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News From the General Administration - Society of Mary

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On the occasion of EASTER SUNDAY, 2014, Via Latina 22 sends to its readers our warmest GREETINGS with a prayer that the RISEN LORD bring PEACE to all peoples around the world.

THREE VIETNAMESE CANDIDATES FOR THE S.M.

Our 3 Vietnamese candidates for joining the Marianists in Japan got finally the Entry Visa to that country in the category of Religious (missionaries). They are: Le Ngoc Doan, Le Van Sinh and Ham Van Cau. The other candidate, Nguyen Tran Minh Quan, is already in Japan since last October 2, 2013.

Fr. Louis Ibaragi Shimizu will pick them up in *Ho Chi Minh City* on May 4 (Friday). They will arrive together in Tokyo on May 6 (Sunday morning).

The Regional Superior, Fr. Isao Aoki, SM, writes: "We feel as if there was a real intercession by our Founders, Blessed Chaminade and Venerable Adèle, since all happened during the 10 days of celebrations of their deaths and the continuous prayers of our brothers and sisters of the Marianist Family in Japan and all over the world. Thank you, Lord! And thank all of you, too!"



Nguyen Tran Minh Quan



Le Ngoc Doan



Le Van Sinh



Ham Van Cau

FR. EDDIE ALEXANDRE REAPPOINTED TO A SECOND TERM AS PROVINCIAL SUPERIOR OF FRANCE



Fr. Eddie Alexandre, SM

Fr. Eddie Alexandre, SM, was appointed Provincial of France for a second mandate by the Superior General and his Council after consulting all the religious of the Marianist Province of France, of the District of Ivory Coast and of the Sector of Congo. His new term will begin next August 15, 2014.

On the Appointment Letter, addressed to all the members of the Unit, Fr. Manuel Cortés says: "I thank him for the great availability in accepting this new call to exercise this responsibility. The support that you have shown in the consultation is a strong encouragement for his task, in order to continue to put at the service of all his inner qualities and his fraternal attention to each one as you have often pointed out."

PRAYERS FOR THE CANONIZATION OF BLESSED CHAMINADE



In a few days, on April 8, we will mark the 253rd birthday of Blessed William Joseph Chaminade, Founder of the Marianist Family. At this time, as many of you know, a cure is being evaluated as possibly miraculous by the Vatican's Congregation for the Causes of Saints. This involves the cure of Mrs. Rachel Baumgartner Lozano, a woman from the St. Louis area in the United States, who was cured of a rare and recurrent form of cancer when she was a teenager, about 10 years ago. She, her family and friends had prayed for a cure through the intercession of Fr. Chaminade. Thanks be to God - Rachel continues to be in good health! If the Vatican determines that this is, indeed, a miraculous cure through the intercession of Blessed Chaminade, he will be canonized shortly thereafter.

The evaluation of the cure is proceeding through the

Prayer for the Glorification of Father Chaminade

O God,
 You are constantly at work in your Church
 and, through individuals and communities,
 you manifest your Spirit
 for the good of your people.

In a special way,
 you bestowed your Spirit
 on your servant, William Joseph Chaminade,
 so that he might live fully
 according to the Gospel,
 and with love devote himself to your saving work.
 You have inspired communities of men and women
 to follow his example by consecrating themselves to you
 to serve the Church under the leadership of Mary.

We now pray to you
 to give us visible signs of your grace and holiness in his
 life
 by granting us the special favors we ask
 through his intercession (especially . . .).

May the Father and the Son
 and the Holy Spirit
 be glorified in all places
 through the Immaculate Virgin Mary.
 Amen.

regular channels at the Congregation. The current phase is important: the medical history of the cure is being actively studied by medical consultants associated with the Congregation. This process could last for several months, since there are several stages and we are now only in the initial stage. Nevertheless, the opinions of the experts at this stage will have considerable influence on how the Cause moves forward. In light of this continuing process, the General Council recommends to all communities of the SM, as well as all members of the Marianist Family, that this intention be kept constantly in your prayers at this time. You can find the text of the *Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Chaminade* adjacent to this article. You may choose this or some other way to pray that a positive outcome for this case might lead to the grace of seeing our Founder one day raised to the dignity of "saint" in the Universal Church.

EUROPEAN MARIANIST FORMATION CENTER PROMOTES SYMPOSIUM ON FAITH IN ROME

For its first meeting, the European Marianist Formation Center has organized a Marianist symposium on faith, following upon the Year of Faith. The meeting will be held in Rome April 23-25, 2014, at the Marianist General Administration on Via Latina. Twenty-three Marianist religious (SM and FMI) from Switzerland, Austria, France, Spain and Italy will be participating.



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There will be position papers on various topics, alternating with other presentations offering reflections on concrete Marianist experiences.

The following position papers, taking as their starting point the encyclical *Lumen fidei*, are lined up: “The Encyclical *Lumen fidei*: Insights and Suggestions”; “The Christian Project of Blessed William Joseph Chaminade”; “Religious Indifference from the Time of Father Chaminade to Our Day”; “Mary, Believing Woman.”

The other presentations planned are: “The Marianist Family: Living the Faith in Our Communities”; “The Marianist Family: Presenting the Faith in a Secularized Society”; “Living the Faith in a Parish Community”; “Living the Faith in a School Community”; “Our Mission in Europe in the Light of Faith”; “The Challenges to Faith in the Interreligious Dialogue.”

This program, with its breadth and intensity, is the first stage in the formational plans of the European Marianist Formation Center and a contribution to the formation of new specialists and popularizers of the Marianist charism in Europe.

LENT 2014

Living Lent, a journey towards Easter, is to experience life as it comes from God: a gift of life for all, especially for the Earth's poorest. A Lent of faith that becomes love, in the joy of the Gospel.

Link to *the 40 LEAST*: <http://40ultimos.org>

PRAYER INTENTION

The Assistant for Temporalities of the Region of Colombia, Héctor Dario Castelblanco, requests prayer to Blessed Chaminate for the cure of Mr. Malaver, who has been diagnosed with a tumor in the spinal column.

Mr. Malaver is a lay member of the Marianist Lay Communities in Colombia. (Fr. Antonio Gascón, SM).



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G.A. COMMUNICATIONS RECENTLY SENT...

- **Death Notice # 7.**
- **March 14:** Request of information for the *Education Directory 2014*, to all SM Assistants of Education in three languages, from the Assistant General for Education, Bro. Maximin Magnan, SM.



G.A. CALENDAR

- **Feb 27 - April 8:** Entire General Council continues Visit in the Province of Spain.
- **April 10 - 12:** Meeting of the GA Temporalities Committee in Rome.
- **April 22 - May 1:** MC and MMc visit the Foundation of Cuba (Province of Spain).

