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News from the General Administration of the Society of Mary

Priestly Ordination of two Brothers in the Region of Eastern Africa

The Society of Mary – Region of Eastern Africa – celebrated the ordination of Brother Cyprian Maingi and Brother David Kangwa on December 11, 2021. Archbishop Martin Kivuva, bishop of the Archdiocese of Mombasa, presided at the Mass and gave the homily. Fr. Stephen Wanyoike, SM, Regional Superior of the Marianist Region of Eastern Africa, Fr. Pablo Rambaud, SM, Assistant General for Religious Life, and Fr. Daniel Odero, SM, the hosting parish priest, served as the principal concelebrants. The liturgy was well animated by various groups of the Marianist Parish of St Martin de Porres, Mombasa. The ordination ceremony was live-streamed on YouTube.



Brothers David Kwanga, SM and Cyprian Maingi, SM with Bishop Martin Kivuva and the concelebrating priests

In his homily, Archbishop Martin Kivuva reminded Brother Cyprian and Brother David that they are ordained not only for the Society of Mary but for the whole Church. He encouraged them that as priests, they are to live and minister as the person and presence of Jesus Christ. He reminded them of Pope Francis' call on priests to bring the healing power of God's grace to everyone in need, to stay close to the marginalized, and be "shepherds living with the smell of the sheep."

In line with the local guidelines and protocols for preventing and managing coronavirus, the ordination ceremony and reception were held in the open-air Marianist grounds – less than a kilometre from the Marianist Parish. In attendance were the families of the newly ordained, members of the Marianist family, Catholic faithful from various parishes, friends, and relatives – all who came to celebrate and witness the ordination. After the ordination, an excellent reception was organized by staff and students of Marianist Technical Institute Mombassa.

Appointment of the Superior of the new Region of Latin America



In continuity with the process of creating the new Region of Latin America (Cf. VL22 No. 301), the General Council held a consultation on the appointment of the first Regional Superior of the Region of Latin America. All the members of the current four Regions that will make up the new Region have been consulted, most of the religious having responded. On December 18, 2021, the Superior General, with the consent of the General Council, appointed Fr. Luis Augusto Casalá, SM, Regional Superior of the

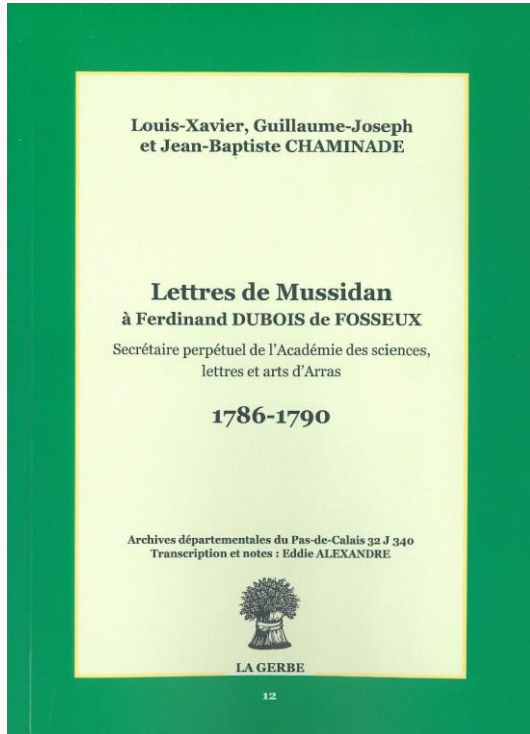
new Region of America Latina. Father Luis is currently a member of the Region of Argentina and President of CLAMAR. We are very grateful to Father Luis for having accepted this mission, with its great complexity and its many challenges; once again Father Luis has thus shown his availability and his willingness to serve the brothers and the Society of Mary.

Fr. Luis Augusto Casalá was born on May 7, 1949, in Argentina. He made his first vows on March 16, 1968, in Lima, Peru, and on March 9, 1973, he pronounced his perpetual vows. He was ordained a Marianist priest on September 3, 1983, in Buenos Aires.



Father Luis will begin his first three-year term on May 3, 2022, but now will begin the process of consultations to appoint his Council and, at the same time, the future superiors of the new sectors that will make up the new Region.

Letters from Mussidan: Is this "A new portrait" of the Chaminade brothers?



Is this another new book? The answer to both questions is yes. These letters come directly from Mussidan, written in the years between 1786 and 1790. There are no less than 12 letters from Guillaume-Joseph, 2 from Jean-Baptiste and 47 from Louis-Xavier Chaminade; all unpublished until now!

Was Guillaume-Joseph a man of devotion, running to monasteries where he found the religious life relaxed? No, he deepened his knowledge in all fields but especially in physics and mathematics.

He loved travel, erudition, and contact with people. None of these activities prevented him from having a deep spiritual life. His travels had taken him to Bordeaux, Toulouse, Marseille and often to Paris. He was a "scholar" and a professor who possessed a

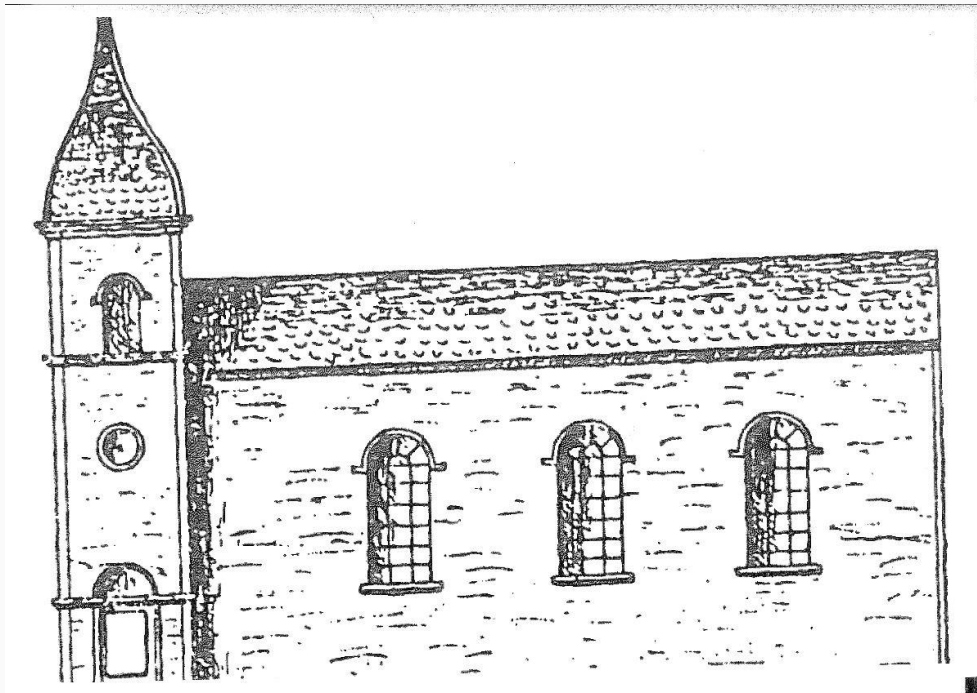
degree in philosophy. He was someone whom "a famous university has agreed to honor with a doctoral degree".

Was he an old, outdated, impassive founder of the Marianists? No, he was a man of the Enlightenment who understood that after the Revolution a new world was being born and that it was necessary to sow the message of the Gospel in that new world.

Copies of the book were sent to the administrations of the Units for greater distribution among the religious of the Society of Mary.

The eldest of the Chaminade family, an unknown saint

Jean-Baptiste, the third child of Blaise and Catherine Bethon, was born on February 7, 1745. A Jesuit until the suppression of the Society in France in 1763, he spent almost all of his life in Mussidan. As superior of St. Charles College and St. Joseph's Seminary, he was esteemed for his preaching and the missions he led. Here is a direct testimony concerning his death on January 24, 1790 written by his brother, Louis-Xavier (*Lettres de Mussidan*, LX 45, February 29, 1790).



**Exterior view of the chapel of the College Saint Charles and
the Seminaire Saint Joseph de Mussidan**

“After five months of illness and having suffered a thousand unfortunate incidents, my brother, the eldest, died. [...] My brother's death, like his life, was extremely edifying. On the day of his death, the whole town went to the seminary to satisfy their eager devotion. The people in charge had to carry the body of my brother to the church after dinner. Once he was there, it was no longer possible to enter or to keep the police there; it was a matter of who could get a piece of his bonnet, his chasuble, who could get people to touch his rosaries, etc. One thing that struck me the most was that those who could not get anything from him wanted to embrace him. I cannot hide from you the fact that I had never heard of such a thing. Now that his death is known, we are constantly receiving letters asking for his relics, etc.”

Sanctity does not deceive; let us make our "saints" known so that they may lead many to follow them.

Prayer to Mary, woman of listening



Mary, woman of listening, open our ears; grant us to know how to listen to the word of your Son Jesus among the thousands of words of this world; grant that we may listen to the reality in which we live, to every person we encounter, especially those who are poor, in need, in hardship.

Mary, woman of decision, illuminate our mind and our heart, so that we may obey, unhesitating, the word of your Son Jesus; give us the courage to decide, not to let ourselves be dragged along, letting others direct our life.

Mary, woman of action, obtain that our hands and feet move “with haste” toward others, to bring them the charity and love of your Son Jesus, to bring the light of the Gospel to the world, as you did.

Amen

Pope Francis

Necrology 2021

#	Name	Date	Place	Age	Prof.	Unit
1	*Raymond Malley	Jan. 7	Cupertino	80	61	US
2	Lucio Galbersanini	Jan. 18	Roma	76	59	IT
3	José Degorio	Feb. 15	Moutain View	82	63	US
4	Luciano Urizarna Zuazo	Mar. 11	Madrid	87	69	ES
5	*James Joseph Mueller	Mar. 19	San Antonio	86	67	US
6	Edwin Paul Shiras	Apr. 2	Cupertino	86	67	US
7	*Cecilio de Lora Soria	Apr. 3	Bogotá	91	74	CE
8	Raymond Bernard Gohring	Apr. 21	San Antonio	88	68	US
9	Paulus Lakra	Apr. 26	Ranchi	53	27	IN
10	*Paul Vollmar	May 2	Zurich	86	65	SU
11	*Javier Nugent Bambarén	May 12	Lima	66	45	PE
12	*Franz Kerschbaummayr	May 22	Linz	90	66	OE
13	*Joseph Hartzler	May 27	Cupertino	65	45	US
14	*Joseph Rasky	June 8	San Antonio	89	69	US
15	*Rosaire Côté	June 17	St-Anselme	89	71	CA
16	Norbert Karpfinger	June 23	SanAntonio	89	69	US
17	Santiago L. Valencia Málaga	June 27	Lima	72	53	PE
18	*Gerald Hammel (US)	July 10	Lusaka	79	59	US
19	Nicolás Lara Martínez	July 16	Santiago de Chile	86	68	CH
20	*Ralph Siefert	Aug. 20	St. Louis	76	56	US
21	Morand Foechterlé	Sep. 8	Marignane	84	63	FR
22	Philibert Meichel	Sep. 27	Abidjan	89	72	IV
23	Segundo Ibabe Ochoa	Sep. 29	Madrid	94	75	ES
24	Juan Ayuso Arroyo	Oct. 3	Santiago de Chile	88	70	CH
25	Ho Kyoon Peter Shin	Oct. 10	Mokpo	75	46	KO
26	*Philippe Dudon	Oct. 15	Saint-Dié-des-Vosges	82	63	FR
27	*François Boissonneault	Nov. 12	Lévis	88	71	CA
28	Eulogio Corcuera Bardeci	Dec. 13	Madrid	96	79	ES
29	*René Guillet	Dec. 16	Challans	82	53	FR
30	*John Alex Leies	Dec. 22	San Antonio	85	77	US

Jubilarians 2022

January 5

(25° ordination)

*Kerketta, Sylverius (IN)

January 22

(50° ordination)

*Schroer, Thomas Anthony (US)

March 25

(50° ordination)

*Galas, Bruno (CE)

*Palacios, Ángel (ES)

*Paleari, Luigi (IT)

(60° profession)

Fujiwara, Tadafusa Paul (JA)

(70° profession)

*Tomiki, Masahiro François-X. (JA)

April 27

(25° profession)

George, Darwin Joseph (IN)

*Kujur, Sudhir (IN)

Kujur, Basant (IN)

*Lugun, Marianus Clement (IN)

June 20

(25° ordination)

*French, Thomas Joseph (US)

June 24

(50° ordination)

*Pujana, Ignacio (ES)

June 28

(25° ordination)

*Kim, Tae Oh Timothy (KO)

*Lee, Hong Young Pascal (KO)

June 29

(25° profession)

*Adingra, Koutoua Eugène (IV)

*Gbeze, Kouame Georges (IV)

Gnansa, Gnagliga Jean-Magloire (TO)

July 9

(50° ordination)

*Royer-Chabot, Florian (CA)

July 20 (70° ordination)

*Geysse, Roger (FR)

August 2

(25° profession)

*Jeje, Callistus Ooko (EA)

Kagai, Patrick Wanderi (EA)

August 10

(50° ordination)

*Shimizu, Kazuo Louis-Ibaragi (JA)

August 15

(60° profession)

*Bunda, Roland (US)

Maruyama, Robert (US)

(70° profession)

Bommer, Jerome Ernest (US)

Casista, Jean-Charles (CA)

*Lamontagne, Gustave (CA)

*Miller, Charles H. (US)

*Schorp, Francis Walter (US)

(75° profession)

Audet, Normand (CA)

*Doorack, Ralph Joseph (PE)

Fink, Frederick Albert (PE)

Komrska, Paul Joseph (PE)

*Montague, George Thomas (US)

August 17

(75° profession)

Barrish, A. Joseph (US)

August 20

(50° profession)

Redmond, Thomas William (US)

August 22

(60° profession)

*Chinchar, Gerald Thomas (US)

Dempsey, John Patrick (US)
Giardino, Thomas Franklin (US)
*Heft, James Lewis (US)
Quigley, David Thomas (US)

August 24

(60° profession)

*Arens, Eduardo (PE)
Maus, James (US)

August 31

(75° profession)

Ressico, Franco (IT)

September 2

(60° profession)

Vollmar, Peter (SU)

September 5

(25° profession)

Calancha, Francisco José (ES)

(70° profession)

*Buby, Bertrand Andrew (US)
Spring, Thomas (US)
*Tonry, Patrick Joseph (US)

September 12

(50° profession)

*Coca, Francisco Javier (ES)
*Cortés, Javier (ES)
*Felices, José María (ES)
*Martínez de Salinas, Pedro María (ES)

(60° profession)

*Barbudo, José Antonio (ES)
*Cortés, Manuel (ES)
Federneder, Jean-Paul (SU)
*Fernández-Moscoso, Eduardo (ES)
*Madueño, Manuel (AR)
Pérez, Andrés (ES)
Pozo del, José Manuel (ES)
Valgañón, Agustín (ES)

*Witwicki, Robert (FR)
Yera, Leonardo (ES)
(70° profession)
*Baffrey, Albert (FR)
*Bielza, Juan (ES)
Royer, Antoine (IV)
Teixidor, Ignacio (ES)

September 29

(75° profession)

*Otaegui, José Ángel (ES)

October 12

(60° profession)

Aguirre, Iván Oscar (ES)
Quintana, Enrique (ES)

(70° profession)

De Martini, Luigi (IT)

October 22

(70° profession)

*Lizarraga, Luis María (ES)
November 1

(60° profession)

*Lapetra, Álvaro (CH)

November 18

(70° profession)

*Boisselier, Marcel (FR)

November 25

(50° ordination)

*Philbin, Patrick Bernard (US)

December 28

(70° profession)

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G.A. Communications recently sent

- **Death Notices: N. 28-30**

G.A. Calendar

- **Jan. 3-7: Bro. Maximin Magnan, SM, Assistant General of Education, attends the CAM meeting in Brazzaville, Republic of Congo.**

Changes of Adresses

- **Bro. Damiano Tonello (IT) : dtonello@libero.it**

Happy New Year 2022!

"Behold, I'm doing something new: it's already sprouting, can't you see it? Yes, I am going to make a path through the desert, rivers in dry places". (Is. 43,19).

The Via Latina communities wish all members of the Marianist family a Holy and Blessed New Year. May the Lord bless us and through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, Star of the Sea in the storm, may we find serenity in our mission.