

## **A Marianist Moment Family Online October 2022**

### **Marie Thérèse, Who Are You?**

In the September 2022 Marianist Moment, I responded to a **Robert Ellsberg** short bio of **Venerable Marie Thérèse de Lamourous** published in the September 2022 “Give Us This Day” missalette.

He used the titles of “founder” and “mother” of the Lay Marianist Family. Here in the United States a good number of our members of the Lay Family of Mary consider Marie Thérèse, a *founder* since she was very instrumental in organizing the Young Women’s section and the Ladies of the Retreat section of the Bordeaux Sodality. She assisted **Blessed Chaminade** with some financial concerns connected with the Bordeaux Sodality and the Society of Mary. He sent her to aid in the organization of the original foundation of the Daughters of Mary in Age.

But in Europe she is seen as a major collaborator not a founder because she was invited by Blessed Chaminade to participate in these ventures. He is considered the one who had the initial inspiration for the Sodality and the Society of Mary and along with Blessed Marie of the Conception de Batz de Trenquelléon was the inspiration for the Daughters of Mary.

To help us understand this issue more fully and through the assistance of **Bro. Tom Redmond**, SM who works at the North American Center for Marianist Studies, I invite you to [click here to read a document, Marie Thérèse, Who Are You](#), that was prepared by the World Council of the Marianist Family in November 2016.