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News From the General Administration - Society of Mary



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THREE NOVICES MAKE FIRST PROFESSION IN HAITI

When the tragic events of last fall occurred in Haiti, the three novices of that foundation were in the midst of their retreat preparing for first profession a few days later. Naturally, in the wake of the tragedy, these professions were postponed in order to address the immediate need to deal the events and their implications.

Since that time, our foundation in Haiti has been dissolved and those members who will continue in the SM will do so as members of other Units. As previously announced, the three novices are to

become members of the Province of Spain. So, by delegation of the Superior General, Bro. Richard Joyal, SM, received the first vows of Moïse Neré, Wolph Paul and Enock Pierre on February 18 in Port-Au-Prince. Although it was expected that they would profess their vows after arriving in Spain, delays in obtaining visas necessitated their profession in Haiti. Gratefully, they have subsequently been notified that their visas have been granted and they are expected to arrive

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in Spain on March 7. It is with joy that they will be welcomed in Spain and we ask the Lord and our Blessed Mother to guide and bless them in their Marianist vocation, in their continued formation and in their transition into the Province of Spain.

Also, we are happy to report that the USA visa application for Jean Dossous, SM is progressing and we have good hopes that he will be able to leave for Dayton in the near future.

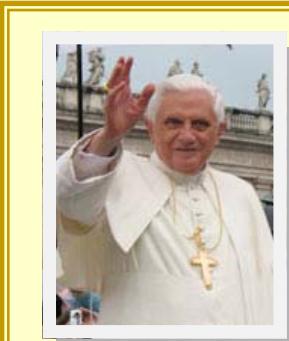
Let us continue to keep these and our other Haitian brothers in our prayers!



Bro. Richard Joyal, SM, delegate of the Superior General, receives the vows.



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We offer prayers for Pope Benedict XVI in thanksgiving for his service and fidelity. We ask God's blessing for him as he retires to a life of continued prayer for the people of God.

We call upon the Holy Spirit to guide the selection of a new Pope. May the one chosen receive the grace necessary to lead the Church into the future with courage and faithfulness!





COMMEMORATION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATH OF VENERABLE FAUSTINO

"I am very happy. I don't know what's happening to me. I feel something within me. Such an enormous love of Him who has always kept his hand in mine, who has never let me fall, not even once, into mortal sin. I don't know what problems are. Thank you, Christ, for giving me such a marvelously good interior feeling. I'm very grateful to you..."

"It is wonderful to think that my whole life is going to be at the service of Jesus and Mary. I'm going to be a fisherman of souls. I've thought about it a lot, and I would like to go as a Marianist religious to South America, where there is a lack of help for the salvation of souls...."

"I am very happy. I want to suffer for Christ who suffered so much for me. I must be a saint. My presence must give witness to Christ..."

"I am disposed to receive from God all the little sufferings he wishes to send me. They are so insignificant, and I receive them with such pleasure that they are joys."



On March 3, 1963, in the arms of his mother, and having just made plans to profess private vows as a Marianist the next day, Faustino Perez-Manglano died after a long battle with Hodgkins Disease. His death, fifty years ago this week, was the end of a short life, which was lived with extraordinary grace, but certainly not the end of the life-giving inspiration he brought to those who knew him and to those who, even to this day, have come to know him. In so many ways, Faustino was ordinary: he loved sports, being with friends and going to the movies. Yet, in a special way, he also left much room in his heart for the development of a rich spiritual life filled with Christ's loving self-sacrifice and Mary's maternal guidance. When he died, he was unafraid and at peace.

In January 2011, Faustino was declared "venerable" by Pope Benedict XVI. His life serves as a model of steadfast fidelity for us all and of particular benefit to young people who may find in his example a model for their own lives. To this end, we currently have the opportunity to live this season of Lent with Faustino. In a recent letter to the members of the Society of Mary, Fr. André Fetis, SM, Assistant General for Religious life introduced this program with the following objectives:

- To celebrate the 50th anniversary of the death of the Venerable Faustino Pérez-Manglano Magro, on March 3.
- To make Faustino better known among our young people.
- To allow all those who respond to him and who participate in this program to share a common experience, to dialogue among themselves by Internet and thus to build up among themselves a network of friendship.
- To offer to young people an original way of living Lent in a more sustained fashion.



So, once again, we invite you to become engaged with Faustino this Lent and to share him with others, particularly young people. Just hours before he died, while speaking with his spiritual director, Faustino promised to bring to heaven the intentions of all Marianists, especially the intention of the gift of religious consecration.

As mentioned above, this year we celebrate (March 3) the 50th Anniversary of Faustino's death. We invite all communities to commemorate this special day (or if not on this day, some other chosen day) with prayer for his glorification. On this page you will find a special prayer for this purpose. Today, more than ever, we pray that through his intercession, young people might find meaning in a deeper spiritual life and that they might respond by offering their own lives in service through a religious vocation.

<https://www.facebook.com/FaustinoPerezMaglano>

<https://twitter.com/faustinopm>

<http://faustino.marianistas.org>

Prayer to obtain favors through the intercession of Faustino:

Lord, you have given us in Faustino an admirable example of fidelity to the demands of your divine love. We come to you asking that, if it is your will that he be glorified in your church, you show this by granting us the grace we desire to receive. We ask for his glorification also through the intercession of your mother, Mary, whom he loved so much on earth. Amen.

Towards Easter with Faustino

February 13

March 31, 2013

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.

Why not live this Lent with him?
Join with us and invite your friends...



EACH DAY, ON THE INTERNET...

An encounter with the Gospel of the day,
the life of Faustino Pérez-Manglano...
and you...

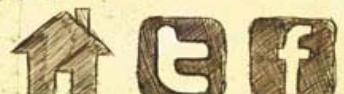


... share and dialogue with young people throughout the whole world...

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AN ADVENTURE OF 40 DAYS FROM
YOUR HOME WITH MANY OTHERS



WORLD COUNCIL OF THE MARIANIST FAMILY: NEW DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE

Recently, two new documents from the World Council of the Marianist were distributed to all members of the SM through Unit administrations. The first is a document dealing with the “*Common Mission*” we share with our brothers and sisters of the other branches in the Marianist Family. The second contains information and resource materials for the celebration of this year’s *World Day of Marianist Vocation*. We encourage all to consult and use these two documents as we try to intensify our own response to the call to serve within the Marianist Family. These, and all the documents from the World Council of the Marianist Family, can be found on our website at: <http://marianist.org/site.php?menuaccess=285>.

GA COMMISSION ON MARIANIST WORKS MEETS IN ROME

From February 12-14, 2013 a new commission established by the General Council held its first meeting at Via Latina in Rome. Known as the Commission on Marianist Works, their mandate is to study ways to preserve the Marianist culture and charism within our apostolates, particularly in light of the fact that some of these works are seeing a decline in the involvement of Marianist religious in their administration and day-to-day organization. The commission will examine structures of “sponsorships,” foundations, and other arrangements currently in use or under consideration throughout the Units. Their work will involve consultations with those involved in these works and arrangements, and ultimately, a formulation of recommendations to the General Council and the next General Leadership Assembly. At this inaugural meeting, the members of the commission: Maximin Magnan (GA-chair), Rogelio Nuñez (ES), Stephen Glodek (US), Bernard Vial (FR) and Jack Ventura (ICMF) met with the General Council and then began to set their plan of work. As the commission moves forward, more information will be distributed.



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FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION WORLD DAY OF THE MARIANIST VOCATION



G.A. COMMUNICATIONS RECENTLY SENT...

- **Death Notice:** #'s 5-6
- **Feb 25:** Letter from the World Council of the Marianist Family regarding the *World Day of the Marianist Vocation*.
- **Feb 25:** Document from the World Council of the Marianist Family regarding *Common Mission*.
- **Feb 14:** Three Offices from the Office of Temporalities regarding the 2013 Solidarity Fund
- **Feb 12:** Notification from the Office of Religious Life to Assistants for Religious Life regarding the Seminary for 2013.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION CALENDAR

- **Feb 20-Mar 7:** MAX attends Provincial Chapter of the USA
- **Mar 6-8:** AF attends the Provincial Assembly in France
- **Mar 6-13:** MC meets with novices from Haiti upon their arrival in Spain
- **Mar 21-23:** Meeting of the GA Temporalities Committee in Rome
- **Mar 24-27:** MAX attends Regional Chapter of Togo

