

# Via Latina 22



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## SIX NEW PROFESSED IN THE MARIANIST DISTRICT OF INDIA

On May 1, six men professed first vows in the Society of Mary (District of India) at the Marianist novitiate in Ranchi, India.

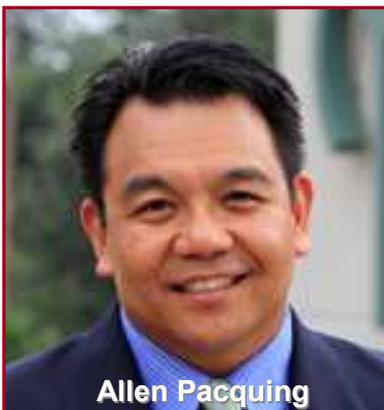
We welcome Bros. Anil Dumdung, SM, Suman Horo, SM, Rosan Kiro, SM, Dillip Majhi, SM, Pulkit Minj SM, and Augustine Say, SM.

Please keep these new Marianists in your prayers!

**Marianist brothers: Anil, Suman, Pulkit, Rosan, Augustine and Dillip**



## NEWLY PROFESSED AND READMISSION IN THE PROVINCE OF THE U.S.A.



Allen Pacquing

Allen Pacquing, SM, professed first vows in the Society of Mary, Province of the United States of America on May 23. His vow ceremony took place at Queen of Apostles Chapel in Dayton, Ohio. A native of Hawai'i, Allen first met the Marianists while attending Saint Louis School in Honolulu. He has a Master's Degree in pastoral ministry and worked in a variety of settings before reconnecting with the Marianists. Congratulations to Allen!

Sylvester Burkemper, SM, who has been living at the Marianist Residence community in San Antonio since January 2014, asked to be readmitted to the Society of Mary. He has been under the direction of Fr. Bill Behringer since last August, studying the developments in religious life and in the Society of Mary since his departure in 1979. The Provincial Council received the approval of the Superior General for his readmission. Bro. Syl made profession of temporary vows on May 17 in San Antonio. We welcome Bro. Syl back to the Society of Mary with joy!



Sylvester Burkemper

# JOSEPHRAJ RYMOND (INDIA) ORDENAINED DEACON IN ROME

On May 2<sup>nd</sup> Josephraj Rymond, SM, of India, was ordained deacon. Bishop Matteo Zuppi, auxiliary bishop of Central Rome, and member of the San Egidio Community, presided at the celebration.



Bishop Matteo Zuppi, with the new deacon, Josephraj Rymond, and the Rector of the Intl. Seminary, Fr. Pachi Canseco.

In his homily, Bishop Zuppi highlighted the invitation theme that Josephraj had chosen for his ordination. For the invitation he selected an image of the Good Samaritan and the wounded man with Jesus' words: "Go and do likewise." He was glad that Joseph had chosen this phrase for his ordination, and invited him to use that phrase as an inspiration for the rest of his life. In this way, it may be an expression of his own merciful heart, like that of the Good Samaritan and like that of Jesus! It can a reminder of his call in service to others, including those who are strangers, foreigners; a call to service without boundaries! The bishop also related this text with that of Martha and Mary. The attitude of the Good Samaritan is related to that of Mary, who in choosing "the better part," gives an example of one who listens to the Lord and to one another. Congratulations to Josephraj!



# INSTITUTION OF THE MINISTRIES OF LECTOR AND ACOLYTE

On Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, at the Eucharist which our two communities here at Via Latina 22 celebrated together, eight seminarians were instituted in the ministries of lector or acolyte. Fr. Manuel Cortés, SM, presided at the Eucharist. In his homily he responded to the question about the significance of the ministries of lector and acolyte. As he explained, the two are important steps in the process of formation for priestly ordination. In this process the seminarians must come to a deeper awareness of and live as sacraments of the presence of God. →



**Lectors: Armando Añeses, SM (Puerto Rico-USA), Sebastian Bara, SM (India-USA), Rajmohan Chinnappan, SM (India-USA), Savio Bongkyu Choi, SM (KO) & SImplice Moluanton, SM (Congo-FR).**

The lector doesn't limit himself just to read well, but, "in the person of Christ" to proclaim the Word of God and incarnate it in his life, in order to transmit it to others. He is invited to a personal and profound relationship with the Word of God.

The acolyte serves at the altar, and helps distribute Communion. He is invited, "in the person of Christ", to live his ministry, not just in the liturgy, but in his whole life, being a person of communion.

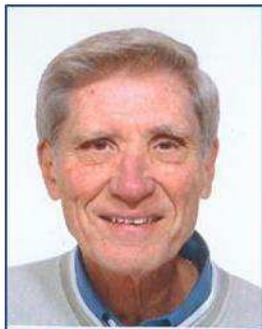
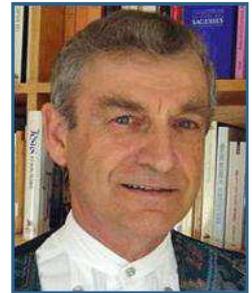
We give thanks to the Father for these, our brothers and we will accompany them in their journey of preparation to be Marianist priests.

**Acolytes: Mariandu Anthonysamy, SM (India-USA), Sean Downing, SM (USA) & Bernard Ombima Lugutu, SM (Eastern Africa).**



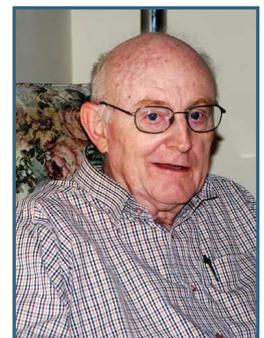
## RECENT APPOINTMENTS FROM THE GENERAL COUNCIL

**R**egional Superior of the Region of Canada: Fr. Gérard Blais, SM, has been appointed to a second term of three years as the Regional Superior in Canada. Fr. Gérard currently lives at the *Résidence Marianiste* community in Québec, and in addition to his work as Regional Superior, he is also the Director of the *Centre Biblique Har'el*. We are very grateful to him for accepting the call to extend this fraternal service and commend his leadership, and the welfare of all our brothers in Canada, to our prayers.



**R**e-Appointment of the Vice-Rector of the Chaminade International Seminary: Bro. Lester Kaehler, SM, who coming to the end of his first term as Vice-Rector at our International Seminary, has graciously accepted reappointment for another three-year term. Together with the Rector, Fr. Francisco Canseco, SM, Bro. Lester accompanies candidates for Marianist priesthood during their sacerdotal formation in Rome. His presence in this ministry is much appreciated by the seminarians because he brings a wealth of experience and a gentle, fraternal manner to their community. We ask God's continued blessing on his important ministry!

**F**r. David Fleming to assist at the General Administration: The General Council and the Province of the USA are pleased to announce that, having recently completed his term as Novice Director in India, Fr. David Fleming, SM, has agreed to take up residence at the GA in Rome and assist in a number of areas, including helping the development of resources for the deepening of formation in the Marianist Charism, and providing support to the various offices of the General Administration. We are very happy to welcome Fr. David back to Rome, and are grateful for his generous response to our request for his collaboration. The General Council is also grateful to the Province of the USA for their support of both the Seminary and the GA through the mission of Bro. Les and Fr. Dave.



# MEMORIAL OF THE MADRID MARTYRES



The Archdiocese of Madrid recently dedicated the church of the Calatravas, close to the *Plaza Cibeles*, as a memorial church for the Archdiocesan martyrs during the religious persecution in Spain in the 1930's.

The dedication ceremony took place on the Second Sunday of Easter, or Sunday of Divine Mercy, April 12, 2015. Auxiliary Bishop Juan Antonio Martínez Camino presided and was accompanied by Fr. Enrique Torres, S.M., former postulator general of the Society of Mary. During his homily, Bishop Martínez Camino offered high praises for our Marianist martyrs, Fr. Miguel Léibar and the young religious Sabino Ayastuy, Joaquin Ochoa and Florencio Arnaiz.

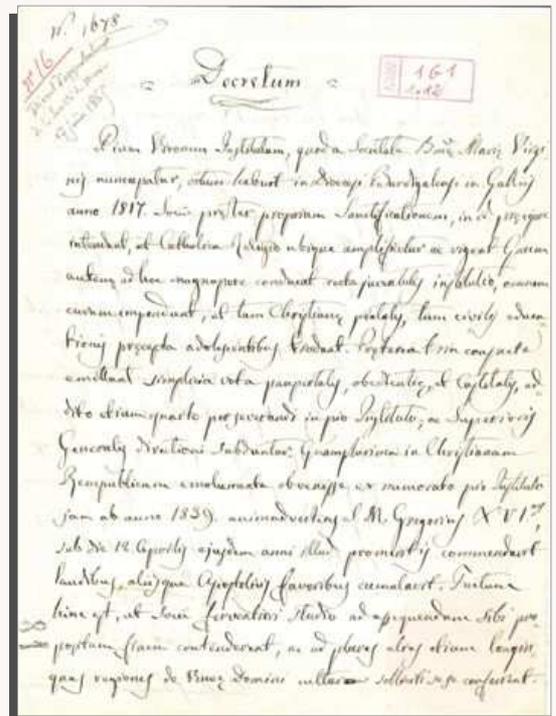
The Bishop blessed an icon representing 52 martyrs which now brings the Archdiocesan total to 402. Among the martyrs represented in this icon is Fr. Miguel Léibar.

# 150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE CANONICAL APPROBATION OF THE SOCIETY OF MARY

During a papal audience on May 12, 1865, the Superior General, Fr. George Caillet, SM, accompanied by Fr. Louis de Lagarde, SM and Brother Hipólito Alibert, SM, received the oral approval of the Society of Mary from Blessed Pope Pius IX. The approbation was made public by a Decree of the Sacred Congregation of Bishops and Regulars on the following June 17, and the Papal Brief from Castelgandolfo dated August 11, 1865.

The Brief recognized that “the members of this pious Institute, besides their own sanctification, seek above all, that the Catholic Faith grows and prospers. And in order that this objective results in the solid formation of youth, they propose to dedicate themselves to teaching adolescents the precepts of Christian piety, as well as provide a civil education. Also, they profess the three simple vows of poverty, obedience and chastity, adding also a fourth vow which obliges them to persevere in the pious Institute and be submissive to the guidance of the Superior General.”

This year we celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this important act of Papal authority by which the young Society was recognized as true religious life in the canonical and spiritual tradition of the Church, and approved our spiritual identity in communion with the Pope, as Blessed Chaminade so greatly desired.



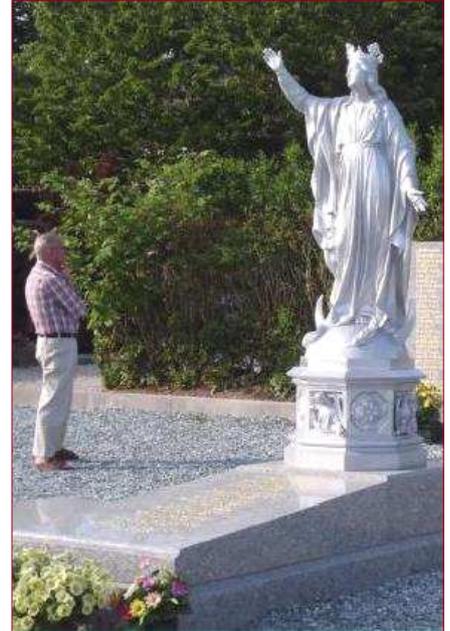
# NEW ARRANGMENT OF THE MARIANIST CEMETERY OF ST. HIPPOLYTE - TRANSFER OF THE REMAINS OF FATHERS CAILLET AND CHEVAUX

The rearrangement of the Marianist cemetery of St. Hippolyte was necessary due to its age, and because there was no religious of the community who could ensure the proper maintenance of the approximately 100 burial plots.

At the same time it was necessary to transfer the remains of various Marianists from the cemetery of Rouvroy-les-Merles, located 120 kilometers north of Paris, in the Department of Oise, because the isolation of these places made proper maintenance very difficult. Buried In this cemetery were two of our Superior Generals, Fathers Caillet, SM, and Chevaux, SM, as well as Fathers Charles Rothéa, SM, and Louis de Lagarde, SM, second Marianist director of Collège Stanislas of Paris. In agreement with the General Administration, it was decided to transfer their graves to St. Hippolyte where three other Superior Generals were already buried.

To do this work, the Marianist authorities of the Province of France made contact with a company in Colmar. The job entailed dismantling the graves, constructing the vaults, erecting a granite memorial with the names of the 300 religious who are buried in this cemetery, rearranging the central crypt that would hold the remains of the Superior Generals....these are some of the steps of this project entrusted to the leadership of the St. Hippolyte community.

Buried in the central crypt are now five Superiors General, as well as Fathers Charles Rothéa, Louis de Lagarde and Joseph Schellhorn, novice master for many years.



Fr. Eddie during the blessing of the new Marianist cemetery.

Superiors General Buried here:

- P. Georges CAILLET, 1790 – 1874,  
*2<sup>nd</sup> Superior General*
- P. Jean CHEVAUX, 1796 – 1875,  
*3<sup>rd</sup> Superior General*
- P. Joseph SIMLER, 1833 – 1905,  
*4<sup>th</sup> Superior General*
- P. Joseph HISS, 1846 – 1922,  
*5<sup>th</sup> Superior General*
- P. Paul HOFFER, 1906 – 1976,  
*9<sup>th</sup> Superior General*

Buried In the same crypt are:

- P. Charles ROTHEA, 1791 – 1868
- P. Louis de LAGARDE, 1833 – 1884,
- P. Joseph SCHELLHORN, 1869 – 1935.

On May 12-14, 2015, during a meeting of the Provincial Council in St. Hippolyte, Fr. Eddie Alexandre, surrounded by his counselors and members of the St. Hippolyte community, blessed the renovated cemetery and the memorial stone with the names of the 300 Marianists who rest in God's peace. The name of each religious buried there was read, hymns sung, prayers offered, and to end the celebration they sang First Vespers of the Ascension in the Chapel of the Holy Cross that is alongside the cemetery.

# REMINDER TO ALL UNITS REGARDING INFORMATION OF PROFESSIONS (NEW AND PERPETUAL) / ORDINATIONS

We remind our Unit Leaders to proceed as indicated below in the event of Profession/Ordinations in their Units:

### Immediately after the profession:



1) Send photos and a short summary of the event (for publication in *Via Latina* 22 and conservation in AGMAR.)

2) Send the required documentation to the Secretariat:

First Profession: Complete *information form* and a *portrait photo*. **This is very important as the person is NOT entered into our database until we receive this form.**

Perpetual Profession: We need to know the *date and place*.

Ordination: We need to know the *date, place, and name of ordaining bishop*.

Contact: Secretary General ([gensecsm@smcuria.it](mailto:gensecsm@smcuria.it)) / Secretariat ([secretariatsm@smcuria.it](mailto:secretariatsm@smcuria.it))

In case of doubt or need of clarification, don't hesitate to contact us! Thank you!

## G.A. COMMUNICATIONS RECENTLY SENT

- **May 5:** Info Request to all participants of the G.L.A. 2015 from the Secretary General, Fr. Romolo Proietti Segnalini, S.M.

## G.A. CALENDAR

- **June 1 - 5:** MC and MAX visit the Territorial Community of Switzerland.
- **June 23 - 26:** MMc attends the meeting of the *Patronato* of the *Fundación SM* in Madrid.

## ADDRESS CHANGES

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