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OUR SPANISH MARTYRS



Fr Angel Antón writes: “Ten years ago, the Society of Mary introduced the cause for beatification of nine Spanish Marist confreres who were martyred during the 1936 religious persecution in Spain. Fr Melitón Carrillo (+2018) took on the task of gathering documentation that could establish they were killed witnessing to their faith. Melitón built on the initial work of Fr. Isidro de Roba (+2011) who had collected much valuable material. With patience and much trust in God and in Mary, documents began

to emerge, some of them in the least expected places. This allowed Melitón to complete the dossier. When his health began to fail, I continued his work with the diocesan authorities, especially with the diocese of Alcalá de Henares. The postulator from the diocese decided to present a group of 43 diocesan priests, religious and lay people, killed and buried in the common grave in Paracuellos del Jarama, including our confreres: Frs Antonio de Santiago, Fausto Muñoz, Romualdo Sáenz, Timoteo Uriondo and Zacarías Feijóo. Here is a link to their biographical sketches (Spanish) (www.bit.ly/ESmartbio). The diocesan phase of their cause concluded on Saturday, 26 October 2019. The Bishop of Alcalá de Henares, Mgr. Juan Antonio Reig Pla, said that this group of ‘men and women abandoned themselves into God's hands and were able to resist persecution and bear witness to their faith... they urge us to continue to witness to the gift of faith in a fragile society like our own’. A second group of martyrs whose causes are also being promoted includes four other confreres killed and buried elsewhere: Frs Anastasio García, Constancio López, José María Fernández and Br José María González. I invite you to join the Marist communities in Spain to pray for the beatification of our confreres.” (Full text in Spanish and English: www.bit.ly/SMmart2019)



“ To be more closely united, work more creatively, and act in greater solidarity we form one province beyond national limitations...”

GREETINGS FROM PARIS!

As we enter the New Year, it is traditional to make New-Year resolutions! We have been thinking that it is time for us to make a few changes too. So, in our first publication in 2020, you can expect a new layout. Some readers commented that our editorials do not add anything to the content and suggested this text ought to include something more substantial.

Further, because we distribute EuroInfo on the last day of each month, it means that the logic of the texts is to look back over the month just past. It makes more sense to anticipate events and to prepare for them, asking for prayers or focusing on a liturgical season etc.

For this reason, we have decided to distribute EuroInfo on the 7th of the month. As a consequence, EuroInfo 137 will carry the date of February 2020 and not January.

We wish all our readers a joyful celebration of the New Year and pray that 2020 will bring all of you the blessing of hope!

Francisco Chauvet and Martin McAnaney

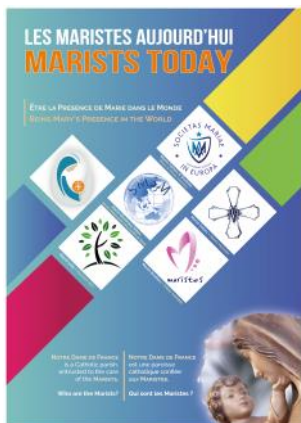
AUX SOURCES DE L'AVENIR (AT THE WELLSPRINGS OF THE FUTURE), 1-2 OCTOBER, TOULON, FRANCE

Every year for the last 20 years, Marists in France have offered a formation programme for those interested in deepening their understanding of Marist spirituality. Mrs Emmanuelle Gardy, Administration and Finance Manager for the Marists in France, participated this year. She writes: "Since I started working for the Society of Mary in France, I have come into contact with many of the Marist communities. I wanted to better understand the Marist spirit and what being a Marist meant for those who have committed themselves in their vocation, whether lay people or religious. How can one understand it, live it and speak about it? Going back to the sources of Marist spirituality was, for me, a way to understand and live it in my work and relationships with those who are in contact with the congregation. We were welcomed to the Marist Spirituality Centre (CCSM), in Toulon (www.maristesdanslevar.fr) by the Fennets, a couple involved with Marist Laity, and by Fr Bernard Boisseau. There were 16 of us signed up for this programme. After a



brief introduction, we set out together to discover what it meant to be a Marist, starting with Mary in the Scriptures. Then we were guided by Fr Boisseau in the footsteps of Fr Jean-Claude Colin and his desire to make Mary more present in the life of the Church of his time, which inspired him to found the Society of Mary. For Fr Colin, it was necessary to love Mary and to be Mary's presence in the Church. We look forward to meeting again three more times to learn from Mary how to follow Jesus." (Full text in French and English: www.bit.ly/SourcesEG)

NOTRE DAME DE FRANCE (NDF) EXHIBIT, LONDON, 8 DECEMBER



Two months ago, EuroInfo shared with you the PowerPoint presentation about Marist history, spirituality and mission created by the French Education Communication team. The NDF team adapted the PowerPoint in order to share the Marist charism by creating a mini-exhibition for use in the church building. They also took the opportunity to launch the publicity leaflets and bookmarks in the parish. On the weekend of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception everybody was given a bookmark with the mass sheet and invited to visit the exhibition in the Baptistry chapel, to find out more about 'Who the Marists are'. The area is well-lit and accessible to all who come in to visit the church or pray. A simple idea! Maybe other communities will be inspired to do something similar...? If we can be of any help, don't hesitate to contact: info@maristeurope.eu



OBITUARY

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17.12.2019

PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE NEW YEAR

Lord, you make all things new and your Spirit brings hope alive in our hearts. We thank you for this new year, for the promises it holds. Come and kindle in us a mighty flame, that through our witnessing, many will see the wonders of your love and live forever to praise your name.

