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HABEMUS PAPAM!

ELECTION OF POPE FRANCIS BRINGS JOY AND EXCITEMENT TO THE MARIANIST FAMILY



Whether you witnessed the white smoke and the introduction of Pope Francis in person in St. Peter's Square, or through the media broadcast to all parts of the world, you could feel the excitement and intense joy that this historic occasion brought forth. Pope Francis instantly delighted the world with his simple humility, faithful witness and unbridled love for all people, which was made manifest from the first moment that he appeared on the central loggia of St. Peter's Basilica.

Pope Francis, as Argentina Cardinal Jorge María Bergoglio, SJ, has been a good friend of the Marianists. As

Archbishop of Buenos Aires, he has been present at various events organized by the Marianist Family. Recently, he presided over the installation of Fr. Andrés Tocalini, SM, as pastor of the parish and Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima in the Archdiocese of Buenos Aires. He was present and spoke at the launching of *Vida Nueva Cono Sur*, a Catholic magazine published by Grupo SM in Spain and other parts of the Spanish-speaking world.



Cardinal Bergoglio with the leadership of *Vida Nueva Cono Sur* at a gathering marking the launching of the magazine in Buenos Aires. (from left to right: Cardinal Bergoglio, Fr. Javier Cortés, SM, President of Grupo SM, Juan Rubio, Global Manager of *Vida Nueva*, y José Ignacio López, Director of *Vida Nueva Cono Sur*.)

Fr. José María Arnaiz, SM, Superior of the Region of Chile, who has known Cardinal Bergoglio since they were both provincials together in the 1970's, has been working with him to promote the Cause for Beatification of Cardinal Pironio, a good friend of the

Marianists. Cardinal Bergoglio was also the →



Statement of Fr. Manuel Cortés, SM, on the Election of Pope Francis

*In response to a request by the Spanish Catholic magazine, *Vida Nueva*, Fr. Manuel Cortés, SM, Superior General, issued the following reflection:*

Pope Francis

Immediately, upon hearing of the election of Cardinal Bergoglio, I experienced a feeling of pleasant surprise because he is someone who is close to us. I do not know him personally, but I know that he knows the Marianists very well. One simply can recall, as but one example, his support and assistance all throughout the planning and recent implantation of *Vida Nueva* in Argentina. →



ordinary at the time that Pope John Paul II accepted the cancer cure of a woman from his archdiocese and designated this cure as the first miracle attributed to the intercession of Blessed Chaminade. This, of course, opened the way to Chaminade's beatification.



Fr. José María Arnaiz with Cardinal Bergoglio.

Needless to say, the entire Marianist Family welcomes Pope Francis to his new role as the Vicar of Christ and Successor of Peter. We pledge him our prayerful support and ask our Blessed Mother to guide and protect him in this most important role!



Fr. Andrés Tocalini, SM, Regional Superior in Argentina, with the future Pope at a gathering of the Marianist Family in the Parish of Our Lady of Fatima.

MEETING OF THE GENERAL ADMINISTRATION TEMPORALITIES COMMITTEE

The annual meeting of the GA Temporalities Committee took place at Via Latina March 22-23, 2013. The Committee discussed the GA's investment policies and progress, as well as various other "temporalities" issues. The committee, like those in each Unit of the SM, is composed of both religious of the SM, as well as expert lay people. The GA Temporalities committee, includes members from five different countries.

Pictured here from the front, left to right are: Luis Paz, Paul McDonald, Antoine Hue; back: Ed Violett, SM, Chola Mulenga, SM, Ron Overman, SM.



(Superior General's Statement, con't.)

When those initial feelings gave way to reflection, my pleasant surprise turned into a profound feeling of hope. His election surrounds us with abundant signs of such hope for the Church of the 21st Century: the first truly post-conciliar Pope (John Paul II and Benedict XVI participated, in one way or another, in the Council) for a Church and an age that is fully post-conciliar; he comes from outside the Curia, and more concretely, from a Latin American context in which the reception of the Council has always been marked by a deep concern for the poor and the evangelization of the People of God (Medellín, Puebla, Aparecida...). As a religious, he gives me confidence: he is a Jesuit, the first Jesuit Pope in history, a son of St. Ignatius, the great saint of the Counterreformation; he chose, for the first time, the name Francis, the universal brother, dreamer of the Church; he has filled his first steps with signs of simplicity, piety, prayer... Two powerful interventions during the Congregations of College of Cardinals prior to the Conclave showed his prophetic style. The first was original: "The vanity of power is a sin in the Church" and the second was a quote from another cardinal, an African, which he cited saying "It is unthinkable to have the pastor on the mountain, and the sheep in the valley." I sincerely believe that, without a doubt, the Spirit has given us the Pope that we surely need here and now. I say "we need," using the first person, because, as the writer Aldo Cazzulo rightly said in the conclusion of his magnificent commentary – "A shock for all" – an opinion column published on the first page of the Italian newspaper *Corriere della Sera* last March 15, "when the bells of St. Peter's sounded, we should not wonder if they rang for the Secretary of State or for the Curia or for the IOR; they rang for us."

Manuel Cortés Soriano, SM
Superior General, Society of Mary (Marianists)

iMISIÓN: EVANGELIZATION FOR THE 21ST CENTURY!

iMisión is a platform created to support Catholics dedicated to Evangelization on the Internet.

The idea of iMision.org was conceived in June 2012, by means of a virtual meeting on Twitter between Xiskya Valladares and Daniel Pajuelo, SM. Xiskya is a religious of the congregation “Pureza de María”, a linguist, profesor of journalism and reporter for the Spanish daily, *El Mundo*. Daniel is a Marianist religious, deacon, computer science engineer, who is currently a Marianist Seminarian in Rome preparing for the priesthood. Both, who are active in on-line evangelization, saw the growing need to support Catholics who by means of the opportunities provided by social networks, seek to give true witness to their faith.

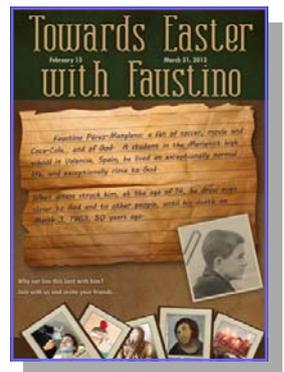


- Objectives:
1. To create a network of Catholics who are committed to evangelization by means of the Internet. They seek to establish links which strengthen our ecclesial communion and support both virtual and face-to-face meetings.
 2. To offer formation. This is done via social networks, on their own blog, and with lectures and courses. Without neglecting technical aspects, preference is given to fundamental evangelical issues and topics.
 3. To organize a congress. They seek to hold a national congress (Spain) on April 5-6 2014 to reinforce the first two objectives. It is hoped that this will plant a seed for a new apostolic enthusiasm via the Internet.

This past January, the Vatican, through the Pontifical Council for Social Communications, gave its blessing to the Project and suggested some ideas for carrying it out. It was also recently presented to all the members of the Media Committee of the Spanish Episcopal Conference, where it received a favorable welcome. Right now, the project is directed by a team of 14 people, members of various groups within the Church: diocesan priests, Comunidad Vida Cristiana, Legionnaires of Christ, Neocatechumenal Way, the Salesians, Marianist Lay Communities, Scolopian Communities,... The idea is to sew a network of Catholics across Twitter/Facebook and foster personal meetings. Already, it also offers courses for the formation of youth and vocation ministers, priests and religious. All of these resources are available in Spanish. The creation of an iMisión branch in Mexico is also underway, in response to suggestions received from the Vatican.

LENT WITH FAUSTINO

We have just concluded a beautiful experience: living Lent guided by the venerable young Faustino. It was a great adventure that brought us together in the footsteps of Christ with this young witness as our guide. Statistics tell us that we were joined by people from at least twenty different countries and connections to daily meditations ranged between 500 and 1300, not counting those who may have accessed indirectly through other pages. The age group most represented was that of 25-35 years, so a little older than we had imagined. It is also a beautiful testimony to how the spirituality of Faustino is so meaningful and nourishing to both young people and adults. Faustino is also a spiritual master, as evidenced by the meditations written during his last retreat, even though these were written by a 17 year old!



This Lenten journey was also a great confirmation of the opportunities that the Internet offers for us to come together and evangelize, especially young people. Consider the possibilities! Thank you to Sergio Miguel, SM, and Dani Pajuelo, SM, who set up the site. Sergio developed all the graphics and the indefatigable Father José Maria Salaverri wrote the text of the daily meditations!

Sites used during Lent will remain accessible for dialogue, to publish thoughts and events related to Faustino. Do not hesitate to continue to visit and enrich your lives through Faustino. Please invite more young people to become involved. We pray that Faustino will inspire even more young people and may soon be recognized as a blessed!

<http://faustino.marianistas.org> – <https://www.facebook.com/FaustinoPerezMaglano> – <https://twitter.com/faustinopm>)





ADVANCEMENT OF THE CAUSE OF MOTHER ADELE

Recently, the Superior General of the Daughters of Mary Immaculate, Sr. Franca Zonta, authorized the study of a possible miracle through the intercession of Mother Adèle de Batz de Trenquelléon, their foundress. Working together with Fr. Antonio Gascón, SM, Postulator General of the SM, Sr. Franca recently paid a visit to the FMI community in Verbania Pallanza, Italy. There, Sr. Franca and Fr. Antonio met with Sr. Michela Messina, FMI who, about 10 years ago, was cured of aggressive cancer. St. Michela, her community, friends and family

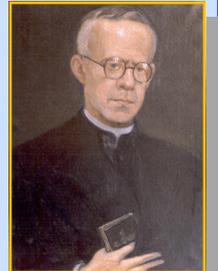


Fr. Antonio, SM, Sr. Michela, FMI, Sr. Franca, FMI, and Dr. Meriggi

all invoked the intercession of Mother Adèle in praying for a cure. She firmly believes that Mother Adèle responded to these prayers and that her cure was through the intercession of the foundress. Sr. Franca and Fr. Antonio also met with the local bishop and Sr. Michela's physician, Dr. Meriggi, who supports the advancement of this cause. With Fr. Antonio Gascón acting as postulator, the FMI will seek to advance Mother Adèle's cause by opening an official investigation with the possibility of presenting this case to the Holy See as a miracle attributable to the intercession of Venerable Mother Adèle advancing her cause toward beatification. Let us continue to pray for this cause, and all our Marianist Causes!

CAUSE OF DOMINGO LÁZARO, SM TO BE HEARD THIS MONTH

At the Vatican's Congregation for the Causes of Saints, the "Heroic Virtues" of Marianist Fr. Domingo Lázaro, SM will be examined later this month. Should their judgment be favorable, Fr. Domingo would be granted the title "Venerable" and would need a miracle attributed to his intercession to be beatified.



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G.A. COMMUNICATIONS RECENTLY SENT...

- **Death Notice:** #'s 7-8
- **Apr 1:** *Moshi News*, Newsletter of the FMI
- **Mar 27:** *Directory of the Chaminade International Seminary* (Draft)
- **Mar 8:** *Three Offices* from the Office of Education

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION CALENDAR

- **Mar 31-Apr 6:** EV attends meetings in San Antonio
- **Apr 1-6:** MC and AF visit Switzerland Zonal Community
- **Apr 7:** Meeting of the General Council, Rome
- **Apr 9-12:** MC delivers conference at the Catholic University of Valencia
- **Apr 14-28:** General Council visits Sector of Congo

APRIL 8, 2013

FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION

WORLD DAY
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