Marianist Founders as Examples of an Amazing Partnership in Collaboration

Food for the Soul

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Focus on the "mission"

Rechristianize France (later Europe and the World)

Obstacles

- Distractions
- "Mission creep"
- Sense of "call" or good purpose



Coordination

To act in harmonious combination

Chance to contribute Awareness of the larger picture **Special attributes of each** William Joseph Chaminade Pragmatist with a Vision Adèle de Batz de Trenquelléon Aristocrat for the Poor Marie Thérèse de Lamourous Firm of Hand, Loving of Heart





Marie Thérèse de Lamourous: Director of Miséricorde (structured to foster dignity)

Adèle: Cher Project (overcoming limits of geography; today's blog)

Blessed Chaminade: Bordeaux Sodality (adaptation for the times)

Cooperation

Adèle: Issue of cloister; assists with SM coming to Agen

Father Chaminade: Fund raising, sacramental supports, and retreats

Marie Thérèse: Ladies of the Retreat and setting up first FMI convent



Communication

Imagine! No telegraph, telephone, email, Facebook, or tweets!











Practice and Trust

Marie Thérèse and Chaminade 1794-1836 (40 + years)

Adèle and Chaminade 1808-1828 (20 years)

Marie Thérèse and Adèle 1808-1828 (20 years)





Blessed Chaminade, "Do whatever he tells you."

Marie Thérèse, "Seek first the Reign of God and its righteousness and all else will be given to you."

Adèle, "God alone."





What Resonates?

Source of Inspiration for collaboration?

Source of Energy for partnerships?

Source of Wisdom for working well together?

