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News From the General Administration - Society of Mary

FIRST PROFESSIONS OF VOWS IN THE MARIANIST DISTRICT OF INDIA

The Marianist District of India (U.S.A.) shares the joy of the professions of First Vows of brothers: George Soreng S.M., Issac Minj S.M., Kuldeep Kujur S.M., Livens Peter Xalxo S.M., Mathew Mullangi S.M., Naiman Kerketta S.M. and Victor Xaxa S.M., on Sunday, 1 May 2016, at Nirmal Deep Novitiate, Kolambi.

A Cultural Program was held after the Holy Eucharist followed by agape meal.

Congratulations to our new brothers!



Row behind (L-R): Mathew, Victor and Isaac.
Front row (L-R): Naiman, Livens Peter, George and Kuldeep.

THE CAUSE OF VEN. ADELE DE TRENQUELLÉON



On May 12 the medical commission of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints will examine the evidence to judge whether the cure of Marianist Sister Michela Messina, FMI, attributed to the mediation of Mother Adèle, can be explained medically or not.

In 1997 Sister Michela suffered from an ovarian tumor. Her family, friends, and Marianist sisters prayed to the Venerable Adèle for her cure. Sister Michela underwent surgery, but the medical question remained as to whether there had been metastasis or not. Had there been so, her chances of survival were minimal.

The Cause was opened in the Diocese of Novara in 2013 and arrived at the Congregation for the Causes of Saints in 2014. The canonical validity of the diocesan process having been acknowledged, and after various medical evaluations, the *Summarium* (study file) was prepared for the medical commission.

On May 12, the liturgical memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mediatrix of All Graces, we are at a decisive moment for asking of the Blessed Virgin an important grace in favor of the Cause of Mother Adèle.

GENERAL COUNCIL VISITS REGION OF EASTERN AFRICA

The four members of the General Council recently completed a 20-day visit of the Region of Eastern Africa. 54 religious comprise this Region, which is spread across three countries: Kenya, Zambia and Malawi. Their works include primary and secondary schools, training centers, and centers for social ministry with women and families. They also have three houses of formation, along with the Eastern African Center for Marianist Formation.

The General Council was privileged to celebrate, in various locations, the 50th Anniversary of the Presence of the Marianists in Eastern Africa. It was a special time of joy and gratitude, as well as rededication to Mary's mission in this part of the world.



Fr. Manuel receives a gift during the anniversary celebration in Nairobi, Kenya.



Bro. Mike with young children at the Anniversary celebration in Lusaka, Zambia.



Entrance to Campus of Marianist Community in Karonga, Malawi.



Bro. Max and students at the Anniversary celebration in Lusaka, Zambia.



Fr. André with students from Marianist Development Project - MDP (catering), Mombasa, Kenya.

WEBSITE FOR MARIANIST RESOURCES



www.mundomarianista.org is a website offering articles and conferences in Spanish, French and English on Marianist themes.

It is edited by Lorenzo Amigo, SM. Recently posted are papers from the first European Marianist Symposium held in April 2014 on the "role of faith in the teachings of the Founder and in our history" with substantial articles by José Ramón García-Murga, Antonio Gascón, Emilio Cárdenas, Juan Manuel Rueda, Lorenzo Amigo, Eddie Alexandre, Ermenegildo Saglio and Philippe Hue.

Articles by David Fleming, translated into French, have also been posted recently.

BRIEF NEWS OF THE GUESTS OF THE G. A.

- Fr. James Heft, SM, President of the Institute for Advanced Catholic Studies at the University of Southern California, cosponsored a meeting on *St. John Paul II's encyclical Centesimus Annus 25 Years Later* with the Pontifical Academy for the Social Sciences at the Vatican on April 15-16, 2016.
- Fr. Bill Meyer, SM, Assistant for Religious Life in the Province of the United States, visited the community of the Seminary April 19 to 25. These visits are very valuable for the formators and the seminarians, allowing the Units to follow more directly the formation of the seminarians and to keep the formators and seminarians conscious of the actual situation in their Units.
- On April 26-28 the Pontifical University of the Holy Cross hosted the biennial Professional Seminar for Church Communication Offices. Fr. Daniel Pajuelo, SM, of the Province of Spain, participated in the meeting with five other members of the project *iMission*, of which he is one of the founders. *iMission* seeks to respond to the call to Evangelization in the digital world.

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G.A. COMMUNICATIONS RECENTLY SENT

- **Death Notice: # 8-11.**

G.A. CALENDAR

- **May 3 - 9:** Bro. Max Magnan, General Assistant for Education, attends the Latin American Congress of Education, in Lima, Peru.
- **May 13 - 15:** The General Council attends the Bicentennial Celebration of the Foundation of the Daughters of Mary, in Agen, France.

