

European Zone – Works concerning the Marianist Charism



The European Center for Marianist Studies consists of three sections: Rome, with AGMAR (Fr. Antonio Gascon, SM), Zaragoza (Fr. Rafa Iglesias, SM and Fr. Enrique Aguilera, SM) and Bordeaux (Fr. Robert Witwicki, SM). The center located in Abidjan also cooperates with the center in Bordeaux.

In addition, the CEM (European Marianist Commission) has encouraged the formation of a committed group of "experts" on our Charism. This group of about ten members was formed in Zaragoza on November 5, 2019; it is called GERME (Marianist Study and Research Group of Europe). The pandemic has prevented the annual meeting of this group since that time. However, they were able to hold two video conferences: in October 2020 and in April 2021.

1. Functions assigned to GERME :

- a) To guarantee the quality of research and publications related to our Charism (historical perspective, scientific quality, human sciences...)
- b) To encourage and help in the formation of researchers, especially members of the Marianist Family who are capable of doing research...
- c) To accompany research work ...
- d) To suggest research topics...
- e) To make resources available (documentation, edition of manuscripts cf. *La Gerbe* collection)
- f) To update the Marianist bibliography

2. Some achievements (European Center and GERME combined)

2.1 : Research : -Fr Eddie Alexandre, SM, (Rome) has discovered some correspondence (about sixty letters) between the Chaminade Brothers from the years of Mussidan (1787-1790) with M. Dubois de Fosseux, an important person in Arras, a town in the north of France. He is preparing an edition of these letters. He is also making a critical study of an important letter by M. Delala on the last years of Fr. Chaminade.

- Emilio Cárdenas, SM (Warsaw), is preparing an edition and presentation of Fr. Gapp's 77 letters and some other writings, including the Berlin interrogations.

- Fr. Antonio Gascón, SM, is working on several Marianist causes in view of beatification.

He has prepared the edition of a work by A. Albano, SM, on lay Marianists, and a biography of Gabrielle Maillet, a mystical affiliate.

- Fr. Leo Pauels, SM, (Abidjan) is completing the French edition of the General History of the SM by A. Gascón. He has edited other translations for Africa.

- In Spain, they have translated works by Daries, Klobb, SM, (Retreat of Fayt), Humbertclaude, SM, (Lalanne, SM, educator), Albano, SM, (Furrow), Cada, SM, (History of Marianist Spirituality), J. Verrier, SM, (Milestones), Ferrero, SM, (Chaminade, SM, spiritual master).

2.2. Translations.

- In France, they have translated from Latin Blessed Chaminade's *Positio* on the virtues.

- A German translation of a work by Janez Kurbus, SM, on the Marianists of Slovenia is in progress.

2.3. New books.

- Life of Fr. Joseph Bouet, by Eddie Alexandre, SM, in the collection *La Gerbe*.

- Antonio González Paz, SM : *Strength in Our Weakness, Praying with Adele*

- Father Raymond Halter, SM: *The spiritual battle for a new life*. Edited by Fr. F. Nanan, SM

- Eugene Adingra, SM : *He cast his eyes upon his humble servant*.

- Antonio Gascón, SM, has rewritten and completed Chaminade's *Positio* on the virtues.

2.4. Outreach : Among other achievements:

- Important Marianist digital library, under the direction of Enrique Aguilera, SM.

- Rafael Iglesias, SM: Comic book about the life of Fr. Vicente López de Uralde, SM.

Project FIAT for the CLM

Project NEW WINE for Marianist educators.

- In France : New image for the Three O'Clock Prayer.

An image illustrating our Charism.

- New editions of the Marianist liturgical propers.

- Not to mention the publications issued by the Marianist Foundation,
nor the YouTubes of Fr. Jean-Louis Barré, SM, ... And so on.

NB: The CEM wishes to multiply the tools for spreading the Charism - especially for the new personnel who commit themselves each year to our works...

3. Concern.

GERME feels the need to develop a formation program for new "experts" in the Charism, in connection with the four branches of the Family.