



## Preparatory Commission 2006 General Chapter Society of Mary

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TO: All Members of the Society of Mary

FROM: General Chapter Preparatory Commission

RE: Communication #6, Prayer for and during the General Chapter

DATE: January 20, 2006

Greetings to all of you in this New Year as we prepare to celebrate once again the feast of our Founder, Blessed William Joseph Chaminade!

With this communication, we are inaugurating the logo for the General Chapter. We are grateful to all those who submitted their artistic and creative work for possible use. Although all of them were quite well done, the Preparatory Commission chose this simple and modern one to mark its future publications.

In this Communication, the Preparatory Commission invites the entire membership of the Society of Mary to begin more intense prayer for the work of our General Chapter next summer. Once again, we express our thanks to all those who responded generously and thoughtfully to our request for a prayer for the General Chapter. From those, we have chosen the one in the attached file. It is given in a form that may be printed and used as part of our regular community prayer rituals.

We have included the official prayer as well as daily intercessions, which may be used in conjunction with the celebration of the Liturgy of the Hours, the Eucharist, or at other times of individual and communal prayer. It is anticipated that the two pages of the attachment would be printed on both sides of a single sheet and then cut and folded to form a small, convenient booklet that each one can keep in a prayer book. We ask everyone to begin the recitation of this prayer on January 22, 2006, the Feast of Blessed Chaminade. The regularity of its use is left to each community and/or individual.

In previous Communications, we invited each community to select a specific day during the General Chapter when it would offer special prayer for the work of the Chapter. The list of communities that have already responded is attached. We invite those who have not yet responded to do so as soon as possible. Please send the date

your community has chosen to the General Assistant for Religious Life in Rome at [genrel@smcuria.it](mailto:genrel@smcuria.it).

As we commemorate once again the life and the gift of our holy Founder, Blessed William Joseph Chaminade, let us pray that each of us may boldly incarnate that gift in our lives and share it generously with others!