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## OCT. 2: JOIN THE MARIANIST FAMILY IN SIMULTANEOUS PRAYER!

The Society of Mary – Marianist brothers and priests – encourage you to join the entire U.S. Marianist Family in a simple way to help mark the 200th anniversary of their founding.



On Monday, Oct. 2, Marianists across the Province of the United States will simultaneously pray a short prayer written especially for this commemoration by **Bro. Tom Wendorf**. Everyone at Marianist ministries, including schools, retreat centers and parishes, plus all those with a fondness for or connection to the Marianists, are encouraged to join in.

Please mark your calendar and plan to join us in prayer at the time based on your time zone. See the [prayer and details](#).

### MARIANIST STORIES CAPTURED FOR PODCASTS

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*At the Marianist Lay Assembly this summer, Patti Gehred captures the Marianist stories of Tony Garascia and Marge Cavanaugh.*

Stories can be the glue that binds families together. Stories explain – sometimes with wit and wisdom – how important events and relationships connect people with each other.

With this in mind, **Patti Gehred** and **Sr. Gabrielle Bibeau**, employees of the [North American Center for Marianist Studies](#), decided to record Marianist stories from attendees at the summer Lay Assembly and turn them into podcasts.

The idea, which was inspired in part by National Public Radio's *StoryCorp* project, took flight when WYSO, a public radio station serving Southwest Ohio, agreed to help with the recording sessions.

More than 30 people – some as young as 22, others as old as 90, both lay and religious – showed up to tell their stories during the assembly.

"It was an extraordinary and humbling experience to hear people's stories," said Sr. Gabrielle. "There is an emotional intimacy conveyed in audio like no other."

The stories are being edited into podcasts for a series called *Sharing our Marianist Stories*. "We are scheduling more recording sessions in the future. This is an ongoing project," said Patti.

[Listen now](#) to the podcast from the conversation in the photo above. For information about the project or sharing your Marianist story, please [contact NACMS](#).

### THREE QUESTIONS WITH ...

**Fr. Bill Meyer**

*Fr. Bill is the assistant for religious life for the Marianist Province of the United States. In the light of recent events, he offers ideas and solace.*

**How do we respond to events like the violence in Charlottesville and terror attacks in Spain?**

While our hearts are once again broken with this recent eruption of racism and violence, our natural



instinct as members of the Marianist Family is to turn to prayer and community. Prayer, because we know that God is the author and sustainer of all life. It is in prayer that we grow in the confidence needed to respond. Community, because it provides the framework we need to discern the appropriate response.

#### **How do we learn and grow from these events?**

When we spend time in prayer and in faith-sharing community, we'll realize the need for a spirituality for charity and justice. The Church's rich tradition of [social teaching](#) has never been more crucial or timely. It will prove to be an effective plan of learning and growth.

#### **Where do we find hope?**

We find hope in the real presence of Christ when we gather in community, desiring to respond as he did with justice and love to all situations. And there is always hope in the goodness and heroism of our brothers and sisters who in the midst of sinful chaos continue to reach out in love.

### 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.



The Feast of the Queenship of Mary, Aug. 22, is a special day on the Marianist calendar, and many Marianist Sisters entered the novitiate on that date. This photo was taken on Aug. 22, 1967. It includes second-year novices, as well those entering the order. Familiar faces in the photo include **Sr. Gretchen Trautman**, second up from the bottom in the left

row, with **Sr. LaVon Kampf** (in glasses) behind her. **Sr. Eileen Cehyra** is at the top of the photo a white veil. Novice director **Sr. Stephanie Morales**, who is next to Sr. Eileen in a black veil, died in June. *Photo courtesy of Connie Ordower, formerly a Marianist Sister.*

## WHO'S DOING WHAT AROUND THE PROVINCE



The Church needs to look beyond ordained clergy for leadership, said **Fr. James Heft** during an address at the annual meeting of the Conference of Major Superiors of Men in Phoenix in early August. Read more about Fr. Jim's address in [this article](#) in the Jesuits' *America* magazine



**Bro. Allen Pacquing** has been named director of campus ministry at [Chaminade University of Honolulu](#). He has a bachelor's degree from Hawai'i Pacific University and a master's degree in pastoral ministry from Santa Clara University. He professed first vows as a Marianist in 2015.

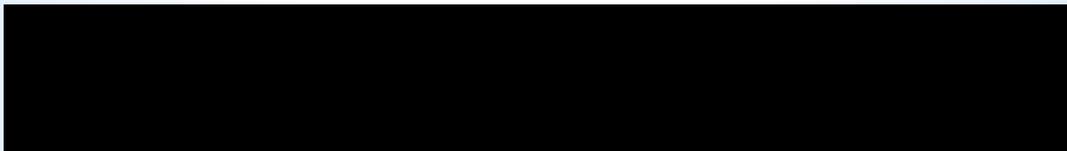


**Sr. Gretchen Trautman** has been named provincial of the Marianist Sisters in the United States. Sr. Gretchen recently completed five years of service on the General Council (international leadership) of the Marianist Sisters in Rome.

## HEAVENS ABOVE! EVENT ECLIPSES A TYPICAL MONDAY

Heavenly events should not go unwitnessed. So when a total solar eclipse skated its way across the continental United States on Aug. 21, members of the Marianist Family went outside to gape in awe. [See more photos.](#)

*Top left: Provincial office employees Deanna Snyder and Pat Wheadon appreciate the view from St. Louis. Top right: Science buffs Bros. John Lemker and Dan Klco traveled west to capture the eclipse at the the Marianist Retreat & Conference Center in Missouri. Bottom: At the Marianist Community in California, brothers watched the eclipse as a projection from a pair of binoculars onto a whiteboard held by Sue Marion. In the back row are Bros. Jack Somerville, Jim Leahy, Bob Hackel, Ed Longbottom. In front are Bros. Leroy Viera and Eugene Frank.*





## NEW LAY FORMATION ADVISORY GROUP MEETS IN DAYTON

Members of a new advisory group for the Marianist Center for Lay Formation met recently with center directors **Bros. Jack Ventura** and **Steve Glodek**. The group will be assisting Bros. Jack and Steve in setting goals for initial and ongoing formation for Lay Marianists, among other initiatives.



Members of the advisor group include, in back, Alex Datoc, Bro. Steve Glodek, Marg Van Herk-Paradis, Patti Gehred, Matt Dunn and Paul Combest. In front are Sr. Angela Ann Zukowski, MSHS, Diane Browne, Sr. Gabrielle Bibeau and Bro. Jack Ventura.

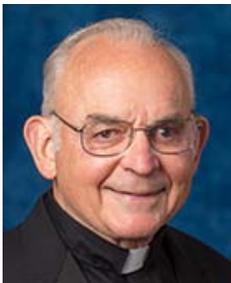
## JUBILARIANS

### 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 fifth and penultimate group of 2017 jubilarians we honor as a special section of FamilyOnline.

More than 20 Marianists celebrated jubilees in New York and Ohio in August. [See photos.](#)

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



#### FR. JAMES MUELLER – 50 years of ordination

I have always been impressed with the family spirit of the Marianists. As a child, I attended Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve at St. Mary's University with my family. My grade school and high school educations were by the brothers. [Read more.](#)



#### BRO. DAVID MURPHY – 50 years of profession

I met the brothers at St. Joseph High School in Cleveland. On my senior retreat, I thought about religious life, but I dismissed it. I had planned to go into some type of business or sales career. [Read more.](#)

#### BRO. BERNARD PLOEGER – 50 years of profession

When asked to reflect on my life as a Marianist, I am very much drawn to John's account of the call of the first apostles: they ask



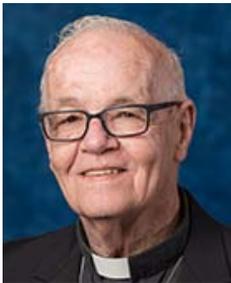
Jesus, "Where do you stay?" and he answers, "Come and see."

[Read more.](#)



**BRO. DENNIS SCHMITZ – 50 years of profession**

Growing up in Los Angeles, California, I was first exposed to the Marianists when I attended Junipero Serra High School in Gardena. My favorable impression of the brothers was one major factor in my decision to join the Society of Mary. [Read more.](#)



**FR. DONALD WALLACE – 50 years of ordination**

I believe that the Lord and his Blessed Mother called me to the Marianist life through the example of the Marianist Community of my high school, Chaminade, Mineola. The fraternity, happiness, dedication to community life and professional excellence of the brothers made a great impression on me. [Read more.](#)

## FROM OUR SPONSORED MINISTRIES



**CHAMINADE WELCOMES NEW PRESIDENT**

Last month, [Chaminade University of Honolulu](#) officially welcomed its 10th president, **Dr. Lynn Babington**. Most recently, she had served as interim president at Fairfield University, a Jesuit university in Connecticut.

She takes the reins from **Bro. Bernie Ploeger**, who was Chaminade's president since 2009. [Read more.](#)

**MARIANIST PULSE BEGINS SECOND YEAR OF VOLUNTEER MINISTRY**



The 2017-2018 PULSE community includes DeMarcus Davis, Kierstyn Oshita, Peter Evans, Jess De Groot, Lauren Wolford, Ricky Garcia, Kateri Dillon and Hannah Sablan.

Eight members of the second [Marianist PULSE](#) community were officially commissioned at a ceremony on Aug. 4. PULSE, which stands for Partners in Urban Leadership, Education and Service, is a year-long, post-graduate service program. The new PULSErs will serve at a variety of local nonprofit organizations. ([See the list.](#)) PULSE began in 2016 and has now expanded to include a second community house in Dayton.

## ST. MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL RECEIVES SURPRISE \$2.5 MILLION GIFT



In mid-August, [St. Mary's High School](#) in St. Louis received surprising and welcome news: it was the recipient of a \$2.5 million bequest from the estate of **Mr. Harry B. Sieker**, a former architect and city planner who grew up in the area but did not attend St. Mary's. [Read more.](#)

## NACMS HONORS ESTEEMED MARIANIST SCHOLAR

### Stefanelli Conference Room



Joseph Stefanelli, SM

*Author*  
*Translator*  
*Mentor*  
*Friend*

The [North American Center for Marianist Studies](#) recently dedicated its conference room in honor of eminent Marianist author and translator, **Fr. Joseph Stefanelli**. The room is the central meeting and educational space for NACMS. Fr. Joe, who turns 96 this fall, has written definitive biographies of Marianist founders and translated multivolume Marianist works from the original French.

## SUMMER LIFE CAMP VIDEO FROM MARIANIST LIFE

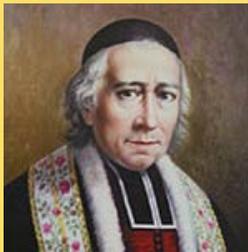
If you're not quite ready to say goodbye to summer, have a look at this video from [Marianist LIFE](#) (Living in Faith Experience). It includes photos from each of the three summer LIFE camps.



## PRAYERS FOR OUR FAMILY MEMBERS

### WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS

- ✦ [Recent deaths and those in need of prayers for healing in the Marianist Family](#)
- ✦ [Obituaries of Marianist brothers and priests](#) (U.S. Province) since 2007.



### A MOMENT WITH BLESSED CHAMINADE

*"My ambition is to enkindle the fire of divine love throughout France."*

## RESOURCES

### MARIANIST MOMENT: **Fr. Vicente López de Uralde**

*This is part of a series on Marianists who are on the path to sainthood. We thank **Bro. David Betz** and Marianist Affiliate **Mary Kay Fitzpatrick** for preparing these articles.*

**Fr. Vicente López de Uralde** was born in Vitoria, Spain, in 1894, and died Sept. 15, 1990, in Cádiz, Spain.

He professed first vows as a Marianist in 1911 and was ordained in 1925. He dedicated his life in service to the people of Cádiz.



Nicknamed “the confessor of Cádiz,” Fr. Vicente dedicated the greatest part of his time to the ministry of the sacrament of reconciliation with the children and adults who would approach him for reconciliation with God. This work was a priority in his priestly life, a “priestly zeal that consumed him.”

Bishop Anoveros asked him, “Why does half of Cádiz confess with you?” He responded with his familiar good humor: “It might be because of my blindness, Bishop, and if I were deaf, perhaps the other half would come, too.” [Read the article.](#)

## BLACK, HISPANIC THEOLOGIANS DECRY HATE CRIMES

Earlier this week, the Black Catholic Theological Symposium and the Academy of Catholic Hispanic Theologians of the United States issued a joint statement on the recent surge in racist hate crimes in the United States. These groups stand together in condemning this legitimized hatred.



Among the authors of the statement is **Dr. Neomi DeAnda**, a Lay Marianist and professor of religious studies at the University of Dayton. [Read the statement.](#)

## FREE ONLINE MARIAN FORUM: ‘MARY IN ASIA AND AFRICA’

The [International Marian Research Institute](#) at the [University of Dayton](#) presents another in its free, online forums on the Blessed Mother.

“Mary in Asia and Africa” examines how Catholics on these immense continents view Mary through their own cultural lenses.

The forum is on Oct. 20; please register by Oct. 6. [Learn more.](#)



## YOU'RE INVITED! CELEBRATIONS IN ST. LOUIS, PHILADELPHIA,

**St. Louis:** Events in September and October bring together members of the Marianist Family for fun and fellowship. On Sept. 17, there will be a Mass, dinner and the local

premier of the original musical *Spectacle*, about the founding of the Society of Mary. On Oct. 8, enjoy the Marianist Family Festival, which includes music, activities for children of all ages, tours and more. Both events are at the [Marianist Retreat & Conference Center](#). [Learn more!](#)

**Philadelphia:** You're invited to join in a celebration of the Marianist bicentennial and the centennial of Marianist ministry in Philly. The Oct. 14 event includes a Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, followed by a banquet. [Learn more!](#)



## UPCOMING FEAST DAYS

**Sept. 8:** Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Sept. 12:** Most Holy Name of Mary

**Sept. 14:** Death of Marie Thérèse de Lamourous, 1836

**Sept. 18:** Blesseds Carlos Eraña, Fidel Fuidio, and Jesús Hita

**Oct. 2:** Holy Guardian Angels

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