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1°) G.A. CALENDAR:

(N.B. For all trips, the final date shown is the date the person is back in Rome.)

- * 28/05-02/06: DF,GJC,JMA visit Poland.
- * 28/05-12/06: JA visits Argentina.
- * 03-12/06: DF with family visitors, Rome.
- * 12-23/06: JA visits Brazil.
- * 13-25/06: JMA visits Brazil.
- * 13-30/06: DF visits Brazil.
- * 23/06-04/07: JA visits Colombia.
- * 26/06-03/07: JMA visits Madrid.
- * 03-08/07: DF attends Horizons 2005, Bordeaux.

2°) G.A. E-MAIL, FAX & POSTAL MAILINGS:

Legend: em = E-Mail, fx = Fax, and pm = Postal Mailings

- * 07-20/05: Death Notices Nos. 7-8; to all Unit Heads, etc. (em)
- * 16/05: World Youth Day; to all Unit Heads, etc. (em)

3°) CONGRATULATIONS:

Congratulations

* The District of Korea becomes the Region of Korea: May 15, 2005, Seoul, Korea.

* The members of the Preparatory Commission for the General Chapter 2006 are: *George Cerniglia, Domingo Fuentes, Maximin Magnan, *John McGrath, *François Rossier. The full membership will meet in July.

First Vows

* S. V. Ambrose, A. Mariandu Belevendiran, Augustine Kandulna, Erose Kujur, Binoy Kurian, Jyoti Prakash Minj, Ravi Babu Myla, Ajay Babu Nudurubati, M. Sagaya Raj, L. Justine Savari Raj, Manoj Xalxo, P. Antony Xavier (IN): May 1, 2005, Ranchi, India.

* Isak Keyman-Ige (USA): May 21, 2005, Dayton, Ohio.

4°) 3rd MEETING OF THE CEMAF:

Between April 20 and 22 the 3rd meeting of the Marianist African Establishments which brings to-

gether the Directors of all of the Marianist schools in Africa was held in Abidjan (Ivory Coast). The two previous meetings were held in Brazzaville (2001) and Kara (2002).

Twelve persons coming from different Marianist schools participated in this meeting: Adèle School (FMI) and Chaminade School, both in Kara (Togo); St. Rita grade and high school in Brazzaville (Congo); School of the Diocese of Rumbek, Sudan, located in Kitale (Kenya); Our Lady of Nazareth Primary School in Nairobi (Kenya); St. John Bosco School and Our Lady of Africa School in Abidjan. The Assistant General for Education, José María Alvira, also took part in the meetings. During the meeting other people took part with valuable information.

The basic topics which had been chosen for this meeting were: The Stance of a Catholic School Open to Other Religious Beliefs, and The Impact of the Marianist Community on the Vocation Ministry. All of the reflections and discussions were centered on these two great concerns. In addition, every day there was a presentation by one of the educational works represented with its characteristics, strengths and challenges, as well as a presentation on the general situation of Marianist education in the world and the role it should play in the environments of those present. Everyone was also able to visit the two Marianist schools in Abidjan.

The meeting offered the participants the opportunity to reflect on some topics that were of interest to everyone and offered guidelines to apply the ideas presented in the different contexts of the Marianist

educational works on the continent. It also helped to bring about a better mutual appreciation and understanding in an atmosphere of great cordiality and Marianist spirit.

The sessions were held at the recently inaugurated retreat and conference center "Chaminade Village". The hospitality of our Brothers of the Ivory Coast was constantly evident, and this contributed to the success of the meeting. (JMA)

5°) MARIANIST CONFERENCE MEETS:

The Marianist Conference [Zonal group of North America] held its annual meeting on April 30, 2005. Present at the meeting were Stephen Glodek and James Fitz [USA], Thomas Cardone and Kenneth Hoagland [Meribah], Paul-Arthur Gilbert [Canada] and George Cerniglia [GA]. The meeting was hosted by the Region of Canada at the Centre de l'Éducation de la Foi in St-Henri, Québec.

Each Unit gave an update report on the various happenings and challenges within the Unit during the past year. George Cerniglia reported on the meeting of the Extended General Council held in Rome in January, 2005. Other topics included on the agenda were: World Youth Days, the projects of the Marianist Family Council of North America, efforts at youth and vocation ministry, the reprinting of the *Rule of Life* in English and the upcoming General Chapter. The group discussed the possible foundation of an international house of studies on the campus of the University of Dayton. This would be especially geared for those from developing

countries seeking advanced degrees. The Conference also explored the idea of meeting with the members of CLAMAR to discuss mutual concerns in the Americas. Further conversation on this topic will happen at the next General Chapter.

All the Marianists in the Québec City area gathered one evening for prayer, communal sharing and a meal together with the members of the Conference. It was a time of strengthening our fraternal bonds and of reinforcing our hope for the future of our Marianist presence in North America. Heartfelt thanks to our brothers of the Region of Canada for their warm hospitality and graciousness! (GJC)

6°) LETTER TO ALL MARIANIST RELIGIOUS OF THE REGION OF KOREA:

May 15, 2005. This is a very important day for the entire Society of Mary and, in particular, for you, Marianist priests and brothers, and for the other members of the Marianist Family in Korea. Despite the great distance, we are with you in thought in prayer as you joyously celebrate.

For the last 45 years, a solid group of religious – Koreans, Americans, Austrians and Germans – have implanted the Marianist charism in your beautiful country. The love of these men for Mary and their total dedication to the service of the Church and the Korean people have made it possible for you to enter upon a new phase of maturity, today, May 15, 2005.

Henceforth, in communion with the whole Society of Mary and with the other branches of our Family, you bear full responsibility to keep the charism of our Blessed Founder William Joseph Chamade alive and flourishing in the Korean peninsula. It has been a joy for us over the years to see how the Marianist Family has grown in your country. We know that all together – lay people, religious women and men – you will con-

tinue helping Mary in her mission of giving our Savior Jesus to the world and of leading all people into the Kingdom of the Father.

Along with the Superior General, who is with you on this occasion, the General Council wishes in the name of the entire Society of Mary to give thanks to God for your rich years of Marianist history and to entrust your future to the love of the Father and the motherly protection of Mary.

May the Spirit of the Lord aid you to discover the depths of your identity as Korean Marianists, so that you can better serve the Church and the entire Marianist Family.

We are praying for all of you. We thank God for all those Marianist religious, living and deceased, who have made this day possible. We thank the previous Province of the Pacific and the current Province of the United States of America for the fraternal charity, solidarity and respect they have shown in accompanying you up to this moment of your full maturity as a Marianist Unit. We pray for vocations to Marianist life, for your dear ones, and for your apostolic activities.

Launch out into the deep! May the Lord be with you and bless you always!

With much joy and hope, we send our warmest greetings. (SM General Council)

7°) THE NEW REGION OF KOREA:

The Region of Korea was officially inaugurated at a ceremony in Seoul on Pentecost Sunday, May 15. About 150 members of the Korean Marianist Family took part in the Mass and dinner celebrating this event. The Superior General, the Provincial, the Regionals of Japan and Austria-Germany, and several Marianists who have worked in Korea in the past were present for the celebration. The new Region, which began as a mission of the Province of the Pacific in 1960, is now an auton-

omous Unit of the Society, directly accountable to the General Administration. It counts 25 professed members and 3 novices, in 5 communities. Congratulations to this new Marianist Region! (DF)

8°) VISIT TO CHINA:

After attending the inauguration of the new Region of Korea, Fr. David Fleming spent several days in China in the company of the two Korean Marianists, Stephen Lee and Thomas Park, who are living in Wuhan and studying Chinese. "The end-result for me is a clearer understanding of the current situation and a renewed desire to promote Marianist service in varied ways in the People's Republic of China. It is obvious that China will have a leading role to play economically, politically and culturally, in the coming decades. Its Church is growing rapidly, occupying already the third place among Catholic populations in Asia. I am in admiration of the Marianist Region of Korea, and particularly of Brothers Steve and Tom, for their generosity and vision in serving as Marianist pioneers in China in this new era. The steps they have already taken and their willingness to move ahead are a service to the entire Marianist Family in our desire to be of service in China. (DF)

9°) PLEASE TAKE NOTE:

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