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LIVING LENT WITH FAUSTINO ON-LINE

Towards Easter

February 13 March 31, 2013

with Faustino

Faustino Pérez-Manglano: a fan of soccer, movie and Coca-Cola... and of God. A student in the Marianist high school in Valencia, Spain, he lived an exceptionally normal life, and exceptionally close to God.

When illness struck him, at the age of 14, he drew even closer to God and to other people, until his death on March 3, 1963, 50 years ago.

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WILL YOU CONSIDER INVITING YOUNG PEOPLE TO PRAY WITH FAUSTINO THIS LENT?

ORDINATIONS IN ROME, INDIA AND MEXICO

The month of January was a time of celebration for Marianists around the world, as seven of our brothers were ordained in separate ceremonies in Rome, Ranchi and Querétaro.



(L→R) Daniel Pajuelo, SM, Chitti Babu Gunja, SM, Stanislas Aresène Makouaya, SM, and Chinnaiah Polisetti, SM

On Saturday, January 12, Marianists Stanislas Arsène Makouaya (FR-RCB), Chitti Babu Gunja (IN), Daniel Pajuelo (ES) and Chinnaiah Polisetti (IN), all third-year seminarians at the Chaminade International Seminary, were ordained to the diaconate at the Marianist Parish, Santo Nome di Maria, in Rome. Archbishop Luis Ladaria, SJ, Secretary of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, and long-time friend of the Marianists, celebrated the Mass and ordination. Fr. Francisco Canseco, SM, rector of the international seminary presented the candidates. Members of the seminary community and the community of the General Administration were joined by many members of the Marianist Family, as well as friends of the new deacons to celebrate this next step on the path to priestly ordination in the SM. A reception

was held at the Generalate following the ordination.

Frs. Birendra Kullu, SM, and Rajesh Kumar Lakra, SM, were ordained on Jan. 22 at Blessed William Joseph Chaminade Parish in Singhpur, Ranchi, India. Bishop Binay Kandulna presided at the ordination with 800-1000 people present.



Fr. Raymundo Domínguez González, SM

of the District were present, as well as representatives of the Province of the US, Fr. Raymundo's family and lay Marianists from all over Mexico.



Frs. Rajesh Kumar Lakra, SM and Birendra Kullu, SM

Fr. Raymundo Domínguez González, SM (MX), was ordained by Bishop Faustino Armenáriz Jiménez on Jan. 26 at the San Francisco Galileo parish church in Corregidora, Querétaro, Mexico. His ordination was the first from among the brothers of the District of Mexico, which is part of the Province of the US. Fr. Raymundo celebrated his first Mass on Jan. 27 in the Chapel of Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe in Amanecer Balvanera, where he will continue to serve. District Superior Ed Longbottom, SM, and the members

of the District were present, as well as representatives of the Province of the US, Fr. Raymundo's family and lay Marianists from all over Mexico.

CELEBRATING 125 YEARS OF MARIANIST PRESENCE IN JAPAN

The annual gathering of the Marianist Family of the Greater Tokyo Area was held on Sunday, January 13, 2013, combining the commemoration of the Memorial Days of the Founders, Blessed Chaminade (Jan. 22) and Venerable Adele (Jan. 10), with the celebration of the 125th Anniversary of the arrival of the first Marianists in Japan (1888-2013).

All four branches of the Marianist Family were represented at the events of the day: 25 members of the Society of Mary (this year again not only from Tokyo but from throughout Japan), 35 Marianist Sisters including their novices and aspirants, 25 members of the Japan Marianist Lay Communities, and the Alliance Mariale.

The Gathering began at 10:00 am with a two-part lecture (➔) by Father Yoshinobu Raphaël Kitora, the SM Regional Archivist and the author of the “*Centennial History of Society of Mary in Japan*” published in 1999 as part of the Society of Mary History Project. Two members of the Society of Mary



arrived in Yokohama from the USA on December 21 in 1887, and three arrived in Yokohama from France on January 4 in 1888. They formed the first Marianist community in Japan when they moved to Tokyo the following day. The first part Fr. Kitora’s lecture dealt with the situation in Japan immediately prior to their arrival and the second part dealt with the challenges these early missionaries faced coming to Japan and in their first years in the country.

(←) The lecture was followed by the Eucharist and a festive meal. Fr. Oliver Che-



garay, the present Provincial of the Paris Foreign Missions Society (MEP) in Japan, attended the lecture, concelebrated, and spoke briefly at the Eucharist. It was the MEP that had originally invited the Society of Mary to Japan and members of that Society greatly assisted the early Marianist missionaries in their adjustment to their completely new surroundings.

These Marianist Family events were all held at Gyosei “Morning Star” School, which likewise is observing its 125th Anniversary of Foundation this year.



That afternoon, at 4:00 pm the members of the Society of Mary (↑) met at the Chaminade Community Residence (and Regional Administration headquarters) next door to Gyosei School for a Regional Assembly marked by communal prayer and fraternity. Part of the time was spent studying the 2012 General Chapter document *To Enliven the Fire* and part of the time was spent discussing some issues before the Region and listening to brief reports from the members of the Regional Council. An unexpected snowfall the morning of the following day, Monday, January 14 (the “Coming of Age” National Holiday), left some of the members of the Region stranded in Tokyo when the Assembly ended at noon that day!



EXTENDED GENERAL COUNCIL MEETS FOR THE FIRST TIME FOLLOWING THE GENERAL CHAPTER.

The annual meeting of the Extended General Council (the General Council together with Zonal leaders) is always a good opportunity to share news, information and ideas for the benefit of the entire SM. This year, in light of the concrete orientations of the XXXIV General Chapter, the work of the EGC was particularly important. In addition to its annual duties of approving the allocation of funding from the Marianist Solidarity Fund, and review of the visitation to the International



Seminary, the EGC also began to

address the orientations called for by the Chapter. Chief among these is the development of a plan for the possible restructuring of the Society. This plan must be presented to the next General Leadership Assembly, scheduled for July 2015. The EGC approved a schedule and outline for the development of this plan over the next two years. Unit leaders have already received a communication from the Superior General regarding the process now underway.



CONGRATULATIONS:

Bro. Francis (Skip) Matthews, SM (US), was the recipient of the *Annual Brotherhood Award* given by the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, California. Archbishop José Gómez and Bro. Larry Moen, C.M.F., Chair of Brothers' Council presented Skip with this award "honoring Bro. Skip's religious commitment to the service of the Lord as a Marianist Religious Brother and his faithful ministry in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles through education and outreach to the poor and the homeless." Congratulations to Brother Skip!

GENERAL COUNCILS OF THE SM & FMI MEET TOGETHER IN ROME

Having both held General Chapters last summer, the General Councils of the SM and the FMI had plenty to discuss when they came together for their annual meeting on Monday, January 14, at Via Latina. In addition to sharing news of their respective congregations, the members of the Councils discussed orientations arising from the Chapters and some ideas for collaboration in planning the 200th anniversary of their foundation over the next few years.



PRAYER INTENTIONS:



- Prayers are requested through the intercession of Blessed William-Joseph Chaminade for the cure of Mrs. Mary W. Wertz, 89 year-old sister of Bro. Jimmi Masuura. Mrs. Wertz has suffered for many years from spinal problems which, in spite of many operations, have continued to worsen with age. She has recently been diagnosed with lung cancer. *Intention submitted by Bro. Jimmi Masuura (JA).*
- Prayers are requested through the intercession of Blessed Chaminade for the cure of Chiara Valeria, age 35, who for two years has been suffering lesions from periosteal osteosarcoma of her left knee. *Intention proposed by Fr. Javier Nugent of the Region of Peru.*

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G.A. COMMUNICATIONS RECENTLY SENT...

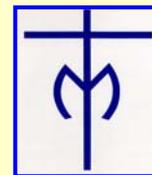
- **Death Notice:** #'s 1-4
- **Jan 29:** Report of the Annual Seminary Visitation and other information regarding the seminary to Superiors from the Office of Religious Life
- **Jan 24:** Letter from the Superior General to all Unit Superiors regarding Restructuring in the SM
- **Jan 22:** *Lent with Faustino*—Information from the Office of Religious Life to all members of the SM

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION CALENDAR

- **Jan 30-Feb 11:** EV attends meetings in the USA.
- **Feb 12-14:** Meeting of the Marianist Works Commission and the General Council.
- **Feb 15-25:** EV visits Nairobi and Lusaka.
- **Feb 26-27:** EV attends meeting of the Fundación Santa María in Madrid.
- **Mar 6-8:** MC and AF attend the Provincial Assembly in France.

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The Presentation, Giovanni Bellini, c.1460, Venice

