

**ELEMENTS OF CELEBRATION  
MAY 2011**



**Song:**

**Lord Jesus Christ, your Light shines with-in us.  
Let not my doubts nor my darkness speak to me.  
Lord Jesus Christ, your light shines with-in us.  
Let my heart always welcome your love.**

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**Indroduction**

Let us prayer with confidence, with security, with the certainty of the son that speaks to the father. Let us ask God, Our Father, for all that the Church needs, for what the Marianist Family needs in order to accomplish its the mission in the Church simply and with insistence. Whatever he concedes by our prayer will always be a gift of his love. Let us tell him that without him we can do nothing. He will suggest, surely, what he might need from us. We ask him to send workers to his harvest. he will help us to understand how our life can be a call to follow his disciples.

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**Reading from the Gospel according to St. John (Jn 1, 35-51)**

...”Come and See” ...

... “You are Simon, son of John; you will be called Cephas.”....

... “Follow me”...



**Meditation refrain:**

**¡Nada te turbe! ¡Nada te espante! ¡Quien a Dios tiene, nada le falta!**

**¡Nada te turbe! ¡Nada te espante! ¡Solo Dios basta!**

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**Intercession Prayers:**

Comfort us in our faith for the call of Jesus: “Come, and you will see,” we ask the Lord to make us attentive to his call and make us enthusiastic disciples:

1. Father, you wanted that your resurrected Son manifest himself to his Apostles, make us living witnesses of your resurrection. R/

2. You that have sent your Son to bring the Good News to the poor, grant us the apostolic zeal of Father Chaminade and of Mother Adele, to announce the Gospel. R/

3. You that have sent your Son to sow the Word, send workers to your harvest. R/

4. You that have sent your Son to reconcile the world with his own blood, make of us instruments of peace. R/

5. You that have seated your Son at your right in the heavens, increase our hope of living one day in the joy of the Reign. R/

(Personal intentions)

## **Our Father**

### **Conclusion:**

Lord, since the beginning, you do not cease calling. We give you thanks for all those who have heard and have recognized your voice. Also today, Mary tells us: “do whatever He tells you.” Fill our hearts with confidence in order to respond, each one from our place; “That it be done unto me according to your Word.” We ask you in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.



### **The counsels of Father Chaminade in view to the election of a state of life:**

“It is good to question oneself on the inclinations and movements that God interiorly gives us. There are some persons to whom God allows them to foresee his designs from an early age; there are other that need to plead in order to obtain a response; everyone should listen and obey the moment that this voice speaks. But in order to listen. . . the voice of the Lord, it must belong to him. Let us give ourselves to the Lord in our youth and always, He will take care of us in a special way.” (Manual of the Servant of Mary, 1815)

### **A letter of Father Chaminade to Adele a few months before the foundation dated October 3, 1815:**

My dear daughter,

Be true religious, since you will make the vows of religion and exercise the virtues that will be inspired and that must be the supports. Mary, the august Mother of Jesus, must be our model, as she is our patron (...) What should distinguish us from other Orders, is the zeal for the salvation of souls: (...) You have to instruct in religion, form in virtue the young people of all states and conditions (...) Your community will be completely composed of religious missionaries.

### **ELEMENTS OF REFLECTION**

The first disciples transmitted the call “come and see,” received by them to others.

Have we received this call? In what way? How can we transmit it to others?



The first Daughters of Mary, left everything, in the early morning on May 25, 1816, in order to follow Jesus Christ with enthusiasm and make him known by the entire world. And we, what are we ready to leave for Christ.

We “have taken Mary into our house” to live with faith. In what way does this presence of Mary help us live our Christian life?