

## October 2024 Family Online - A Marianist Moment

### A Review of Our Marianist Saints

As we approach November again, the Church spends time to reflect on the men and women who have gone before us in faith. November 1 recognizes the official Communion of Saints, and we are invited to see particular saints for whom we may have an affinity as role models in our lives. We are also called to remember the unofficial saints who have impacted our lives because of the holiness that they demonstrated. November 2 is the day when we honor the men and women that we personally have known before they died and pray for them since they were important people in our lives. Because of my role as the promoter of the Marianist Saints, I have become more aware of these individuals, and remembering them has become a part of my prayer life.

An important resource in this endeavor has been Daniel Ellsberg's **Blessed Among Us** short articles in the monthly Give Us This Day Missalette published by Liturgical Press, Collegeville, MN. He gives snippets of saints' lives, official and unofficial, for us to reflect upon six days each week for the month. Examples have been Saint Luke, St. Teresa of Avila, Blessed Carlo Acutis, Amos the Prophet, Thomas Keating, and Maura O'Halloran. It has been fascinating to see how holiness has been enacted in the lives of men and women who we may have never been aware of in the world.

Let us turn to our Marianist Saints, and here is the listing (17 who are considered on the Road to Sainthood) of whom we have been called to seek intercession to our God when we feel the need for assistance in our lives:

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| Blessed Fr. William Joseph Chaminade: 1761-1850                                   | January 20   |
| Blessed Mother Marie of the Conception (Adèle de Batz de Trenquelléon): 1789-1828 | January 10   |
| Blessed Br. Carlos Eraña, Martyr: 1884-1936                                       | September 18 |
| Blessed Br. Jesús Hita, Martyr: 1900-1936   | September 18 |
| Blessed Br. Fidel Fuidio, Martyr: 1880-1936                                       | September 18 |
| Blessed Fr. Jakob Gapp, Martyr: 1897-1943   | August 13    |
| Blessed Fr. Miguel Leibar, Martyr: 1885-1936                                      | November 6   |
| Blessed Br. Florencio Arnáiz, Martyr: 1909-1936                                   | November 6   |
| Blessed Br. Josquín Ochoa, Martyr: 1910-1936                                      | November 6   |
| Blessed Br. Sabino Ayastuy, Martyr: 1911-1936                                     | November 6   |

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| Venerable Mother Marie-Thérèse Charlotte de Lamourous: 1754-1836 | September 14 |
| Venerable Faustino Pérez-Manglano: 1946-1963                     | March 3      |
| Venerable Fr. Domingo Lázaro: 1877-1935                          | February 22  |
| Venerable Fr. Vincente Lopez de Uralde: 1895-1990                | September 15 |

Servant of God Juan Vergareche, Martyr: 1890-1936 November 7

Causes being pursued: the diocesan Bishops where they died have been approached about opening their cases: Br. Miguel Quiroga, Martyr: 1972-1998 September 18 (Quito, Columbia)  
Fr. Raymond Halter: 1925-1998 December 26 (Abidjan, Ivory Coast)

Let me share some resources that may assist you in getting to know more about our Marianist Saints. I invite you to look at these resources for your personal education, especially when you feel that you want to spend some time in prayer for their intercession.

1. **North American Center for Marianist Studies (NACMS):** [www.nacms.org](http://www.nacms.org) - NACMS provides programs, books, e-publications, and Community Meeting Kits - the latest one on The Spectacle of Saints, Podcasts (Sharing Our Marianist Stories) - Episode 26 is on the saints
2. **Marianist Province of the US:** [www.marianist.com](http://www.marianist.com) - under the About link, you will see links to the Marianist Founders and Marianist Causes; under the News & Resources link, you will see Family Online, where articles concerning the saints were written in a number of issues over the years and ALIVE Magazine where two issues: Fall 2023, Vol 20, No.3 and Spring 2024, Vol. 21, No. 1 have a couple of articles about our Marianist Saints
3. **Marianist Family - International Marianist Family:** [www.marianist.org](http://www.marianist.org) - This is the International Marianist Family Website, which is presented in English, French and Spanish. Click the Society of Mary link, and under the About the Society of Mary link, you will see a link to Marianist Causes; under the publications link, you will see Via Latina (The newsletter of the SM General Administration) and this monthly newsletter usually has a short article on the various Marianist Saints

Of course, as Marianists, our primary intercessor is Mary, Mother of Jesus. It has been through her inspiration that guided our Marianist Saints, and so she needs to be our inspiration as well. So we pray, May the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen.