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## CHAMINADE UNIVERSITY SAYS, 'MAHALO, BRO. BERNIE'



*Bro. Bernie, bedecked in not-so-traditional lei.*



*At an alumni reunion, Sr. Malia Wong, OP, and Be-Jay Kodama present Bro. Bernie with a big-hearted thank you card. Derek Miyahama photos*

If it were possible for a person to drown in lei, the life of **Bro. Bernard Ploeger** may have been in danger.

On June 30, Bro. Bernie completes a nine-year tenure as the president of [Chaminade University of Honolulu](#). His send-off has been marked by praise, thank-yous and a veritable tsunami of lei, the traditional Hawaiian symbol of affection.

Bro. Bernie began his career at the university as an adviser in 1995. With his Ph.D in mathematics, skill in strategic planning and Marianist heart, Bro. Bernie was the right person at the right time to help lead the university forward. He helped create an aggressive vision for the school, a plan called "The Second Founding of Chaminade." It sought to raise academic standards, improve faculty, increase enrollment and address budget issues.

In 2009, Bro. Bernie was named the the ninth president of the university. Since then, he is credited with improving facilities, launching a nursing school and renewing the school's participation in intercollegiate athletics. The Chaminade family has voiced a resounding "mahalo," Hawaiian for thank you.

Earlier this year, Bro. Bernie was inducted into the Silversword Hall of Fame. Watch a [tribute video](#) celebrating the honor. See [more photos](#).

## TWO PROFESS VOWS AS MARIANIST SISTERS



*Sr. Launa Leming and Fr. Jim Schimelpfening lead a blessing of newly vowed Srs. Caitlin and Gabrielle.*

Mass and vow ceremony were on May 27 at the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception on the campus of the [University of Dayton](#).

Srs. Caitlin and Gabrielle first met the Marianist Sisters while students at UD, and both went through the Marianist Student Lay Formation program, though at different times.



*Srs. Gabrielle and Caitlin. Hawaiian Marianist brothers provided the congratulatory lei.*

Sr. Caitlin has a bachelor's degree in biology and religious studies. She served as a volunteer with a Marianist community in Peru for a year before beginning her religious formation. She now works at Catholic Social Services in Dayton. Sr. Gabrielle majored in English and religious studies. She's working on a master's degree in theological studies while serving as a graduate assistant at the [North American Center for Marianist Studies](#).

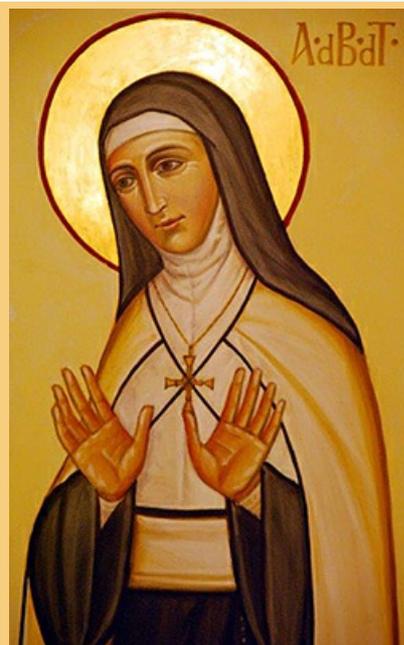
Watch a [video](#) of the ceremony highlights. See [more photos](#).

## **BLESSED! MOTHER ADELE TO BE BEATIFIED**

On May 4, **Pope Francis** signed the Decree of Beatification of **Adèle de Batz de Trenquelléon**, founder of the Marianist Sisters. This is the third step on the four-step path to sainthood, and will give Mother Adèle the title, "blessed."

The beatification ceremony will be June 10, 2018 — the anniversary of her birth — in Agen, France, where she founded the *Filles de Marie Immaculée*, whom we know as the Marianist Sisters.

The news comes at an especially grace-filled time, as the Marianist Sisters and the Society of Mary are celebrating their bicentennials. [Read more](#) about Mother Adèle and the founding of the FMI.



## **THREE QUESTIONS WITH ...**

### **Marge Cavanaugh**

*Marge Cavanaugh is a member of the Visitation Marianist State Community,\* a group founded 50 years ago by students at the University of Dayton. Professionally, she is deputy assistant*

director for geosciences at the National Science Foundation.



**What keeps you connected to the Marianist Family after all this time?**

Relationships, relationships, relationships! It has been important to me that the Visitation Marianist State Community decided years ago to have a retreat twice a year and has stuck to that pattern. It ensures that we take time to continue to challenge ourselves to deeper spirituality and commitment.

**Is your understanding of being a Lay Marianist different than it was 50 years ago?**

It is much the same regarding the basics of community, faith, Mary's model, inclusivity and mission. What has grown is my appreciation for the interactivity and balance among these five aspects, and the responsibility for serving and for inviting people to join us.

**What are you looking forward to at the [2017 Marianist Lay Assembly](#) next month?**

I am looking forward to reconnecting with friends from across the Marianist world. I know I'll be inspired not only by terrific speakers, but also by the creative ways people are working to advance the Marianist Movement and promote the common good.

\* Read about the Visitation Community in the current issue of [ALIVE magazine](#).

**HONORING OUR BICENTENNIALS – A PAGE FROM THE FAMILY ALBUM**

To celebrate the bicentennials of the Daughters of Mary Immaculate and the Society of Mary, *FamilyOnline* is featuring occasional peeks into the past.



These are the Marianist brothers of the St. Michael's School community in Chicago in 1883. The Marianists served at St. Michael's from 1874 until it closed in 1978. The school was on North Cleveland Street, a few blocks from Lincoln Park. *Photo from the National Archives of the Marianist Province of the United States.*

**WHO'S DOING WHAT AROUND THE PROVINCE**



**Bro. Bob Donovan** was given the “Lifetime Achievement Award” earlier this spring by the Cincinnati Health Network. Bro. Bob is a medical doctor who provides care to the poor and homeless; he received the award at the organization’s 30th anniversary celebration. See more photos.



**Andrew Farfsing** has been named principal/CEO of [Purcell Marian High School](#) in Cincinnati. A 1995 alumnus of the school, he most recently served as principal at Cincinnati’s DePaul Cristo Rey High. [Read more.](#)



**Bro. Howard Hughes** recently was asked to compose an organ solo for performance as a concert encore at Harvard University’s Memorial Chapel. The result is *Te Deum Remembered*. A longtime, well-respected composer, Bro. Howard, 86, says he likes to “send them home with ears ringing!”



**Sr. Laura Leming** received the [University of Dayton’s](#) College of Arts and Sciences Outstanding Service Award for 2017. Sr. Laura is an associate professor of sociology at UD. [Read more.](#)



**Bro. Gary Marcinowski** got a nod in the *Huffington Post* as one of the creators of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial at the [University of Dayton](#). The article, by UD President **Eric Spina**, described how public art can be a statement of inclusivity. [Read the article.](#)



**Sr. Gretchen Trautman** was recently inducted into [Chaminade-Julienne Catholic High School’s](#) Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame. A 1965 graduate of predecessor school Julienne High, Sr. Gretchen serves in Rome as the head of temporalities — or chief financial officer — for the Marianist Sisters worldwide.

## AN HONOR FOR A JUBILARIAN AND AN ARCHBISHOP

**Bro. Bill Chewing** was honored to share a photo opp with San Antonio **Archbishop Gustavo García-Siller** and it’s probably safe to say the archbishop felt honored as well. Bro. Bill, 92, has been a Marianist for 75 years and is among the longest-serving Marianists celebrating a jubilee this year. This photo was taken at a Mass honoring jubilarians in San Antonio on May 18.

Thanks to photographer Veronica Markland and *Today’s Catholic*, where this photo first appeared, for



allowing us to share the photo.

## LAY COMMUNITY COMPLETES FORMATION IN HONOLULU



*In back: Bro. Brandon Alana, Payton Sorg, Chris Kanamu and Andrew Inez. Front: Andre "Pono" Riddle, Lyka Raza, Savannah Santos, Nicholas Fuller and Fr. George Cemiglia.*

The Marianist Family is pleased to welcome the new Kupa'a I Ka Ino Marianist Lay Community, which completed formation last month at [Chaminade University of Honolulu](#). The community's name means "steadfast in the storm." **Bro. Brandon Alana** guided the formation process.

## JUBILARIANS

### Honoring our jubilarians

*Each year, the Society of Mary recognizes the brothers and priests who are marking milestones of their first professions of vows or of their priestly ordinations. This is the first group of 2017 jubilarians we honor as a special section of FamilyOnline.*

*St. Mary's University recently produced a video of the San Antonio jubilarians. [Watch it now.](#)*



#### **BRO. PAUL BREDESTEGE – 60 years of profession**

Though life as a Marianist hasn't always been comfortable or easy, I've learned that a life worth living is one that involves challenges, disappointments, sometimes disagreeable work, unattractive assignments, physical problems and an eclectic variety of people. [Read more.](#)

#### **FR. TED CASSIDY – 60 years of profession**

I write in a spirit of profound gratitude and also humility — acknowledging complete dependence on God.



I sensed a call to be a missionary in the sixth grade. [Read more.](#)



### **BRO. JOHN COLLINS – 60 years of profession**

I am very happy as I look back on 60 years as a vowed religious. The Lord has granted me generally good health. I have always wanted to be a teacher. My work as a Marianist teaching brother has allowed me to fulfill this desire. [Read more.](#)



### **BRO. JOSÉ DEGORIO – 60 years of profession**

Using my God-given talents in my work as a Marianist has fulfilled my life. I was born on Maui and raised in Puukoolii Plantation Village on the island's west side. I graduated from Sacred Hearts Grade School and St. Anthony High School. [Read more.](#)



### **BRO. LESTER KAEHLER – 60 years of profession**

I began my Marianist religious life with the desire to give myself to the Lord, whom I believed was the true source of happiness and meaning in life. It was the Marianists who invited me to consecrate my life to Mary and consider becoming a Marianist religious. [Read more.](#)



### **BRO. RAYMOND KANE – 60 years of profession**

As I reflect over 60 years as a Marianist, I think of how much God operates in our lives. I met my first Marianist, Brother Maurice Miller, who was our proctor for the entrance exam at Chaminade, Mineola. He told us he had been a prize fighter. [Read more.](#)



### **FR. FRANCIS NAKAGAWA – 60 years of ordination**

Fr. Francis Nakagawa was born and raised in Wailuku, Maui, Hawai'i. He professed first vows on March 14, 1948. He was ordained on July 14, 1957. [Read more.](#)

**FROM OUR SPONSORED MINISTRIES**

**ST. VINCENT-ST. MARY BECOMING MARIANIST-SPONSORED MINISTRY**



The Marianist Province of the United States is pleased to announce that [St. Vincent-St. Mary High School](#) in Akron, Ohio, is joining the family of Marianist-sponsored ministries.

The announcement follows a multi-year exploration and discernment process, which was initiated by the leadership of St. Vincent-St. Mary.

The relationship with STVM brings the number of Marianist-sponsored and co-sponsored [middle and secondary schools](#) to 19, with a total student count of about 11,000. Watch for more details in the July issue of *FamilyOnline*.

## AN URBAN STUDENTS PROGRAM WITH A TWIST AT ST. MARY'S HIGH



*St. Mary's High School student Sebastian Tomas tutors a student at St. Cecilia Catholic School and Academy in St. Louis. Mike Bizelli photo*

Thanks to a new [Marianist Urban Students Program](#) at [St. Mary's High School](#), 10 students in St. Louis are staying on track to succeed. "Without the program, I wouldn't be doing so well," said **Sebastian Tomas**, a junior. "It's tough to focus at home."

MUSP helps students who are at risk of dropping out of school. It was introduced at St. Mary's last fall, and is similar to those at other Marianist schools, but with a twist. At St. Mary's, students not only receive tutoring, mentoring and financial support, they also tutor youngsters at the Catholic elementary schools they once attended.

"We require our students serve as tutors," said **Mike England**, St. Mary's president. "In return, they receive a small stipend to motivate their own academic performance."

"Tutoring has helped my work ethic and how to stay on top of things," said **Eli Cruz**, a junior. "It's also gratifying to have kids look up to you. I'm like a coach."

"We're delighted to see this program come to fruition at St. Mary's," said **Bro. Tom Giardino**, assistant for education for the Marianists in the United States. "It's a lifeline for students who have academic potential, but need some extra support." See [more photos](#).

## PURCELL MARIAN LAUNCHES HEALTH SCIENCE PARTNERSHIP



[Purcell Marian High School](#) in Cincinnati has announced a new partnership with Good Samaritan College of Nursing and Health Science.

As a result of the agreement, Purcell Marian students will be able to earn dual college credits in courses taught by Good Samaritan instructors on the Purcell Marian campus.

In addition, the high schoolers will have increased exposure to potential careers in health care, and a leg-up on pursuing those careers. [Read more](#).

## UNIVERSITY STUDENTS IMMERSE IN LA EXPERIENCE



Members of the immersion group with brothers at the Marianist community in Los Angeles are, in back, Fr. Jim Heft, Austin Hillman, Carlos Rodriguez, Madi Perales, Taniela Tuihalafatai, Meghan Gemci, Jacob Henson, Pono Riddle, Joseph Zhao, Maureen O'Rourke and Bro. Mike Chiuri. Front: Bro. Brandon Paluch, Giselle Schoenmakers, Valerie Miles, Nerisa Taua, Brian Buchmeyer and Shelbie Weightman. Not pictured: Maimoa Fineisaloi, who took the photo.

Students from all three Marianist universities recently completed a week-long service and immersion trip in Los Angeles. The annual venture includes ministry among marginalized populations and visits at Marianist communities.

"I am reminded of a Hawaiian saying that sums up the kind of work I feel we did this week so far. 'Ua ola loko I ke aloha.' Love gives life within. Our work is pure and full of compassion," wrote **Taniela Tuihalafatai** on the group's [blog](#).

## PRAYERS FOR OUR FAMILY MEMBERS

### WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS



1965



2015

✦ **Bro. Raymond Miklich**, 88, died May 9. Bro. Ray spent more than 50 years in ministry at St. John's Residence for Boys in New York. He is remembered for his earnest dedication to his work. Read his [obituary](#). See [more photos](#).



1959



2016

✦ **Sr. Stephanie Morales**, 83, died June 2. A native of Hawai'i, Sr. Stephanie ministered as a school teacher and, for the past 20 years, as chaplain at Nix Hospital in San Antonio. See [more photos](#).

✦ **Fr. Paul Neumann**, 87, died May 11. A gentle,



1960s



2015

willing servant, Fr. Paul ministered in high schools in the United States, and in parishes and communities in Peru and Mexico. Read his [obituary](#). See [more photos](#).

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### A MOMENT WITH VENERABLE ADELE

*"Let us become saints, cost what it may. Let us constantly ask for the help of the Blessed Virgin."*

## RESOURCES



### OPENING: DIRECTOR OF CAMPUS MINISTRY

[Chaminade University of Honolulu](#) has an opening for director of campus ministry to begin this summer. A top candidate will have a master's degree in religious education or similar and experience working with young adults in a campus ministry setting. [Learn more](#).

### OPENING: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF MSJC



The [Marianist Social Justice Collaborative](#) seeks a half-time (20 hours/week) assistant director to help further its mission. [Learn more](#).

### YOU'RE INVITED: PULSE COMMISSIONING MASS



*The 2016-2017 PULSE community includes Ellen Yoder, Kateri Dillon, Sarah Wilker, Ha' Ani Artero and Dominic Sanfilippo.*

Please join the Marianist Family to congratulate and pray for members of the inaugural community of Marianist [Partners in Urban Leadership, Service and Education](#) (PULSE) as they complete their one-year terms as volunteers.

#### **PULSE Commissioning Mass**

June 28 at 7 p.m.  
Queen of Apostles Church, Mount Saint John, Dayton  
*Reception will follow*

### ACT NOW: TELL YOUR SENATOR YOU OPPOSE THE ACHA

Together with the Catholic Health Association and the [Conference of Major Superiors of Men](#), the Marianists encourage you to speak in



opposition to the health care bill currently before the U.S. Senate. Please consider contacting your senator now to voice opposition to the American Health Care Act (ACHA), which is expected to cause millions of vulnerable Americans to lose health coverage. [Learn more.](#)



## UPCOMING FEAST DAYS

**June 10:** Mother Adele de Batz de Trenquelléon birth, 1789

**June 23:** Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

**June 24:** Immaculate Heart of Mary

**June 29:** Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles

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