

# Via Latina 22



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## NEW PROVINCIAL LEADERSHIP FOR THE PROVINCE OF MERIBAH

**B**ro. Thomas Cleary, and Fr. Garrett Long, will both conclude their terms as Provincial and Assistant Provincial of the Province of Meribah on June 1, 2016. Recently, the Superior General, with the consent of the General Council, appointed Bro. Timothy Driscoll, as Provincial and Fr. Thomas Cardone, as Assistant Provincial.



Fr. Thomas Cardone and Bro. Timothy Driscoll.

We are grateful to all four of these religious for their generous acceptance and exercise of the responsibilities of leadership in the Society, and assure them of our prayers.



## NEW ASSISTANT PROVINCIAL OF THE PROVINCE OF SPAIN

**T**he Superior General, Fr. Manuel Cortés, with his Council, after consulting the Marianist religious of the respective Province, has named Bro. Miguel Ángel Dieste Pontaque to be the new Assistant Provincial of the Marianist Province of Spain. He begins his first term of five years on September 12, 2016.

We are grateful to Bro. Miguel Ángel for taking on this service; let us pray for him and promise him our generous collaboration.

We also thank the precious service of Bro. Rogelio Núñez throughout these last years as Assistant Provincial, first of the former Province of Madrid, and recently, for 5 years, as Assistant Provincial of the merged Province of Spain (former Madrid and Zaragoza).

## TOWARDS WORLD YOUTH DAYS (WYD) IN KRAKOW



**The young people in charge of the organization of the Marianist WYD in the chapel of the GA, with several Marianists, including Fr. Manuel Cortés, Superior General.**

On March 11, 12, and 13, during spring break, the halls of the Istituto Santa Maria of Rome rang with the footsteps and conversations of a dozen young people from Germany, Spain, France, Poland and Italy. Four Marianist religious were also present to work with them at putting the final touches to preparations for the get-together of the Marianist delegation of youth from Europe and the WYD in Krakow. It's now a done deal, and the 200 participants who are expected from those countries, as well as from Austria and Albania, will be able to arrive with full confidence. The team, which has already met three times, also profited from the week-end

to discover a bit of Rome and visit Via Latina 22, where they attended the Sunday Mass.

For the 200 European Marianist participants, the stay in Poland will begin on July 20 at Piastów, a suburb of Warsaw, where our Marianist community is located. The group will be hosted during five days by the families of the members of the local MLC and of the parish where our community is located. That will certainly be a very enriching experience for both the hosts and their visitors. They will then leave for Krakow to spend the next five days with young people from all over the world and to meet with the Pope. They also hope to meet with the more than 100 students coming from the Province of Meribah, in New York.

For the European Marianist group, it is the youth themselves who are organizing everything, along with some guidelines, when necessary, from Bro. Rogelio Núñez, Assistant Provincial of Spain. They are fulfilling their responsibilities in the service of the evangelization of other youth, and they are reinforcing their collaborative bonds at the heart of the European continent. This is one step along the way to creating an "international network of young Marianists," encouraged by our last General Chapter (§27), but also a great desire of many; doesn't this fit well into the heritage of Blessed Father Chaminade himself? Thanks to the youth who are responding to that appeal so generously, in spite of the real pressure of their studies. Let us wish them full success and let us pray with them for that intention!



From the General Office of Temporalities...

## LIVING WATER AND THE WATER OF LIFE

<i>Vidi aquam egredientem de templo, a latere dextro, alleluia: et omnes, ad quos pervenit aqua ista, salvi facti sunt, et dicent, alleluia, alleluia.</i>	<i>I saw water coming forth from the temple on the right side, alleluia: and all those to whom this water came were saved, and shall say, alleluia, alleluia.</i>
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“No Life without water. Even more than food we need it to survive. That is why access to water is a basic human right. Yet, some 663 Million people do not have access to clean water. About a third of the world’s population lacks basic sanitary services. Polluted water and lack of hygiene are the causes of many sicknesses. The oceans, too, are polluted by plastic materials and industrial and agricultural toxic wastes which harm fish populations and destroy corral reefs and marine ecosystems. Already now climate change means for many regions of the world less rainfall, lower ground water levels and lack of drinking water.” (*Vidimus Dominum*, website of the USG and USIG)

As part of our prayerful attention to challenges in the area of Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation, we propose the issue of **Sustainable and Responsible Use of Water** as our focus for the next several months throughout the Marianist communities across globe. At our website: [www.marianist.org](http://www.marianist.org), we will provide resources for your reflection and discussion on this topic. Communities of the SM are encouraged to reflect on this topic, pray about it and treat this at a community meeting. As we all need and use water daily, it is a topic that touches us all.



“The struggle for diminishing water supplies is likely to cause major conflicts in the future. The *Sustainable Development Goals* (SDGs) call for the conservation and fair and effective management of all water resources. What do the SDG call for? The SDGs demand that all people have access to clean drinking water and adequate sanitation. Means suggested to achieve this aim are:

- reducing chemical pollution; improving wastewater treatment and recycling and reusing water
- protecting and restoring water-related ecosystems, including mountains, forests, wetlands, rivers, aquifers and lakes
- sustainably managing, protecting and restoring marine and coastal ecosystems
- minimizing and addressing the impacts of ocean acidification; regulating harvesting and ending over fishing, illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing and destructive fishing practices.” (c.f. *Vidimus Dominum*)

Over the next several months we will add additional postings. We also invite your feedback through the website.



## CAUSE OF BEATIFICATION OF CARDINAL EDUARDO PIRONIO

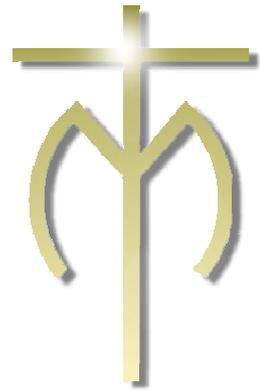
**O**n Friday, March 11, in the Vicariate of Rome the closing session of the Cause of Beatification of Cardinal Eduardo Pironio was held.

Cardinal Pironio was a great friend of the Marianists. In 1983, when he was Prefect of the Congregation for the Consecrated Life, his intervention was decisive for the approbation of our Rule of Life.

In the Decree of Approbation, which he himself composed personally, he wrote the following: “May fidelity to the Marianist charism, so profoundly rooted in love for Mary, bring the members of the Society to carry out generously, with the spirit of their Founder, the task which the Church has confided to the Society to assist Mary in her mission of forming in faith a multitude of brothers for her firstborn son” (Decree of June 29, 1983). Magnificat! Let us give thanks to the Father for this good news and let us pray for the Cause of Beatification of Cardinal Pironio.



## BRIEF NEWS OF THE GENERAL ADMINISTRATION



- From March 11 to 13, Fr. André Fétis, Assistant General for Religious Life, and Fr. Rodrigo Betancur, Regional Superior of Colombia-Ecuador, together made the annual visitation of the Chaminade International Seminary, one of the two communities of Via Latina 22, Rome.
- The visit preceded the meeting of the Extended General Council, which also took place here at Via Latina from March 15 to 17. It included the regular General Council, and Fr. Isao Aoki, Superior of the Region of Japan, Fr. Rodrigo Betancur (*as above*), Fr. Martin Solma, Superior of the U.S. Province, Fr. Ignace Pagnan, Regional Superior of Togo, and Bro. Jean-Marie Leclerc, Assistant Provincial of France.
- Another meeting which took place at Via Latina was the Temporalities Committee Meeting, from March 17 to 19. Present were the Assistant General for Temporalities, Bro. Michael McAward, and Bro. Chola Mulenga, Assistant for Temporalities in the Region of Eastern Africa, Bro. Ronald Overman, Assistant for Temporalities in the Province of the U.S., and Mr. Luis Paz, from the administrative office of the Province of Spain.
- Another visitor to Via Latina was the new Regional Superior of Chile, Bro. José Pascual, from March 22 to 28.
- On April 4, the members of the General Administration community and the seminarians shared in the celebration of the Annunciation, the Patronal Feast of the Marianist Family, at the Marianist Parish of *Santissimo Nome di Maria*, Rome.

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### G.A. COMMUNICATIONS RECENTLY SENT

- **Death Notice: # 7.**

### G.A. CALENDAR

- **April 6 - 26:** The General Council visits the Region of Eastern Africa.

