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News from the General Administration of the Society of Mary

### Priestly Ordination in India



**L-R: Fr. Ignase Arulappen, SM, Fr. Renny Markose, SM, Archbishop Peter Machado, and Fr. Sudhir Kujur, SM, District Superior**

On January 23, 2021, The Most Reverend Peter Machado, Archbishop of Bangalore, ordained Bro. Renny Markose, SM to the priesthood at Deepahalli. The ordination ceremony was done with great respect and reverence, and involved all of the communities which are part of the Deepahalli campus. About two hundred Marianists, family members, Priests and Religious Sisters attended the ceremony.

The ordination celebration ended with a lunch, during which all of the participants

congratulated and prayed for the newly ordained.

On February 8, 2021, Fr. Renny will celebrate his Mass of Thanksgiving in his home parish, with his family members in attendance.

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## Ordinations to the Diaconate at the Chaminade International Seminary in Rome

On January 9, 2021, the Chaminade International Seminary in Rome celebrated the ordination of six seminarians to the diaconate: Alejandro Borrella (Spain), Victor Augusto Ferreira (Brazil), David Kangwa (Zambia), Minyoung Ki (Korea), Cyprian Maingi (Kenya), and Santhosh Savarimuthu (India). The Society of Mary is filled with joy and deep gratitude for these six brothers as they continue on their path towards the priesthood.

Cardinal Luis Ladaria, Cardinal Prefect of the Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith, presided over the celebration. In his homily, addressing the six seminarians, the Cardinal told them: "*You are servants of the altar. You are servants of the Word. You are the servants of the poor and the needy. In all these respects you serve the Lord.*" Later in his homily he said: "*The spirit of diakonia should always accompany you throughout your life. Never allow this dimension of your life to be lost or forgotten! You are conformed to Christ from this moment on, for all your life. You are servants of all.*"



**L-R: Brothers Cyprian Maingi, SM, Victor Augusto Ferreira, SM, David Kangwa, SM, Alejandro Borrella, SM, Santhosh Savarimuthu, SM and Minyoung Ki, SM.**

The celebration took place in the Parish of the Holy Name of Mary in Rome. In attendance were members of the General Administration community, seminarians of the Marianist International Seminary, several representatives from other Marianist communities in Rome and a few friends of the newest Deacons. Because of the pandemic, the capacity had to be limited and the time for celebrating together after the Eucharist had to be suppressed. This did not, however, prevent us from experiencing the celebration with great joy. It was broadcast live via the internet, and more than a thousand people followed it, including family, religious and friends.

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## Formation Committee

In March, 2020, a process for the revision of initial formation in the Society of Mary was set in motion following the instructions of the XXXV General Chapter. A consultation was held with the Assistants for Religious Life of all the Units, as well as with a group of brothers who are or have been formators. The responses confirmed or revealed that there are a number of aspects of formation that need to be strengthened or implemented.

Part of the work on these issues has to be done in the Units and Zones, but there is also another part that touches on themes common to the whole Society of Mary. That is why we have established a Formation Committee - to respond to some of the challenges that have been identified in our survey.



Initially this Committee will work with some specific objectives. Eventually, it could become a Committee that, on a permanent basis, advises the General Council on matters of formation.

The specific objectives for this first stage are:

1. To design a training plan for new formators
2. Update the Formation Guide (1996)

The members of the commission are: Bro. Erik Otiende SM (EA), Fr. Martin Solma SM (US), Fr. Romuald Nlumbu SM (FR-CO), Fr. Ignace Pagnan SM (TO), Fr. Noël Dominique Kouao SM (CI), Fr. Christopher Wittmann SM (US), Fr. Joseph Mwaura SM (EA), Fr. Miguel Ángel Cortés SM (ES), Fr. Enrique Aguilera SM (ES), Fr. Pablo Rambaud SM, Assistant General for Religious Life.

The Committee has been divided into two working groups. These groups met on

January 28 and 29, 2021, to work on the two objectives mentioned earlier.

We thank these brothers for their availability. May their work bear much fruit for the Society of Mary!

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## **Venerable Father Domingo Lázaro - *Man of deep wisdom and counsel, as well as director of souls***

Venerable Father Domingo Lázaro Castro is a Spanish Marianist priest who died on February 22, 1935, at the Colegio El Pilar, in Madrid, at the age of 58. You have read about Father Domingo in several editions of *Via Latina 22* during the process of his cause of beatification and, above all, on the occasion of the decree of Venerable, issued by the Congregation for the Causes of Saints, on May 13, 2019.

Father Domingo was an eminent Catholic pedagogue during the cultural revival of Spanish society in the first third of the 20th century. To him we owe the creation in 1930 of the association of the schools and colleges of the religious congregations in Spain, which today, under the name of *Catholic Schools*, is very active in Spanish school life. However, Father Domingo was, above all, a religious of great spiritual stature. He did his religious formation in France, the University in Madrid and the Seminary in Fribourg. He was director of the Marianist School of San Sebastian, the first Spanish Provincial of the Province of Spain, director of the Colegio El Pilar in Madrid and Assistant Provincial for Temporalities.



Because he was a cultured man with a deep religious spirit, as well as a man who possessed abundant experience in leadership, his advice was highly appreciated by the General Administration. Father Domingo was an eminent director of souls, who dedicated his priestly life to forming the character and spiritual life of the Marianist religious, of current students, as well as many former students, of the parents of his students, and of his collaborators in the federation of Catholic schools.

This February 22nd we will celebrate the 86th anniversary of his birth into heaven. That is why we suggest that you remember this occasion with a Mass of intercession in your communities or in the schools with the teachers, students and collaborators. You can dedicate this Mass to the intention of the family or the education of youth. At the end of the Eucharist you can recite a prayer asking for favors through Fr. Domingo. This prayer appears in the pamphlet that has prayers for all of the Marianists who have been declared Venerable or Servant of God.

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## Prayer intentions to Blessed Chaminade

We ask the Marianist religious and communities to pray to Blessed William Joseph Chaminade for the healing of these two people:

For **Mary**, a graduate of the University of Dayton, sick with breast cancer.

For **Danielle**, from Our Lady of the Pillar Parish in St. Louis (MO-USA). Danielle has been fighting a tumor since 2017; the Parish is praying for Danielle's healing, as you can see on the parish website:

<http://www.olpillar.com/a-prayer-for-healing/>

These two intentions are proposed by Marianist religious David Betz, S.M., from the community in West Hills, California-USA.

## G.A.Communications recently sent

- **Death Notices: N° 1-2**
- **Jan. 19: SM 3 Offices- n° 154 - *The Global Compact on Education***, in three languages, to all religious of the Society of Mary, from the Assistant General for Education, Bro. Maximin Magnan, S.M.
- **Jan. 20: Letter from Committee "Marianist Saintliness"**, in three languages, to all Assistants for Religious Life and Unit Superiors, from Fr. Eddie Alexandre, S.M.
- **Jan. 28: S.M. 3 Offices # 155 - *Distribution of Funds for the Marianist Solidarity Fund and the Marianist Formation Fund 2021***, in three languages, to all Marianist religious, sent by Bro. Michael McAward, SM, Assistant General for Temporalities.

## G.A. Calendar

- **Feb. 28 - Mar. 21:** The General Council visits the Region of Togo.