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### **Chaminade-Madonna College Preparatory Marks Marianist Heritage Month with Events Aimed at Remembrance and Celebration**

Hollywood, FL – Chaminade-Madonna College Preparatory celebrated Marianist Heritage Month in January with various events aimed at remembering its Marianist history while celebrating the Marianist Charism of Mary as a model of discipleship, faith, community, inclusivity and mission.

The events included special daily prayers that focused on the Marianist Charism, “Marianist Moments” during announcements, mini-lessons that centered on Marianist history during select classes, Founder’s Day celebrations to mark Blessed Chaminade Day on January 22<sup>nd</sup>, a visit from Sister Gabrielle Bibeau, F.M.I. and Brother Mark Motz, S.M., and the Founders’ Award Dinner and Dance.

The “Marianist Moments” featured during announcements highlighted images and biographies about the Marianist Founders, Blessed William Joseph Chaminade, Blessed Adèle de Batz de Trenquelléon, and Venerable Marie Thérèse de Lamourous as well as readings and teachings surrounding the Marianist charism.

Theology, Social Studies and AP Art Classes also took part in mini Marianist-centered lessons. Theology classes took part in a “pilgrimage” around campus and reflected and prayed over Marianist-inspired murals and statues. Social Studies classes participated in a “Marianist History Internet Scavenger Hunt” while the AP Art class created an image of Blessed Adèle de Batz de Trenquelléon, who was beatified last June.

The CMCP community celebrated Blessed Chaminade Day on January 22<sup>nd</sup> with a special Liturgy planned with assistance from the Lay Marianist Community. Members of the vowed Marianist Community renewed their vows at the Liturgy.

Students also got a chance to “Meet the Marianists” and learn further about the Marianist Charism and its Vocations with visits from Sister Gabrielle Bibeau, F.M.I. and Brother Mark Motz, S.M. Theology classes attended a presentation given by Sister Gabrielle and Brother Mark where they spoke to students and answered their questions about vowed Marianist life.

The month ended with the annual Founders’ Award Dinner and Dance on January 26, 2019. This year, CMCP honored Toni Mesina, National Coordinator for Marianist L.I.F.E.; Sue Ford Patrick ’63, retired Foreign Service Diplomat at the U.S. Department; and Judy Skehan, Assistant Principal at Nativity School in Hollywood, Florida. The Founders’ Award honors individuals for their service and dedication to local communities, resulting from the honorees’ unselfish commitment to others and their genuine commitment to the school’s motto, “Toward a Better World.”

#### **About Chaminade-Madonna College Preparatory**

Chaminade-Madonna, a Catholic and Marianist high school, educates the heart and soul as well as the mind and body. It is a family-like community in which individuals of all backgrounds shape and share their faith, achieve excellence, and become caring participants and leaders in the service of community, church and those in need.

For 59 years, Chaminade-Madonna has provided a quality, Catholic education to the South Florida community. It is one of nineteen schools in the United States sponsored by the Marianist Province of the United States. The high school is accredited by AdvancED, and has received recognition as a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence, the highest award given by the U.S. Department of Education. Chaminade-Madonna has been voted the “Best School in Hollywood” each year since 2010.

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