

Pilgrimage to Bordeaux of the Marianist Fraternities of Spain

A member of the MLC from Valencia writes to us:

If I had to summarize in one sentence what I have experienced these days, it would be: BACK TO UNDERSTAND.

In our process of RE-CREATING the Marianist fraternities of the province of Zaragoza, we decided to "Pilgrimage Together" to Bordeaux, where the experience of RETURNING to our origins and LIVING the founding places where Father Chaminade started the 1st Sodality in BORDEAUX, has been truly enriching.

What we experienced from October 31 to November 3 is difficult to describe. It was a pilgrimage back to our origins, which will remain forever in our memory. A total of 106 members from Valencia, Barcelona, San Sebastian and Zaragoza joined together in Bordeaux, around the Madeleine as the central axis, to live as our brothers of the first Marianist Sodality of Bordeaux did.



Both Fr. Emilio Cárdenas, SM, and Fr. Enrique Aguilera, SM, placed us in an experiential way in the places that our founder traveled with his sodalists, trying to put us, like them, in the hands of Mary, our mother, to help him in his mission of making Jesus known to the world. They were days of great peace, in which we carried out

various activities, had time to pray and, above all, to remember the terrible catastrophe that recently occurred in Valencia. We return with our batteries recharged, eager to transmit and pass on the experience to our brothers and sisters who were unable to attend.

Finally, I would like to express my deep appreciation for the work of the organizers, as well as all those who participated and were involved in the preparation of the activities.

From Bordeaux 1804 to Bordeaux 2024, it will always remain in our hearts.

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