



## **VIA LATINA 22**

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News from the General Administration of the Society of Mary

## **Bro. Justin Quiroz, SM (US) professes Perpetual Vows**

On Saturday, October 2, 2021, Bro. Justin Quiroz, SM, professed perpetual vows in the Society of Mary at Immaculate Conception Chapel on the campus of University of Dayton in Dayton, Ohio. Bro. Justin had professed his First Vows in May 2016. He currently resides at the Chambers Street Community in Dayton.



**Bro. Justin Quiroz, SM, surrounded by some members of the Provincial Council  
of the USA after the celebration**

Fr. Oscar Vasquez, SM, provincial of the Marianist Province of the United States, presided at the Eucharist and received the vows. Fr. Tim Kenney, SM, Assistant for religious life, concelebrated. Fr. Neville O'Donohue, SM also concelebrated and was the homilist. Bro. Charles Johnson, SM, director of temporary professed, presented Bro. Justin for the Rite of Religious Profession. Fr. Bob Jones, SM was the Master of Ceremonies.

The safety measures due to the pandemic limited the number of guests that could be present. It was fortunate, however, that a good number of members of the SM, the FMI, the University of Dayton community, as well as Justin's family and friends, were able to join him on this joyous occasion. The vow ceremony was livestreamed so that Marianist family members and friends from throughout the world were able to virtually witness the celebration.

We offer our congratulations to Justin and his Province, assuring them of our fraternal prayers.

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## **Minyoung Michael Ki, SM ordained in the Region of Korea**

Minyoung Michael Ki, SM was ordained to the priesthood in the Sangok Marianist parish of Incheon in South Korea on October 9, 2021. Bishop John Baptist Shinchul Jeong, of the Diocese of Incheon was the ordaining bishop. Fr. Minyoung recently finished his studies at the Chaminade International Seminary in Rome, returning to his Region last July.



**Fr. Michael Ki Miyoung, SM, with the Bishop John Baptist Shinchul Jeong and surrounded by members of the Region.**

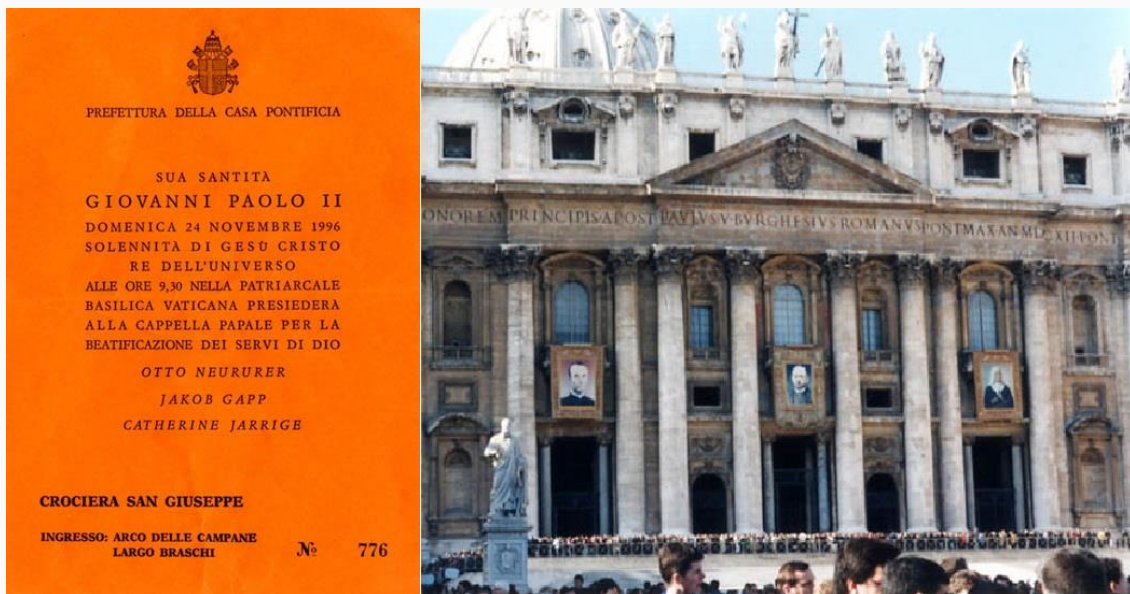
Witnessing the ordination were members of his family, members of the Marianist Family, and other friends. Unfortunately, due to a case of COVID, the majority of the members of the Regional House Community were unable to come, due to their quarantine. Nevertheless, the day was one filled with gratitude and inspiration, as Fr. Miyoung accepted the call to priestly ministry within the Society of Mary and committed himself to serve the needs of the community and with them, the needs of the mission.

We offer our congratulations to Miyoung and his Region, assuring them of our fraternal prayers.

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## Sunday, November 24, 1996 – 2021: 25th anniversary of the beatification of Jakob Gapp

This November 24, we will celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the beatification of our Austrian confrere Jakob Gapp by Pope John Paul II. He became the fourth Marianist Blessed, after the three martyrs of Ciudad-Real.



This is a special grace that has been given to the Society of Mary and to the entire Marianist Family. Blessed Jakob is a great figure of the last century. His testimony of courage and defense of freedom still touches us today and remains of great relevance. Jakob died because he was not willing to compromise the truth. At that time in history, Adolf Hitler and his followers were promoting National Socialism. Without any hesitation, Jakob denounced National Socialism as a doctrine contrary to the Gospel and dangerous for humanity and for the Church. In a very complex period, marked by international conflicts and great social and cultural upheavals, he was an awakener of consciences, always putting the Gospel and his faith in first place. The numerous references made to his message, some of them coming from beyond the Marianist world, testify to this.

On the occasion of this anniversary, his home parish in Wattens (Tyrol) HAS organized a major celebration. The General Administration is also preparing the publication of his writings in our three official languages, under the direction of Fr. Emilio Cárdenas, SM. This publication will take place in 2022. In our

communities and as a family, let us give thanks for the gift of Blessed Jakob, especially on his birthday, November 24. We also celebrate and give thanks for the martyrs of Vietnam on this same day.

Let us thank God for the great gift he has given us in the person of Blessed Jakob. Let us pray to him to enlighten us in the complex situations of our time. Let us entrust our intentions to him and invite others to do so, so that his canonization will allow his message to spread even further.

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## New School Year at the Chaminade International Seminary



**L-R: Miguel Ángel Cortés, Rector (Spain); Peter Kulandai (India); Frantzy Perier (Haiti, Province of France); José Luis González (Mexico); Frédéric Bini, Vice-Rector (Togo); Goerge Majhi (India); Messi Loubiya (Congo-Brazzaville); Showraiah Ravulapalli (India); Anselme Agbesi (Togo).**

Every year there are new members joining the community of the Chaminade International Seminary. We present here the brothers who are members of this community for the 2021-2022 school year. Due to the circumstances created by the pandemic, the community could not be fully established until the end of September. Since that time, it has been operating normally. We commend this formation community and its service to the Society of Mary to the prayers of all the brothers.

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## Apostolic Brief of Blessed Marie de la Conception de Batz

On Monday, October 4, Mother Franca Zonta, Superior General of the Daughters of Mary Immaculate, and Father Antonio Gascon, postulator of the Cause of Mother Marie de la Conception de Batz, received the Apostolic Brief for the beatification of Mother Adele from the hands of Monsignor Paolo Rizzi at the Secretariat of State. Previously, Pope Francis, by an Apostolic Letter dated June 1, 2018 to the Bishop of Agen, Msgr. Hubert Herbreteau, granted the authority to celebrate the beatification of the new Blessed. The beatification took place on June 10, 2018.



**The FMI General Council with the Apostolic Brief**

With the Apostolic Brief, the Pope affirms and ordains with his apostolic authority the status of Blessed for Mother Marie de la Conception de Batz. The Pope signed the Brief with his personal seal (anellus piscatoris, in which the Apostle Peter is depicted in the act of gathering the nets) and it is counter-signed by the Cardinal Secretary of State, Pietro Parolin. The Brief has the form of a stunning historical book, handwritten on parchment, containing 10 pages, and has a delicate binding that makes it a precious object of great documentary and material value.

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## The Synod on Synodality is underway - participate!

The Synod on Synodality opened on Saturday, October 9 and Sunday, October 10 at Vatican City. It was an occasion for celebration, prayer and a solemn Mass, presided over by Pope Francis. On the following Sunday, October 17, all the dioceses of the world celebrated this start locally.

We are now in the phase of consulting the people of God with the help of the *Preparatory Document* and all the opportunities for reflection that will be opened in dioceses around the world. It is a great opportunity for renewal for the Church, so that it becomes more and more a "synodal Church, a Church of the Listener, a Church of proximity" (Pope Francis, October 9).



Let us be attentive to all the opportunities that are offered to us to participate as religious and as the Marianist Family. Even better, let us create these opportunities ourselves. This is important for us and for others. We have to give of our wealth and receive from the wealth of others. Let us walk together; this is the literal meaning of the word synod.

During this process, let us pray to the Holy Spirit with Pope Francis (9/10/2021):

*Come, Holy Spirit! You inspire new tongues and place words of life on our lips: keep us from becoming a "museum Church", beautiful but mute, with much past and little future. Come among us, so that in this synodal experience we will not lose our enthusiasm, dilute the power of prophecy, or descend into useless and unproductive discussions. Come, Spirit of love, open our hearts to hear your voice! Come, Holy Spirit of holiness, renew the holy and faithful People of God! Come, Creator Spirit, renew the face of the earth! Amen*

For more information and to find the preparatory document in your language, follow this link <https://www.synod.va/en/news/preparatory-document.html>

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## The Global Compact on Education



Several Zones and Units of the Society of Mary have embraced Pope Francis' invitation to all humanity to make an educational pact through personal commitment. Gradually, initiatives are emerging and being put in place in various locations. We are happy to share with you what is being done. To this end, we invite you to visit [the special section of our website](#) dedicated to this **Global Compact on Education** project.

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## Laudato Si' Action Platform

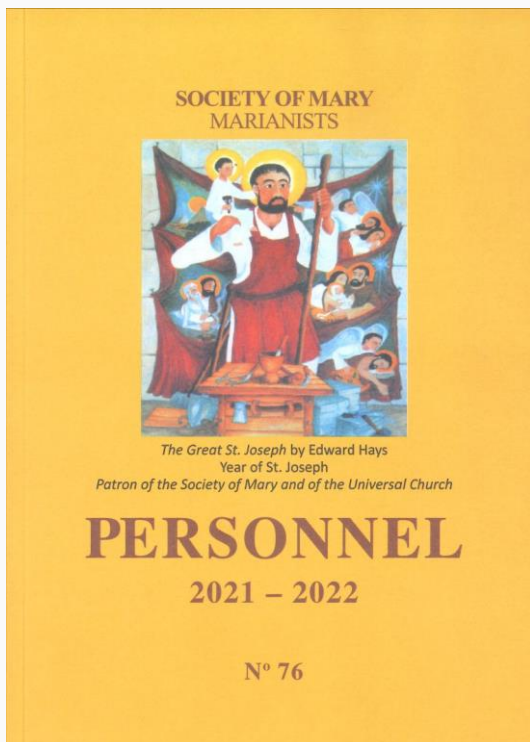
Pope Francis calls us to “an ‘ecological conversion’, whereby the effects of [our] encounter with Jesus Christ become evident in [our] relationship with the world around [us].” (LS 217)



You are invited to participate in the world-wide effort by the LAUDATO SI' ACTION PLATFORM. There is something everyone can do. For more information [CLICK HERE](#).

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## 2021-2022 International Personnel To Arrive Soon!



This year's edition of the **International Personnel** has been printed and mailed to all Unit Administrations. When the copies actually arrive will depend on the various postal and courier services involved. We sincerely hope that the complications from the pandemic do not cause long delays, and that these arrive soon.

Once they have arrived to the Unit Administration, they should be distributed, as usual, throughout that Unit.

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## United to all the poor of the world.



Lord, teach us to not love only ourselves, to not love only those who are dear to us, to not love only those who love us.

Teach us to think of others and love especially those whom no one loves. Lord, make us suffer the sufferings of others.

Give us the grace to understand that in every moment, there are millions of human beings, who die of hunger without deserving to die of hunger, who die of cold without deserving to die of cold.

Have pity, Lord, on all the poor of the world, and forgive us for having abandoned them.

Do not allow it any more, Lord, that we can be happy alone by ourselves. Make us feel the pain of universal misery and deliver us from ourselves. Amen.

**Raoul Follereau** (1903-1977)

## G.A. Communications recently sent

- **Death Notices: nn.22-26**
- **Sept. 27:** *The Global Compact on Education*, in three languages, to all Assistants of Education, from the Assistant General for Education, Bro. Maximin Magnan, SM.
- **Oct. 6:** *The Present and the Future of the Chapelle de la Madeleine*, in three languages, to all Unit Superiors, Assistants of Religious Life and Directors of the Marianist Study Centers, by the Superior General, Fr. André-Joseph Fétis, SM

## G.A. Calendar

- **Nov. 11-13:** Meeting of the World Council of the Marianist Family in Rome, Italy.
- **Nov. 24-26:** Fr. André-Joseph Fétis, Superior General, attends the meeting of the USG (Union of Superiors General), in Rome, Italy.

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