



Period of Stabilization

Chapter 13

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Stabilization Period 1905-1965

Impact of major world events

- Two World Wars:
- Great Depression
- Marianist martyrs in Europe
- Second Vatican Council
- Civil Right Movement

Significant historical markers

- Creation of three new provinces
 - St. Louis Province: 1908: Fr. Joseph Weckesser, Provincial, Brother John Waldron, Inspector
 - Pacific Province: 1948: Fr. Walter Tredtin, Provincial; Brother James Wipfield, Inspector
 - New York Province: 1961: Fr. John Dickson, Provincial; Bro. John Darby, Inspector
- Daughters of Mary (Marianist Sisters) arrive in the United States
- Founder's vision recaptured through renewed attention to:
 - Working Brothers
 - Sodalties in schools
 - Lay groups and communities

Dr. Kauffman's analysis and framework for SMs education ministries

(see Chapter 5, *Education and Transformation*)

- Education becomes primary ministry (increased role of Inspector General)
- Impact of Third Plenary Council in 1884 in Baltimore, Maryland: Catholic education for children required under "pain of mortal sin," as well as government compulsory education laws
- Education ministries shift from elementary schools to high schools. The 1947 Chapter of the Cincinnati Province concluded it was too difficult to prepare teachers for three levels of education (and sisters were handling elementary schools.) Therefore, the SM would only keep grade schools owned by SM. There were 13 elementary schools in this category; by 1940, there were 29 high schools.
- Curriculum "modernized" as need to compete with public education increases
- Shift to more centralized systems: fewer parish schools; more diocesan schools
- Increase in educational standards and accreditation requirements
- Schools remain primary source of vocations
- Teaching principles of democracy woven into curriculum

Other significant dates, events, people

- 1904 Catholic Education Association formed followed later by National Catholic Education (Marianist role in foundation)
- 1905 Bro. John Kim becomes General Assistant for Education— first American selected for General Administration
- 1907 A postulate opens in Ferguson, Missouri under Bro. Michael Schleich
- 1908 Creation of St. Louis Province: 87° longitude selected as division between two provinces. Exceptions: California and Hawaii remain with Cincinnati Province; Winnipeg and Mexico become part of St. Louis Province.
- 1909 Hamilton, Ohio site of first centralized high school staffed by SM
- 1912 Scholasticate opened in Dayton, Ohio
- 1920s Women attend classes at University of Dayton in evening and Saturdays(1920), The College of Law opens and women admitted (1922), and first summer sessions scheduled at UD and women admitted (1923)
- 1920s SM ownership of schools increases, financial issues result in coeducational schools, and increased adoption of uniform curricula and salaries for faculty
- 1922 Postulate opens in Beacon, New York, for high school candidates
- 1922 Short coat offered as option for SM dress
- 1928 Depression hits the SM: Cincinnati Province files for bankruptcy and reorganizes; Chaminade College in Kirkwood, Missouri almost sold, but able to restructure loans
- 1935 Women admitted to UD with Notre Dame Sisters in charge of a Women's college and members of the order serve as the Dean of Women. Special college for women closes two years later.
- 1937 All divisions of UD open to women: UD becomes fully coeducational
- 1939 St. Louis SM pursuing higher education begin attending UD
- 1940s Father Ferree's writings influence high school sodalities and men in initial formation study clubs
- 1945 Admission to SM of minorities raised in Chapter. Most religious orders have similar policies, as well as pastors of many northern parishes and nearly all the southern parishes. Chapter said "for the present we would have to refuse acceptance of them (African-Americans) because of the nature of our SM works and it would hamper our work for recruitment."
- 1946 University enrollments increase dramatically as result of GI bill of rights
- 1948 Pacific Province created. Cincinnati Province "loans" 25 men to new Province
- 1949 FMI come to United States (Texas)
- 1948 Marian Library opens to celebrate the triple Centennial: SM to U.S.—death of Blessed Chaminade—opening of the University of Dayton
- 1946—61 Number of SM in U.S. increases by 100%, travel by brothers to other provinces increases; obedience and stability are stressed
- Early 60s Resurgence of adult faith communities by Bro. John Totten, Fr. John Dickson, Bro. Hugh Bihl, and others
- 1961 New York Province created
- 1962 Second Vatican Council initiates reforms and renewal of religious life along with multiplication of social justice ministries
- 1966 Highest number of SM to date: 3,254 member in the world; 1,619 in the US

Superiors, General Chapters, and Foundations SM and FMI (1905-65)

SM Superiors General

1905-22	(17 years)	Joseph Hiss (1846-1922)
1922-33	(11 years)	Ernest J. Sorret (1866-1933)
1934-40	(6 years)	François J. Kieffer (1864-1940)
1940-46	(6 years)	François J. Jung (Vic. Gen.) (1874-1960)
1946-56	(10 years)	Sylvester J. Juergens (1894-1969)
1956-71	(15 years)	Paul J. Hoffer (1906-76)

SM General Chapters

Hiss			Sorret		
13.	1905	Rèves	16.	1922-23	Rèves
14.	1910	Rèves	17.	1928	Rèves
15.	1920	Rèves	18.	1933	Rèves
Kieffer			Juergens		
19.	1934	Rèves	21.	1946	Fribourg
20.	1939	Fribourg	22.	1951	Fribourg
Hoffer					
23.	1956	Fribourg	25.	1966-67	Fribourg
24.	1961	Fribourg			

SM Provinces and Vice-provinces

In 1905, there were six provinces in the SM: Paris, Midi, Franche-Comté, Alsace, Spain, and (North) America. Japan had been a vice-province since 1898. (6 + 1)

1906	Austria - Alsace joined to Franche-Comté (6 + 1)
1908	America divided into Cincinnati and St. Louis (7 + 1)
1931	Vice-province of Italy (7 + 2)
1946	Switzerland and Japan (9 + 1)
1948	Italy and Pacific (11)
1950	Spain divided into Madrid and Saragossa (12)
1952	Paris, Midi, and Franche-Comté combined to form France (10)
1961	New York (11)
1964	Canada (12)
1965	Andes (13)

SM Foundations in New Countries (* = re-entry)

1915 Morocco (until 1980)
1930 Puerto Rico
1932 Argentina
1933 China *(until 1947)
1938 Turkey (until 1944)
1939 Hungary (until 1965)
1939 Peru
1946 Congo
1949 Chile
1955 Central African Republic (until 1962)
1957 Nigeria (until 1985 or 1986)
1958 Togo
1960 Korea
1960 Malawi
1961 Kenya
1961 Ivory Coast
1963 Lebanon (until 1974)
1964 Australia (until 1987)
1965 Colombia

Daughters of Mary (FMI)

1949 Italy
1949 Japan (by Spain)
1949 USA (by Spain)
1960 Togoland

Emile Neubert, SM (1878-1967)

1878 May 8, born in Ribeauvillé (Alsace), France
1892 Postulate in Bourogne
1894-95 Novitiate in Courtefontaine
1895 September 15, First vows, Courtefontaine
1895-1900 Scholasticate in Ris-Orangis and Besançon
1900-1902 Teacher at Grand Lebrun, Caudéran (near Bordeaux), at La Rochelle, and at Rue de Monceau in Paris
1902 September 7, final vows in Paris (7 years of temporary vows)
1903 Licentiate – Paris
1903-1906 Seminary in Fribourg
1906 August 5, ordination, Fribourg
1907 Doctorate (University of Fribourg).
Thesis: *Marie dans l'Église anténicéene* (Mary in the Pre-Nicene Church)

1907-1921 In USA [14 years]

1907 (Sept. to Dec. in Nivelles) December 8 – teacher in Dayton
1910 Novice Master – Clayton, Mo., and (in 1910) Ferguson, Mo. (7 years)
1916 *The Interior Life according to the Spirit of the SM*, text for novices
1917 Novice Master – Mount St. John, Dayton (2 years)
1919 Novice Master – Maryhurst, St. Louis (2 years)
1921 Return to France – philosophy teacher, Strasbourg

1922-1949 Marianist Seminary, Fribourg [28 years]

1922 Assistant Rector, Fribourg Seminary
1923-1949 Rector of Seminary (27 years)
1929 *Notre Don de Dieu*, text for seminarians
1933 *Marie dans le dogme*
[*Mary in Doctrine*. English trans. of 1953 revision, published in 1954]
1933 *Mon idéal* (first edition of the original French *My Ideal*)
1949 Chaplain, Grangeneuve
1953 Chaplain, La Tour de Scay
1954 *Notre Don de Dieu* (complete revision of 1929 text)
[*Our Gift from God*. English translation, published in 1962]
1962 Chaplain, Art-sur-Meurthe
1967 August 29, dies in Art-sur-Meurthe at the age of 89

See

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