

NACMS NEWSLETTER

February 2024

As we prepare for the Lenten Season, NACMS has some exciting opportunities in the works. Keep reading to learn more about:

- Our Lenten meditations podcast series,
- Presentations to University of Dayton students,
- Our upcoming “Reflecting on the Companions of Adèle” program,
- A limited-time-only sale on *Companions of Adele*,
- And our publication spotlight.



Lenten Meditations



Although it feels like we just closed the Christmas season, Lent is right around the corner. Have you considered how you might deepen your prayer life during the upcoming Lenten season? Ash Wednesday is on February 14, and NACMS has you covered for spiritual development. In line with the tradition of praying the Stations of the Cross during Lent, NACMS is offering four Lenten Meditations. Each meditation reflects on a different moment in the Lenten season. These reflections will guide us on our journey into the mystery of

Christ's Passion and our relationship with Him. Listen wherever you get your podcasts, including [our website](#).

Sharing Our Marianist History with Students at the University of Dayton

On January 22 and 23, George Lisjak, NACMS director, presented to students in Tiffany Hunsinger's Religion 103 courses at the

University of Dayton about the early history and the Founders' vision of the Marianist Family. If you are interested in having NACMS staff present in-person or virtually on Marianist History or Spirituality, please contact us at nacms1@gmail.com or call (937) 429-2521.

Marianist Charism

What it is and where it came from

George J. Lisjak
January 22 and 23, 2024

Program Spotlight: Reflecting on the Companions of Adèle



NACMS is offering a new reading group exploring the lives of six remarkable women who journeyed with Adèle during the initial years of the Marianist Sisters, and we invite you to discover the richness of their stories and the practical wisdom they can teach us today.

“Reflections on the Companions of Adèle” is a three-week online reading group that uses *Companions of Adele*, a book written by Joseph Stefanelli, SM, containing 145 biographical sketches of women who interacted with Adèle during the twelve years between the founding of the Institute of the Daughters of Mary in 1816 and Adèle’s untimely death in 1828. Meet Marie-Julie-Clémentine Yannasch, one of these women.

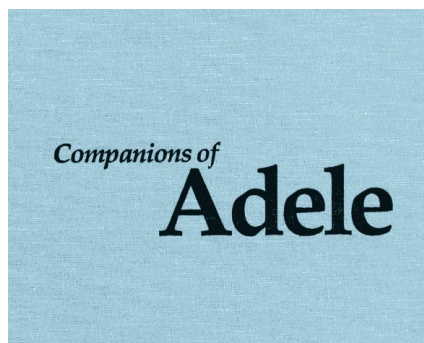
Clémentine, still in her teens, was an extraordinarily beautiful young woman, with personality and manners to match. Soon, she, as well as her mother and her sister, were in great demand at all the fashionable balls and worldly events.... Clémentine’s beauty and personality were equaled at this time by her worldly involvements, her love of a good time, and her desire to wear the latest fashions. (*Companions*, p. 3)

How did Clémentine transform her worldly life to become Marianist Sister Marie Thérèse? Join the reading group to break open the rest of her story and the lives of five additional “companions.” Sessions will be held from 7 to 8:30 p.m. (Eastern) on Tuesdays: April 23, April 30, and May 7.

The cost to participate is \$15. In addition, please ensure you have a copy

of *Companions of Adele*, which is on sale for a limited time for \$5, plus shipping and handling. (That's an 80% savings). [Registration is available through our bookstore](#) and must be received by Thursday, April 4. To register and purchase the book, add both items to your cart in our bookstore.

Limited Time Only Sale on *Companions of Adele*



Given our upcoming "Reflecting on the Companions of Adèle" program, Father Joseph Stefanelli's *Companions of Adele* is on sale for only \$5, plus shipping and handling. (That is an 80% savings.) Order your copy through our bookstore now before this sale expires.

Publication Spotlight

In January we released two new episodes of *Sharing Our Marianist Stories*, both highlighted below.

Episode 36 – The Responsibility of Stewardship (Jon Watase and Laura Koonce)

Jon Watase and Laura Koonce are two staff members at Saint Louis School in Hawaii, a Marianist school serving boys in kindergarten through twelfth grade. In this episode of *Sharing Our Marianist Stories*, they share about the impact of the agricultural

program that Jon helped establish, how the Marianist Family has impacted their lives, and their experience of the 2023 Lay Marianist Assembly in St. Louis.



Episode 35 – Where the Heart Is (Ann Mueller)

Ann Mueller has been connected to the Marianist Family since 1988 when she began working for the Society of Mary's Province of St. Louis. In this episode of *Sharing Our Marianist Stories*, Ann gives an insider's view of what it's like to work for the Society of Mary. She shares how her work with the Society of Mary impacted her spiritual life and reflects on the experience of working for the Marianists before and after the merger of provinces in 2002.

Keep an eye out, especially on our [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) accounts, for updates on new episodes we'll release in February and new publications

we have in the works. [Did you know we're on LinkedIn as well?](#)

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