The annual Marianist World Day of Prayer will be celebrated on Sunday, October 14, 2012. While we gather to pray in union with and for all Marianists throughout the world, this year we will give particular attention to the Marianists of Togo. The Shrine of Our Lady of Lake Togo is the focus of this year’s special prayer.

Background information and materials to help during the prayer are available in English, Spanish, French, Portuguese and Japanese on the Marianist Family Website (www.marianist.org). Please join your community together with Marianist communities on five continents to celebrate our charism, pray for each other and invoke the

FR. IGNACE PAGNAN, SM, APPOINTED REGIONAL SUPERIOR OF TOGO

As a result of the General Chapter’s election of Bro. Maximin Magnan, SM, as Assistant General for Education, the office of Regional Superior in Togo had become vacant. After a consultation of the religious of the Region of Togo, the Superior General has announced the appointment of Fr. Ignace Pagnan, SM, to be the next Regional Superior. Fr. Ignace has been serving as Assistant for Religious Life in the region, as well as Director of the community of Notre Dame du OUI in Kara. Last year, the bishop of Kara appointed him as diocesan vicar for religious.

Fr. Ignace was born in 1969, professed first vows is 1991. He was ordained in 2000 after attending the Chaminade International Seminary in Rome.

We also thank Bro. Maximin Magnan, SM, founding Regional Superior of Togo for his many contributions to the establishment of a stable and successful Marianist Region in Togo. The General Administration and Society of Mary is fortunate to have him as a member of the General Council. And Togo, while it is difficult to see Bro. Max leave them, remains in good hands under the leadership of Fr. Ignace and his new Council! Our gratitude and congratulations to both of these religious, and the Marianists of Togo!
LIVING THE FRUIT OF THE XXXIV GENERAL CHAPTER:
TO ENLIVEN THE FIRE THAT ENKINDLES OTHER FIRES

The celebration of the XXXIV General Chapter during July was a graced timed for those who were present, and for the SM as a whole. The capitulants diligently undertook the mandate to examine the state of the Society and propose a course of action that will keep us faithful and effective in our life and mission in the future. In a very fraternal atmosphere, grateful for the privilege of celebrating the Chapter in our Generalate for the first time, and determined to address issues honestly and concretely, the Chapter sought to look at the SM more as a global family than as a collection of individual Units.

The result of the deliberations of the XXXIV General Chapter is a document entitled: To Enliven the Fire that Enkindles Other Fires. This document has been distributed to all Unit Administrations for publication. In some Units, it has already been published and in others it is still being processed.

The work of the General Chapter will never bear fruit, however, if the words of the document remain simply words of yet another Chapter document. As grace builds on nature, so the graces received during the Chapter will only be brought to fruition in the real embrace and concrete application of the Chapter’s resolutions by us, the members of the SM. Thus, we are called to reflect on the Chapter’s work, as an individually religious, as a community and as a Unit, and then move to concrete responses that will cultivate the fruit of that work.

In presenting the Chapter document to the Society, Fr. Manuel Cortés, Superior General wrote of the document:

I begin this presentation by exhorting you not to simply glance over it, reading it from a merely human point of view; Instead, I urge you to allow it to open your eyes of faith:

– That faith which, above all, opens us to theological hope, which is beyond human knowing...
– Faith in the value and vitality of our Marianist Charism...
– Faith in the power of the Spirit to overcome borders and human barriers...

Dear brothers, I think we have concluded a good Chapter, ambitious and difficult in its application but prescient about the poverty of our human situation and the challenges we face. Its effect at this moment in the history of the Society will be dependent, as always, upon our willingness to open our life, to undergo a "faith conversion" and in particular, to embrace these three convictions which have inspired the XXXIV General Chapter and flow from it. With Mary, and like her, we trust that the Spirit will help us to continue down this pathway, adjusting our lives according to the Lord’s plans for this, his “little” Society.

For the next several months, this space in Via Latina 22 will contain reflections on various themes associated with the document: To Enliven the Fire that Enkindles Other Fires. Members of the SM are encouraged to send their own individual or community reflections as well (gensecsm@smcuria.it). Similarly, we would be happy to learn about activities within the community that are undertaken to reflect upon and implement the mandates of the Chapter. However possible, we will share these with our readers so as to help Enliven the Fire that Enkindles Other Fires.
NGO SURVEY ON THE RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN DECISION MAKING PROCESSES

Marianists International, as part of the NGO Sub-Committee on Poverty Eradication, is asking members to fill out a questionnaire that will be sent to the UN Special Rapporteur on Human Rights and Extreme Poverty for preparation of her next report focusing on the right of people living in poverty to participate in the decisions made which impact their lives. You can download the questionnaire and concept note from the Marianists International website, http://www.marianistngo.org/documents.htm

LESTER KAELHER, SM BEGINS SERVICE AS VICE-RECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL SEMINARY

At the beginning of September, the Chaminade International Seminary in Rome was pleased to welcome a new vice-rector. Brother Lester Kaehler, SM, of the Province of the United States of America, joined the staff of the seminary upon the completion of his service as director of the Marianist Residence (the SM’s largest community!) in San Antonio. Bro. Les brings with him a wealth of experience in the SM. He has served in the United States, as well as Canada, Peru, Chile and India. He has a good deal of experience in formation, as well as proficiency in several languages. Most of all, he brings to the seminary a wonderful spirit of fraternity and service! We are very happy and grateful to have Lester join Fr. Pachi Canseco, SM, in directing the formation of future SM priests.

The Chaminade International Seminary recently welcomed its new, first-year class. There are now 19 members of this community, including 16 seminarians, two staff members and one who is completing doctoral studies.

Seminarians pose for a photo following their recent annual retreat which was given by Sr. Marie Joëlle Bec, FMI

Bro. Lester (left), with seminarian Stanislas Arsène Makouaya, SM
Prayers are requested through the intercession of Blessed Chaminade for Patrick Richter, a friend of the Marianists who lives in Dayton, Ohio. Patrick is suffering from Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), a disease with no scientific or medical response. *Intention submitted by Martin Solma, SM (USA).*

Please keep our brothers in Haiti in your prayers during these days of great difficulty after the tragic death of our young brother Yxnold Chevalier. Let us ask the Lord and our Mother to guide and console them.

**Address Changes**

**Note:**
The 2012-2013 edition of the Society of Mary *International Personnel* will be sent to all Units at the end of this month.

**G.A. Communications Recently Sent...**
- Death Notices: # 16-23
- Sep 19: Information on the 2012 Marianist World Day of Prayer to be held on October 14.
- Sep 12: Letter from the Office of Temporalities regarding the Marianist Solidarity and Formation Funds

**G. A. Calendar**
- Oct 11-22: MAX visits Togo
- Oct 12-20: AF attends meeting of CLAMAR in Lima
- Oct 14: Marianist World Day of Prayer
- Oct 14-22: EV attends conference and meetings in the USA
- Oct 31 - Nov 3: MAX attends meeting of Marianist European Educators in Rome.