



THANKS FOR ✨  
THE FAITH SHARED  
IN FAMILY

From Chile, the Marianist Family invites you to give thanks for the call (or vocation) we have received. This year, in which we are invited “to an authentic and renewed conversion to the Lord, the only Savior of the world” (Apostolic Letter *Porta fidei*, Oct. 2011), is a good occasion for giving thanks to God for the persons who have helped us to discover faith and vocation in our lives, this Faith which has been transmitted from mouth to mouth from Jesus himself until today.

To express our gratitude to those who have guided and accompanied us, to those ✨ who have helped us to discover our Marianist vocation as lay persons, in marriage, in the religious life and in the consecrated life.

Certainly, to ✨ thank the persons who have been faithful and enthusiastic in living out their Faith and their vocation, giving witness that the Kingdom is among us. To the Marianist Family: laity, religious and consecrated, who have worked in this apostolate for ✨ many years and whom we follow in working for those who will come after us. Marianist Family ✨ Thank you!

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## World Day of the Marianist Vocation 2013

### VOCATION OF FATHER CHAMINADE

*From the hard but fruitful years of his exile in Saragossa, Father William Joseph planned – discerning – what might be the most appropriate strategy that he might undertake upon his return from exile in order to re-evangelize all of France, using new methods for the new times. That is: something very similar to what the Church today is preparing to launch with the so-called New Evangelization.*

*The lines that follow – Letter of October 8, 1814 – are a confidential invitation to Adele and her companions to assemble in Agen for this new Mission, already in full development in Bordeaux since 1800:*

*“I am going to tell you my whole secret.... Fourteen years ago I returned to France as Missionary Apostolic throughout our unhappy land, subject, however to the approval of various Ordinaries. There seemed to me no better way of exercising these functions than by establishing a sodality [that is: a Lay Movement... the MLC of today] like the one now existing. Each sodalist, of whatever sex, age or condition in life is required to become an active member of the mission.”*

*WE MUST MULTIPLY CHRISTIANS... and to that end he indicated which works – as good as they might be – should not be undertaken because they would not serve to multiply the Faith, and which other works should be given priority.*

### THE VOCATION OF ADELE

*Mother Adele was a woman who lived in simplicity and humility even though she belonged to a family with noble titles. Her family showed her the love of God among those nearest, especially among the young and the poor. She lived her faith life like a process of growth, repeating “let me live your life, my Divine Redeemer.” Hence, in coming to know Father Chaminade, she could join him in the call to follow Jesus in the style of Mary and to found the Family of Mary.*

*Adele tells us: “The true secret of the congregation is to form persons filled with zeal for the salvation of the neighbor and the glory of God. Each one must be a little missionary in her situation for her family, her work, her neighbors and friends.” Hence we do not hesitate to arouse our enthusiasm for the Kingdom of God as Adele did and to listen to her message: “Go cast the nets of the divine love in those places to which Providence sends you; have no other desire than to be in the place where God wants you.”*



**Marcela Vera, Marianist lay person:** “It was surely God’s own doing, with my wanting to study in a “good school,” that I came to the Colegio Marianista Santa María de la Cordillera where, besides my receiving an academic education, there was always present our beloved charism, giving us an innumerable series of moments and opportunities to discover Christ, from the tender hand of Mary, in the solitude of silence many times; and many others, within the bosom of my community, through service and also by sharing with the other branches of the Marianist Family.

*I can say that, in a rather subconscious way, without rationally distinguishing the how or the why, the universal message of love, mercy and charity was kindling a fire in my heart, which allowed me to recognize God in all the facets of my life, good and not so good, to want to repay with each gesture, action and word, through accompanying lay communities of young people; praying to Our Mother, daily, untiringly, to strengthen my faith to continue feeling very beloved by Him...”*



**Asunción López de Luzuriaga FMI, Marianist sister:** *I was born into a Catholic family, and from earliest childhood I knew about the Marianists because I had an uncle a priest and an aunt a sister. So I grew up in a Marianist environment.... I remember that I was always very glad to see my aunt and uncle because they were very happy people, they bore witness to the saving experience of Jesus in those difficult times that Spain was going through.*

*As I got older, what really grabbed me was the family spirit, where I learned to know Mary, in a special way these 33 years in Chile. For me, Mary is a life-model. Mary is she who brings us to Jesus. This simple woman, who knew how to say yes in face of the impossible, has been present all throughout my life journey.*

*The pillars of my faith life are: prayer, fraternal life and mission. Our Founder said, you are all missionaries, which means making Jesus known. I have been a religious 70 years for that purpose, to help others along their way to Christ... and sharing my life witness.”*

**Francisco García de Vinuesa sm, Marianist religious:**

*(First click) When I was an elementary student in the Colegio del Pilar in Madrid, it was announced that Don Clemente, the aged French Marianist – exiled from his country because he was a religious – whom we greeted very cheerfully each afternoon as we left for home, had died.... I cried.*

*(Second click) When I was beginning middle school, “another prof” spoke to us about the Marianist Religious Vocation and... there came back to me the face of that old Frenchman who died in exile because he was a Missionary of Mary. I prayed silently, looking at a picture of Our Lady of the Pillar; I asked her to choose many good vocations... from among my classmates, because “I’m no good for that.”*

*(Third click) I had just entered the University when my Spiritual Guide ‘awakened’ me to face the possibility of a call to be a Marianist religious. My parents had no objection, but they SURPRISED ME by their opinion: “the only thing we want is that you truly do the Will of God.” ALL the responsibility to BE and to DO what the Lord wanted fell back upon me...!!*

*Today, 58 years later, I thank God for the grace of perseverance.”*





### **Carmen Orellana, Alianza Marial:**

*“My conversion process was born of a special encounter with Mary. Already since childhood catechism I felt a great nearness to Her. Later, as an adolescent, Mary continued to be my point of reference for whoever might later become my husband. It was in profound prayer with Her that allowed me to discover Jesus. Later, during my children’s catechism, I came into contact with the Marianist lay communities. Belonging to them allowed me to cultivate faith within a community. After the departure of my husband, I discovered the possibility of joining the Alliance Marial. It was a call from the Lord that so filled me with consolation and joy that I could consecrate my life to Him.”*

### **Sylvia Cubillos and Alfredo Suau, lay Marianists:**

*As a married couple, our greatest wealth is our faith, it is the treasure that we cannot hide, we can only share it with our brothers, especially with the poorest.*

*It is not by chance that we live a great part of the year in the mountains; we feel it as a gift; we are a presence of the Church in a place where it never goes. It is being on the frontier, it is difficult to live there, but also very gratifying. We haven’t lost our enthusiasm. We just have to continue showing Jesus, making him known and presenting our MOTHER as our ally and the wellspring of our mission.*

*We rely upon her example and love for whoever wants to work for the kingdom of her Son. With the help of our founders and the companionship of the Marianist Family, we are happy to serve in our mountain chapel, which celebrates ten years of life in 2013.*



## **SUGGESTIONS FOR LEADING THE PRAYER**

**First moment: LIVING MY VOCATION (MY CALL) WITH MARY.** *A moment to look back over one’s personal history and the example of Mary:*

- **Annunciation:** contemplate Mary’s yes and ask myself:  
What was the moment of encounter with the Lord that brought me to accept him?  
How did I discover that my vocation was lay/religious or consecrated?
- **Visitation:** I contemplate Mary carrying her unborn Son to her cousin Elizabeth and ask myself:  
Toward what did the encounter with the Lord push me?  
What personal and social changes happened in my life?
- **Magnificat:** I contemplate Mary as she proclaims the wonders of the Lord and ask myself:  
What does the Magnificat say to me?  
I will compose a praise of the Father for having called me and for the wonders he has done.

**Second moment: WITH MARY WE PRAISE THE FATHER.** We meet in community to proclaim aloud our own praise to the Father, developed individually.

*We suggest that the participants meet in a circle, so that they can see one another’s faces, interspersing songs of thanks between the prayers. We suggest you make a sign referring to the light or to a feeling.*

**Third moment: WITH MARY, WE PERSEVERE IN FOLLOWING THE LORD.**

We meet in small groups in order to respond to two questions:

*What is the mission that the Lord asks of me today?*

*What are the strengths of the Marianist charism that help me to take on this mission?*

**Fourth moment: WE CELEBRATE THE EUCHARIST, ASKING FOR WORKERS FOR THE KINGDOM.**

*We suggest that during the Eucharist the responses of the groups be presented, thanking the Lord for his call and for the Marianist charism.*

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Bienvenue sur la page internet de la Famille Marianiste, page qui vient d'être renouvelée une nouvelle fois. Nous vous invitons à explorer les rubriques de ce site et d'y retourner souvent.

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### WORLD DAY OF MARIANIST PRAYER October 14, 2012



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Bienvenidos a la nueva página de la Familia Marianista. Le invitamos a explorar todos los componentes de este sitio y volver con frecuencia.

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