistant. They succeed Fr. Pragasam T., SM, and Bro. Prakash Kujur, SM.

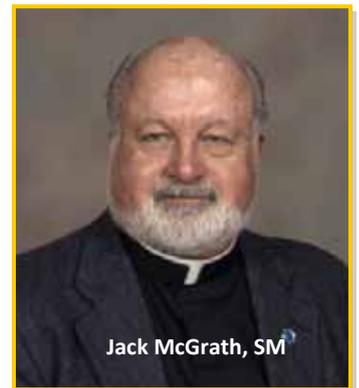


Francis Chang, SM



Augustus Surin, SM

We thank all of these religious for their generosity in serving their Units and the SM. We also extend our gratitude to Fr. Pascal, Fr. Pragasam and Bro. Prakash for their service. May God bless them all!



Jack McGrath, SM

## A NEW ORGAN FOR CHAMINADE

On October 8, the Chapel of La Madeleine in Bordeaux was filled with new sounds! It was the blessing ceremony of the new organ recently installed in the Chapel at the initiative of Father Patrick Giraud, SM, an organist himself. The new organ was made possible through the gift of a generous family member. This organ, of 24 ranks, two manuals and pedals, was made in Germany by the Breil Company for use at another location. It was adapted for the Madeleine by François Delangue,



who already had worked on the beautiful organ in the chapel of St. Mary's College, Antony. At the dedication, the auxiliary bishop of Bordeaux (a former student of Stanislas in Paris) blessed the instrument and then there followed two inaugural concerts by Georges Bessonnet and Francois-Henri Houbart, titular organist of the Madeleine in Paris. We can be sure that Father Chaminade is delighted with this tribute during his jubilee year and that such beautiful sounds will raise up in praise to God in this chapel.

## MARIANIST SCHOOL IN AUSTRIA HOSTS NATIONAL RELIGIOUS ORDER DAY

On November 22, 2011, the Conference of Religious Superiors of Austria sponsored the annual National Religious Order Day hosted at the Marianist Albertus Magnus School of Vienna. Members of the school community, including SM community superior, Helmut Brandstetter, SM, (who served as deacon) animated the final liturgy with their orchestra and choir. This final liturgy was presided over by Cardinal Christoph Schönborn, Archbishop of Vienna, and was attended by about



500 religious men and women and their Superiors from all over Austria, including Marianist Regional Superior, Hans Eidenberger, SM. During the event, Cardinal Schönborn referred several times to Fr. Chaminade, even quoting him saying:

“Whoever does not pass on the Faith, possesses little of it himself.” At the conclusion of the event, Fr. Hans presented the Cardinal and Sr. Caecilia Kotzenbacher, SDR (Chair of the Austrian Religious Schools Association who runs the AMS-school) with the Chaminade Medal.



## UPDATE ON THE CAUSE OF BLESSED CHAMINADE

The evaluation of the alleged miracle through the intercession of Fr. Chaminade continues to advance slowly at the Vatican’s Congregation for the Causes of Saints. Recently, we received the declaration of the “Validity of the Process,” meaning that the documentation from the St. Louis Archdiocese Tribunal is sufficient for the Congregation to proceed forward in the evaluation. In addition, the Congregation has begun to prepare the case for medical evaluation. Although the process will, mostly likely, be a long one, we are pleased to be moving forward. During this Chaminade Year, let us pray fervently for the Canonization of our Blessed Founder.



## CHAMINADE YEAR:

**DECEMBER 2011**

**AS WJ CHAMINADE, PROPHETS  
WITH MARY FOR A NEW  
WORLD**

*"She has crushed your head, she will  
crush it always."*

8: Immaculate Conception  
(Patronal Feast MLC & FMI)  
1800: the first members of the  
"Congregation of the Immacu-  
late"



- Have you looked at and used the materials available at [www.marianist.org](http://www.marianist.org)? If not, you are missing a great resource for development in Marianist Spirituality!
- Plans for the Closing of the Chaminade Year? Please send information and a few photos to VL22 for publication in this newsletter and on our website.

## MARIANIST FAMILY IN FRANCE GATHER TO REFLECT AND SHARE

During the last weekend of October, in this Chaminade Year, 70 members of the four branches of the Marianist Family in France met in Chevilly-Larue to reflect upon "How can the Marianist Family serve the Church and the world here and now, according to our Charism? "



This meeting was the culmination of a journey of nearly two years conducted in four phases. Initially, each branch spent time observing the bountiful gifts and serious needs of today's world. The second phase tried to understand more deeply the Marianist charism. The third phase aimed to prepare more directly for the Gathering by responding to particular questions as a community or fraternity. The synthesis of these responses was distributed among all.



The purpose of the gathering was to continue and deepen the discussion. During the weekend participants spent time in reflection, prayer, fraternal interaction (they even held a competition to build cardboard cubes ... a terribly difficult test!). It was a rich experience, not only in reflection, but also through a common experience of family life, all were able to become more



aware of the relevance of our common heritage and shared experience. There was even a visit from our spiritual ancestors: Father Jean-Baptiste Lalanne and Mother Marie-Joséphé de Casteras, who each came to teach (in period costume, of course!).



The common experience provided wonderful exchanges between all branches of the Marianist Family. As a result of the discussion, each branch was invited



to present a list of proposals flowing from the meeting. Later the entire group selected the five most preferred proposals. The results strongly emphasized the need for deepening and diffusing our charism, but also a stronger mutual support across the four branches and the development of our common witness. With these results the leadership of each branch will now be invited to explore ways to apply these guidelines, to strengthen its missionary zeal and our union with the entire Marianist Family, so as to serve the world and the Church.



# NOVA BELLA MUSICAL THEATER *FAMILY OF MARY IN PERU*



Last October, the Family of Mary in Peru presented NOVA BELLA - Marianist Origins. It was a combined effort of many people: teachers and students, children, youth and adults, mainly from the Marianist schools, Santa María and María Reina. Additional assistance came from those at Colegio San Antonio and Instituto Simón Bolívar to bring the total number of cast members, musicians and assistants to around 80 people!



"Nova Bella" follows the beginning of the Marianist Family from the difficulties and doubts that our founders experienced, to the joy of seeing the first communities of lay people, religious sisters and then the Society of Mary. The work also attempts to present the Marianist charism, the Founders and the origins of the Marianist Family, through scenes plotting key moments in our history.

This spectacle, produced entirely in Peru, builds on the play of the same name introduced in 2000 at the Instituto Chaminade, but this time it was adapted with some adjustments to the scripts as well as the addition of live music and singing, accompanied by an orchestra and chorus. The preparation of the work started back in May. The project required many hours of practice, effort and sacrifice.



Performances on October 25 and 26, at the auditorium of the University of Lima, drew nearly 2,200 spectators. The event included more than the production itself. In the mornings, there were presentations by students from the various educational centers in Lima and Callao. The evening of October 26 saw a great Gala celebration attended by parents, members of lay communities, local parishes and the general public. Some days later, on November 4, the production moved on to the City of Trujillo, where several performances at the Municipal Theater drew a total of 650 spectators. Follow-up with the students has included "reflection" activities about what they witnessed.



The work was well received and garnered very good reviews, both for the message conveyed to today's society, as well as for the excellent performance of all involved. Participants learned first-hand how to work as a team, and overcome many obstacles. In addition, they made close contact with the Marianist Charism, experiencing it as a true gift from God to the Church. The whole experience gave strong witness to the depth and joy that comes from the Gospel and our Marianist heritage.



## XXXIV GENERAL CHAPTER - 2012

### LIST OF GENERAL CHAPTER DELEGATES NOW COMPLETE

With the conclusions of elections in the newly formed Province of España, the list of delegates to the XXXIV General Chapter is now complete. They are listed below.

#### OTHER GENERAL CHAPTER NEWS

- The **Website of the XXXIV General Chapter** is now available at [www.marianist.org](http://www.marianist.org). Click on “Family,” then “Society of Mary” and you will see the link for the Chapter website.
- Information regarding the submission of **Propositions** to the General Chapter has been sent to all Unit Administrations. The same information is available on the General Chapter website.
- Delegates to the Chapter are reminded to return their responses to the *Instrumentum Laboris* before January 22, 2012.

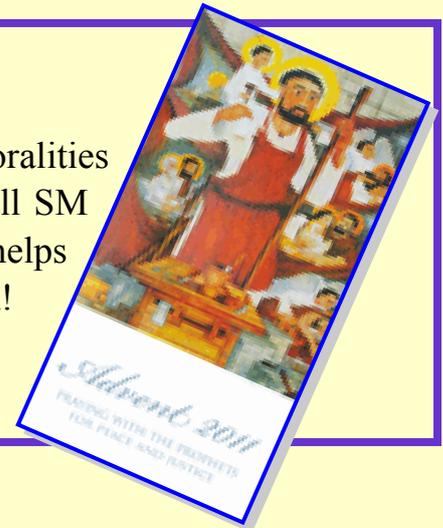
#### DELEGATES TO THE XXXIV GENERAL CHAPTER

UNIT	NAME
Argentina (1)	Andrés Tocalini*
Canada (1)	Gérard Blais*
Chile (1)	José María Arnaiz*
Colombia-Ecuador (1)	Rodrigo Betancur*
Spain (6)	Lorenzo Amigo* Francisco Canseco* José Manuel Cid Miguel Ángel Cortés* Rogelio Núñez Valeriano Sarto
France (4)	Eddie Alexandre*, Jean -Marie Leclerc, Robert Witwicki*, Christophe Muyuka Kolele
Ivory Coast (1)	Georges Gbeze*
Italy (2)	Luigi Magni*, Giorgio Arsuffi
Japan (1)	Isao Aoki*
Korea (1)	Chan Bok (Dominic) Park*
Meribah (1)	Thomas Cleary
Austria-Germany (1)	Hans Eidenberger*

UNIT	NAME
Peru (1)	Rafael Luyo*
Switzerland (1)	Leo Müller*
Togo (1)	Maximin Magnan
Eastern Africa (1)	Valentine Chola Mulenga
United States (8)	Edward Brink Stephen Glodek James Heft* Joseph Kamis John McGrath* Bernard Ploeger Martin Solma* Oscar Vasquez*
India (2)	Pragasam T*
México (1)	Darwin Joseph Edward Longbottom
General Administration (4)	Manuel Cortés* André Fétis* José María Alvira Edward Violet

## 2011 ADVENT REFLECTIONS

Once again, the Offices of the General Assistants for Temporalities and of Religious Life have prepared a booklet for use in all SM Communities during the season of Advent. We hope this helps to enhance your community's prayer during this holy season!



## Prayers for a Blessed Advent and Joyous Christmas!

- From the  
*Communities at Via Latina 22,  
Rome*

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### G.A. COMMUNICATIONS RECENTLY SENT...

- **Death Notice:** #'s 32-33
- **Nov 28:** VocSM #8 to all Unit Administrations



### GENERAL ADMINISTRATION CALENDAR

- **Dec 11:** Meeting of the General Council
- **Dec 14-20:** AF and JMA attend *Charism* meeting in Bangalore, India
- **Dec 22-26:** MC and AF visit SM community in Poland for Christmas.
- **Jan 14:** Diaconate Ordinations, Rome
- **Jan 16-17:** General Council Meetings, Rome