

Marianist Moment - February 2023

The Process of Canonization and Updates on a couple of our Holy Marianists

From what we read and know about the canonization process, it can be long, arduous, and expensive. Evidence of this can be seen in reading various resources such as 'Give Us This Day's' section, Blessed Among Us, which gives the dates when the saints and blessed died and when they were declared saints and blessed. For example, our Marianist founders, Blessed Chaminade, died in January 1850 and was beatified in September 2000 and Blessed Marie of the Conception Adèle de Batz de Trenquelléon died in January 1828 and was beatified in June 2018. It is amazing that religious families, such as our own and other groups who support these causes, diligently engage in the process despite the time and effort it takes. I believe it comes from the determination and the faith of the people involved, who strongly believe that these holy men and women deserve to be recognized formally by the Catholic Church.

I wish to share with you a podcast produced by America Media's Inside the Vatican titled: **How saints are made in the Catholic Church? Inside the long, complicated and expensive process.** It looks at the cause of Dorothy Day. [Click here](#) to get a glimpse into what it takes to pursue canonization for an individual.

Let me also share with you a couple of updates from the Society of Mary's General Postulator, Fr. Antonio Gascón, SM. The Postulator is the person who works on the causes of saints for a particular group. They concern Servant of God Fr. Vicente López de Uralde Lazcano, SM (1894 -1990) and Fr. Robert Halter, SM (1925-1998), long time missionary in Western Africa, particularly the Ivory Coast. [Click here](#) for updates from Via Latina, February 2023 issue, the Society of Mary General Administration's e-news.