

Via Latina 22

News From the General Administration - Society of Mary



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Two Ordained to the Priesthood in India

Thousands gathered at the Prabhat Tara School in Ranchi, India, on Jan. 5, 2008, to celebrate the ordinations of Bros. James Ddungdung and Marianus Clement Lugun. The Most Rev. Vincent Barwa, auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Ranchi, was the main celebrant and homilist. Fr. Pragasam Thathappa, district superior of India, concelebrated.

After Mass, a new science and computer laboratory building was inaugurated at Prabhat Tara School. Dr. Steven Neiheisel, a professor at St. Mary's University in San Antonio, was the donor for the building. He and his son, Steven Jr., were present for the ceremony. Cultural programs and a luncheon followed the ceremonies.

Information and photos from *Family On-Line*.



Fr. James (l.) and Fr. Marianus (r.) with Bishop Barwa after their ordination.

Six New Deacons Ordained in Rome



From l. to r.: Deacons Juan Manuel Rueda, Richard Villa, Patrick McDaid, Francisco Sales, Mauricio Martínez and Noël Dominique Kouao with Cardinal Tauran immediately after the ordination.

"O Father, in the school of Christ your Son, teach your ministers not to be served, but to serve their brethren. Grant that they might be tireless in their gift of self, vigilant in prayer, and joyful in the service of the community." With this prayer, His Eminence Cardinal Jean-Louis Tauran, President of the Pontifical Council for Inter-Religious Dialogue, called upon the Lord to bless and guide the six Marianists who were ordained to the Diaconate on January 19th in Rome.



Mauricio Martínez and Noël Dominique Kouao

The ceremony took place at the Marianist parish in Rome, Santo Nome di Maria, which was filled to capacity. Bro. Timothy Phillips, Vice Rector of the Chaminade International Seminary provided the commentary for those in attendance, while Fr. Lorenzo Amigo, Rector, presented the candidates for ordination. Fr. Ignatius Arulappen (IN), served as Master of Ceremonies. Following the ordination, all moved to the General Administration on Via Latina for a festive reception.

The six new deacons are expected to complete their seminary studies in June and then return to their respective Units for ministry and priestly ordination.



Patrick McDaid is ordained by Cardinal Tauran

Society of Mary Enters Benin!

Responding to the invitation of Archbishop Pascal N'Koue, Bishop of Natitingou, in Benin, the Marianist Region of Togo founded a new community in Benin (eastern neighbor of Togo). The mission of this country's first SM community is education. Arriving on September 1, 2007, the three brothers from Togo (Joseph Adaki, SM, Christian Gnala, SM, and Jonas Kpatcha, SM *photo* →) opened the school on October 4, 2007. With its name having been chosen by the bishop, *College Chaminade* will offer a general secondary education to the people of Natitingou. Right now, it has a single class of secondary students with a student body of 13: 9 boys and 4 girls. The courses are provided by the brothers and three other lay teachers. The community enjoys good relations with the local Church, which has enthusiastically welcomed this Marianist presence. Let us pray for the success of this new missionary venture of the Society of Mary!



Perpetual Professions Eastern Africa and Korea



Korea: →

On Chaminade Day, the Region of Korea celebrated the perpetual profession of two brothers, Bros. Marie James Ahn, SM and Dominico Sabio Choi, SM. The regional superior, Fr. Pascal Lee, SM presided over the Profession Mass and received the vows. Prior to their profession the two brothers made a thirty-day retreat directed by Fr. Francis Kim, SM, in a Trappist monastery.



Eastern Africa: ↑

Nearly 100 Marianists, friends and relatives witnessed the perpetual profession of Bro. Charles Kimeu during a Eucharistic celebration January 6 in Karen, Kenya, near Nairobi. Archbishop Boniface Lele of Mombasa was the main celebrant. Bro. Chola Mulenga, district superior, received the vows. Bro. Charles, who was ministering at the Marianist Development Project in Mombasa, has been assigned to Our Lady of Nazareth Primary School in Nairobi as an administrator working in the accounts department.

Erratum

In some translations of the Necrology summary that was included with the last issue of *Via Latina* 22, there were some typographical errors. A new version is included with this issue and the information involved is printed in **green** type. We apologize for this error.



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Blessing of the Icon of Blessed Chaminade in the Cathedral at Périgueux

On the occasion of the blessing of an icon of Fr. Chaminade, the Marianist Family of southeast France came together in Périgueux on Sunday, January 20. Representing the General Administration were Fr. Antonio Gascón, SM, and Bro. Louis Thabourey, SM, members of the GA community. Two buses, one from Bordeaux and another from Verdelaix, transported the people. In addition, numerous others arrived by car, including Marianist sisters from Agen and Auch. In all, the group totaled about 100 men and women religious and laypersons.



The pilgrimage, magnificently directed by Fr. Robert Witwicki, SM, began in Périgueux, the city where Fr. Chaminade was born. The pilgrims met in the very beautiful Romanesque cathedral at 10:00 for Morning Prayer.



After Lauds, Fr. Gascón, Postulator of Marianist Causes, explained the current status of the Cause of Canonization of Fr. Chaminade.

Immediately following, at 11:00, the celebration of the Eucharist began at the altar dedicated to Fr. Chaminade. At the beginning of the Eucharist, Fr. Adalbert Muller, SM read an extensive message from Périgueux native, and current Assistant



General for Religious Life, Fr. André Fétis, SM. The young Vicar of the Diocese, Fr. Jean-Michel Bouyghe (➔) presided over the Eucharist, accompanied by many Marianist priests, as well as the Vicar General of the Diocese of Bordeaux-La Gironde, Fr. Gérard Faure. Fr. Witwicki delivered the homily. Following his words, the icon of Fr. Chaminade was blessed. The icon was written by Madame Micheline Olivier(⬆). Mme. Olivier, who has been very moved and spiritually united with Bl. Chaminade for some time, explained the religious symbolism of the icon. The cathedral choir embellished the occasion with beautiful songs. The Eucharist, therefore, took on a solemn atmosphere of special joy with the lively participation of the faithful. The icon will remain permanently exposed for veneration and prayer at the altar dedicated to Blessed Chaminade.



After the Mass, the pilgrims shared a fraternal meal at the diocesan seminary, along with Most Rev. Michel Mouïsse, Bishop of Périgueux.

The pilgrimage then moved on to Mussidan in order to pray the 3 O'Clock Prayer, a Rosary meditation and Vespers in the local parish, hosted by its pastor, Fr. Gabriel Naulin, and a group of parishioners. They then processed in prayer toward the image of Notre-Dame du Roc, subject of much veneration by a young Fr. Chaminade.

Returning home on a magnificent evening, after a wonderful day, the pilgrims meandered through the beautiful vineyards of the well-known Bordeaux region.

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Meeting of GA Temporalities Committee



Bros. Remi Sandah (GA), José Eizaguirre (MA), Ron Overman (USA), Ed Violet (GA), Chola Mulenga (EA) & Mr. Antoine Hüe who works with the Province of France

The first meeting of the GA Temporalities Committee took place in Rome from January 17-20. As directed by the *General Finance Directory*, each Unit, including the GA, is to form an advisory committee for temporalities. The scope and membership of this committee was explained in *Three Offices #119* published last October.



General Council Meets with the Marist Brothers



Two Superiors General: Marianist Fr. Manuel Cortés (l.) and Marist Brother Seán Sammon (r.)

Members of the Marianist General Council met with the General Council of the Marist Brothers on January 21, 2008. Over the years it has been the practice for the two Councils to meet in

Rome to share experiences, ideas and comments on collaborative efforts. This year's meeting, which took place at the Marist Generalate in EUR, included both formal and informal discussion of the various works in each Congregation.



↑ Fr. André Fétis (r.) shares a meal and ideas with Marist Brother Luis Garcia Sobrado.

Congratulations

During the month of January, the General Council appointed the following Unit leaders:

Fr. Kazuo Louis-Ibaragi Shimizu — re-appointed for a second term of three years as Regional Superior of the Region of Japan.

Fr. Garrett J. Long — appointed Assistant Provincial of the Province of Meribah for a first term of five years.

We are grateful for their generosity and willingness to serve and we pledge them our prayers.

General Administration Calendar

- Jan 23-Feb 24: Visitation of the Province of France

G.A. Communications Recently Sent...

- Jan 23 - 3 *Offices #120* from the Office of Temporalities
- Jan 25—Letter from the Office of Temporalities to Unit Leaders and Temporalities Assistants
- Jan 26—Death Notice # 2008-1

NECROLOGY - 2007

It has pleased God to call to himself our dear brothers...

N°	Name	Date	Place	Age	Prof.	Unit
1	Leo Oscar Rothermich	Jan. 1	San Antonio	96	78	US
2	Celestino Bacas Alvarez	Jan. 18	Madrid	67	49	MA
3	Charles Gorsatt	Jan. 22	Sierre	91	73	SU
4	Victor Anthony Naegele	Jan. 29	San Antonio	89	71	US
5	Robert Massa	Jan. 31	San Antonio	79	58	US
6	Antonino Pardo Santamaría	Feb. 15	Madrid	82	65	MA
7	Francis Patrick Mullan	Feb. 21	Dayton	79	59	US
8	Joseph Bernard Meierdirks	Mar. 3	Dayton	87	46	US
9	*Alfonso Italo Santorum	Mar. 6	Pallanza	93	74	IT
10	Edward John Fick	Mar. 10	Dayton	91	71	US
11	*Thomas Joseph Doyle	Mar. 20	Port Washington, NY	74	55	US
12	*Edwin Johnson	Apr. 25	Los Angeles	82	45	US
13	*Matthew Franklin Kohmescher	May 5	Dayton	86	68	US
14	James Roberts	May 10	Cupertino	76	52	US
15	*Henri Costes	May 18	Toulouse	84	67	FR
16	Robert Hatesohl	May 22	St. Louis	65	46	US
17	Fukuichi Mathias Satowaki	May 28	Tokyo	106	88	JA
18	Achille Bertagnolli	Jun. 4	Roma	85	69	IT
19	*Franz Bommer	Jun. 24	Sierre	86	67	SU
20	Nemesio Suso Pérez	Jun. 25	Madrid	90	71	MA
21	Clarence Chew	Jul. 23	Honolulu	83	63	US
22	Daniel Sharpe	Jul. 23	San Antonio	84	66	US
23	*Donald Fred Bracht	Sep. 17	Dayton	94	77	US
24	Antonio de la Torre Alonso	Sep. 20	Madrid	83	65	MA
25	*Mateo Vidal Rodríguez Velandia	Sep. 22	Zaragoza	79	58	ZA
26	Paul Goelz	Sep. 27	San Antonio	93	67	US
27	*Michel Behr	Oct. 1	Farebersviller	90	74	FR
28	Franklin Pao	Oct. 12	Honolulu	73	53	US
29	Alois Penz	Oct. 18	Freistadt	95	74	OE
30	*Edmund Leo Rhodes	Nov. 3	Dayton	98	79	US
31	Pierre Brissinger	Nov. 6	Colmar	82	64	FR
32	Joseph Stähli	Nov. 7	Sion	90	72	SU
33	*Severiano Ayastuy Errasti	Nov. 8	Madrid	94	78	MA
34	Fred Hausch	Nov. 9	St. Louis	76	55	US
35	Martin McMurtrey	Nov. 9	San Antonio	87	69	US
36	*Manuel Joaquín Barbadillo Gómez	Nov. 19	Madrid	79	63	ZA
37	Adriano Santo Loro	Nov. 22	Vicenza	68	51	IT
38	Pierre Bèzes	Nov. 29	Issenheim	90	74	FR
39	Joseph Sonntag	Dec. 6	St-Hippolyte	94	77	FR
40	Bernard Anthony Foster	Dec. 14	Cupertino	89	69	US
41	Henri Ordinaire	Dec. 24	Plessis-Robinson	84	67	FR