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Priestly ordination in the District of India

His Excellency, Most Rev. Bernard Moras, Archbishop Emeritus of the Archdiocese of Bangalore, ordained Peter Kulandai Yesu, SM, to the priesthood at Infant Jesus Church on February 4, 2023. About 1,000 family members, Marianist Brothers, friends, and parishioners participated in the very solemn and beautiful ordination ceremony.



Fr. Peter Kulandai Yesu, SM, among his confreres and relatives.

The Archbishop Emeritus reminded the newly ordained Peter about the significance of the priesthood and its deeper meaning in serving the People of God. The celebration concluded with a festive meal for all the guests.

Congratulations to Fr. Peter!

Perpetual Profession in the Region of Korea

Bro. Shung-hyuk Choi, SM, professed Perpetual vows at Marianist Center of the Region of Korea on February 2, 2023 during the Mass for the Feast of the Presentation of Lord presided by Fr. Dominic Park, SM, Regional Superior.

With Covid-19 measures greatly eased, more than 170 guests, including his parents, family, many friends were in attendance. In particular, many friends from a prayer group he worked with before he joined the Society of Mary came to celebrate his perpetual vows.



Bro. Shung-hyuk Choi, SM, in the foreground, flanked by Frs. D. Park, SM, (Regional Superior) and C. Wittmann, SM, (Novice Master) and surrounded by his confreres present at the ceremony.

Also his novice director, Fr. Chris Wittmann, SM, traveled from the USA to attend the ceremony, which gave him great encouragement.

The Region of Korea is grateful to his parents for giving birth to him, raising him, and willingly presenting him to the Society of Mary, and to God for calling him to the Marianist mission.

Request for the Opening of the Cause of Father Raymond Halter

On February 2, Father Antonio Gascón, Postulator General of the Society of Mary, presented to Cardinal Jean-Pierre Kutwa, Archbishop of Abidjan, Ivory Coast, the request for the opening of the Cause of Father Raymond Halter. Fr. Halter was born in Chaux, France, in 1925, and died in Abidjan in 1998. It is a Cause concerning the heroicity of the theological and cardinal virtues and the recognition of the sanctity of this Marianist priest. He carried out his ministry in

the Marian Sanctuary of Our Lady of Africa from 1988 until the time of his death, with great priestly zeal and the deep respect of the faithful. This document, requesting the opening of the Cause, was accompanied by a very large collection of documents of Father Halter, collected in the Marianist archives of Rome and Paris. These include: photocopies of his numerous books and magazine articles and transcripts of his very abundant spiritual conferences to the faithful and members of the Charismatic Renewal. Fr. Halter became one of the most recognized international leaders of the Charismatic Renewal in France, Canada and French-speaking Africa.



L-R: Fr. Noël Dominique Kouao, SM, Fr. Antonio Gascón, SM, Cardinal Kutwa (disabled due to a serious traffic accident), Bro. Jean-Marie Leclerc, SM, and Fr. Adon, the Cardinal's secretary.

The event was of great significance because it took place on the feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple, a day dedicated to the consecrated life. In addition, Cardinal Kutwa was very happy to receive the request for the opening of the Cause of his great friend, Father Halter. In addition, it also the first Cause to be opened in the Archdiocese of Abidjan. Fr. Antonio was accompanied to the meeting with the Cardinal by a representation of Marianist religious from the

District of Ivory Coast, presided over by the Superior, Father Noël Dominique Kouao Akobé and by the Regional Superior of France, Bro. Jean-Marie Leclerc.

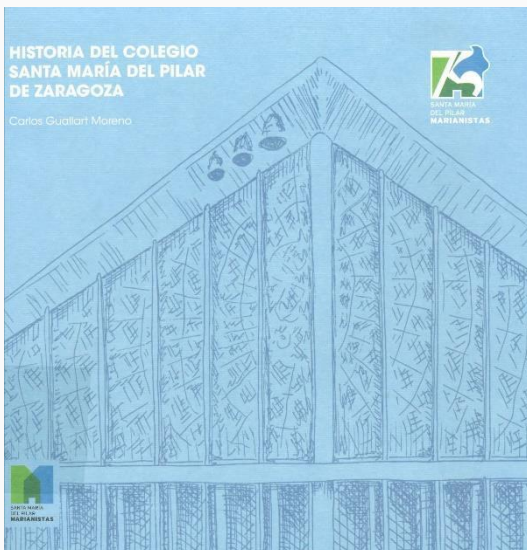
From this moment on, the Archdiocese of Abidjan will begin to take the first canonical steps to establish the Diocesan Tribunal that must hear the witnesses and collect all the evidence for or against the virtuous evangelical life of our dear brother, Father Raymond Halter.

Books Catalogued in the AGMAR Library during the year 2022

During the year 2022, the library of the Marianist General Archives in Rome (AGMAR) received and cataloged 30 books written by Marianist religious or on subjects related to the Society of Mary and the Marianists.

These are books published in the year 2022 or in previous years, but which have only reached AGMAR recently. Therefore, of these 30 books, 16 have been published in the year 2022, and 14 in previous years.

We offer three lists: the first with the 30 books received at AGMAR; a second list with the 16 books published in 2022, and the third with the 14 books published prior to 2022. To read them please click [HERE](#).

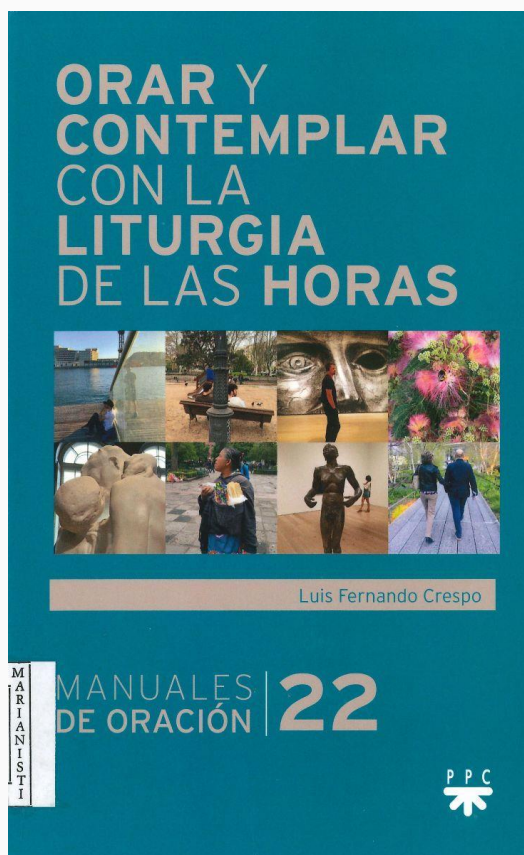


In AGMAR we catalog books of Marianist content, written by Marianist religious or lay people. Therefore, they are works of Marianist spirituality in the broad sense (Mariology, doctrine of the faith, prayer, ...); histories of the Society or of the Units, of the Marianist houses and works; biographies of the religious; studies on the life and spiritual and missionary thought of the Founder;

writings of the Founder (letters, retreats, ...); official documents (circulars, Rule of Life, Directory, ...), prayer books and the Marianist liturgy itself; treatises on Marianist pedagogy; documents and studies on initial formation (vocation ministry, novitiate, preparation for perpetual vows, ...); materials related to Marianist lay communities (former affiliates, fraternities, youth associations of students and former students, ...); studies on working brothers and the Marianist priest.

The AGMAR library also receives books written by Marianist religious on non-Marianist subjects: books on philosophy, theology, spirituality, history, art, poetry, novels, scientific subjects, school books, doctoral theses and dissertations for university degrees. Although these books are cataloged by subject, such works, in the archival sense, cannot be considered books, but archival documents; that is, documents belonging to the religious authors of such books.

The AGMAR library also catalogs magazines and bulletins produced by the General Administration (Communications, Circulars of the Superiors, Via Latina 22, ...) and by the Provinces, Regions, Districts, ..., since the Administrations of these Units are obliged by the General Council to send to the General Secretariat the official bulletin of communication with their religious (Information, Communications, News, ...). The works of the Society are not obliged to send their bulletins, but following the tradition of governance and the family spirit of the Society of Mary, many of our schools and works (including alumni associations) continue to send the school magazine and yearbook.

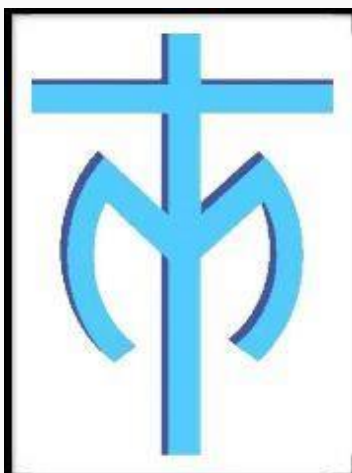


In the AGMAR library, there is a section for photographs and another for audio material. This includes items such as photo albums that the Units, works or religious send to the General Administration to report on pastoral or school activities, celebrations, jubilees and feature articles. There are also religious musicians who compose and record discs, cassette tapes, and CD's, and send their production to the Marianist General Archives (although here we have the problem of how in the future these audiovisuals can be reproduced).

In summary, Marianist religious have the obligation and personal responsibility to send to the Marianist General Archives (AGMAR) their publications, be they books, theses, records, scores, ... because they are documents of the religious that are part of their personal dossier.

Finally, although AGMAR, together with the General Secretariat, is the Archive of the General Administration that serves for the government of the Society of Mary, the publication of Marianist books and their reception in AGMAR helps to stimulate Marianist thought, without which it is not possible to keep our spirituality alive, nor to actualize our mission. It is not a matter of mere bibliographical erudition, but of conscious life; that is to say, thought, reflected and interiorized, expressed in action and mission.

Prayer for the Glorification of Fr. Raymond Halter



Blessed are you Our Father,

for the testimony of Father Raymond Halter, Marianist religious. His life of faith, prayer, intercession and humility, were all given over to relieving, with the aid of the Virgin Mary, the miseries of the soul and the body.

We pray with him today, that your name may be glorified among the poor, the thirsty, the hungry, by associating him with your mission of compassion.

At the school of Jesus, son of Mary, he taught us to pray like this:

"Holy Spirit, I love you." Give us the visible signs of his holiness by granting the graces we ask for through his intercession...(state your intention) Through Jesus, the Christ, our Lord. Amen

With ecclesiastical approval on December 31, 2014 of Archbishop Jean-Pierre Cardinal Kutwa of Abidjan.



**Society of Mary
Marianists**

PREPARATION OF XXXVI GENERAL CHAPTER (JULY 2024)



**Let us prepare together for the XXXVI General Chapter (2024):
Youth and Young Adult Ministry**

How does your community/Unit see its participation in the consultation opened on January 22, the day of our Blessed Founder?

Think about it! Consider involving members of the Marianist Family or collaborators involved with youth or young adults. In addition, think about the young people you can contact. Thank you for all that you do to enrich everyone's thinking.

Let us entrust to Mary and to Blessed William Joseph the fruits of this step.

Link on the website: [General Chapter 2024](#)

G.A. Communications recently sent

- **Death Notice: n° 5-8**
- **Feb. 7: *Delegates for the Protection of Minors and Vulnerable Persons***, in three languages, to the Unit Superiors, from the General Council
- **Feb. 14: *Statistics of non-formal Marianist educational works***, in three languages, sent to Assistants for Education of the Units, from Bro. Maximin Magnan, SM, Assistant General for Education.
- **Feb. 22: *Message for the Patronal Feast of the Marianist Family***, in three languages, to all Marianist religious, sent by the World Council of the Marianist Family.
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G.A. Calendar

- **1- 26 march:** The General Council visits the Province of United States.