New Leadership in the Province of the United States of America

The General Council, in its meeting of November 8, 2017, has appointed Fr. Oscar Vasquez, SM, to become the new Provincial of the Province of the United States of America, beginning on August 1, 2018, for a term of five years. Fr. Oscar received abundant support from the Province membership.

The General Council of the Society of Mary is grateful to both Fr. Oscar, as well as to Fr. Martin Solma, SM, current Provincial, for his service to the Province and the entire Society.

On December 5, 2017, the General Council met and discussed about the consultation for the new Assistant Provincial of the USA. After receiving enormous support, Bro. Bernard Ploeger, SM, was nominated to serve in this role for five years, beginning on August 1, 2018.

Heartfelt gratitude and esteem also to Bro. Joseph Kamis, SM, current Assistant Provincial, for his precious service.
INFORMATION REGARDING THE CEFM

LE CENTRE EUROPÉEN DE FORMATION MARIANISTE (The European Center of Marianist Formation) includes Marianist study centers in France, Spain, and Italy. Their very significant projects in Marianist study and formation were examined and encouraged as part of the recent session on Marianist Centers of Formation held in Rome from November 27-30, 2017.

During the past year these European centers collaborated in organizing a Bicentennial European Symposium for about 40 Marianist religious and laity during Easter week in Rome, on relationships and shared mission between religious and lay Marianists.

Under the leadership of Fr. Robert Witwicki, SM, and headquartered at the Madeleine in Bordeaux, the FRENCH CENTER has taken up the project of publishing an abbreviated history of the Society of Mary for the basic formation of religious and lay Marianists, drawing on the detailed work of Fr. Antonio Gascón, SM.

◊ The French Center collaborates with the Fondation Marianiste and with the Marianist Sisters, Marianist Lay Communities and the Alliance mariale in formation programs and publications concerning the Marianist charism.
◊ Fr. Witwicki, SM, coordinated a presentation of Marianist spirituality and history for French specialists in Mariology at the annual meeting of the Société Française d’études mariales (SFEM) at Toulouse in August.

The SPANISH CENTER, headquartered at Zaragoza under the leadership of Fr. Enrique Aguilera, SM, works closely with the section on Marianist publications of the Editorial SM, under the leadership of Fr. Diego Tolsada, SM. It has completed the publication of Spanish translations of the complete writings and letters of Blessed Fr. Chaminade, along with some anthologies of foundational texts.

◊ It has taken the lead in publishing the ongoing multi-volume work of Fr. Antonio Gascón, SM, on the History of the Society of Mary.
◊ It has also published a number of biographies and studies of Marianist history and spirituality by Benlloch, Salaverri, Lizarraga, Verrier, Hakenewerth, Stefanelli, Gizard, Ferrero and others.
◊ It has produced a new edition of Hoffer’s Pedagogía marianista for the use of teachers in Marianist schools.
◊ This year it will sponsor an oral and visual presentation of our foundational writings to all communities of the Society and of the Marianist Family in Spain.
◊ It has completed a formation program for more than 25 lay and religious moderators of Marianist lay communities.
◊ It is investigating the use of on-line Marianist courses.
◊ It has developed the “Emmaus Experience,” an in-depth retreat on the Marianist charism offered for people in active life.

The work of AGMAR, the Marianist Archives at the service of the General Administration in Rome, continues under the direction of Fr. Antonio Gascón, SM, who also works as Postulator for the causes of possible Marianist Blessed and Saints in addition to completing his monumental history of the Society. The work of the Archives is facilitated by Massimiliano Vidili, a professional archivist trained at the Vatican Library.
MEETING OF THE TWO GENERAL COUNCILS (FMI-SM) WITH POPE FRANCIS

On Wednesday, December 20, the members of the two General Councils (FMI & SM) participated in Pope Francis’ general audience in the Paul VI Hall (Vatican City). This meeting was considered as part of the Bicentennial celebration. At the end of the audience, the Marianists were able to exchange a few words with the Pope. A photo was taken with him on this occasion. Bro. Maximin Magnan, SM, was not present, so Fr. Antonio Gascón, SM, Postulator and Archivist, had joined the councils for the occasion.

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GA CALENDAR


GA COMMUNICATIONS

- Death Notices: # 28-31.
- Dec. 12: Request of Annual Statistics 2017, in all three languages, sent to all Units Superiors, by General Secretariat of the GA.
- Dec. 22: Request of info regarding the Marianist Education Directory 2018, in three languages, to all Assistants of Education and Superiors of Units, from the General Assistant of Education, Bro. Max Magnan, SM.
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