

NACMS NEWSLETTER March 2024

Spring is near, and some exciting things are warming up at NACMS. Keep reading to learn more about:

- Companions of Adèle Reading Group,
- Participants in the New Employee Orientation Program,
- Women's History Month: Celebrating Marianist Women,
- Mike Bennett: On a Mission in Mission City,
- And New Publications.



Companions of Adèle Reading Group – Sign Up Now!



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.

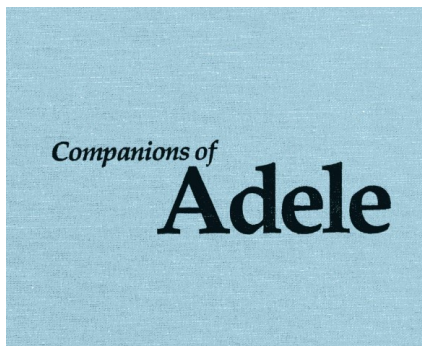
“Reflections on the Companions of Adèle” is a three-week online reading group that uses *Companions of Adèle*, a book written by Joseph Stefanelli, SM, containing 145 biographical sketches of women who interacted with Adèle during the twelve years between the founding of the Institute of the Daughters 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 on Zoom 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.

Participants in the New Employee Orientation Program



Shelly Kramer



Tina Weber

In January, NACMS started another round of its New Employee Orientation

Program for two new employees of the United States Province: Shelly Kramer and Tina Weber.

Shelly joined the Association of Marianist Universities (AMU) in January as the senior administrative assistant to Bro. Tom Giardino, SM. Tina Weber serves as administrative assistant in the Office of the Provincial and Assistant Provincial.

In the year-long New Employee Orientation Program, NACMS staff journey with Shelly and Tina as they read, discuss, and learn about key Marianist topics to foster a greater understanding of the Marianist Charism and an increased capacity for engagement with the Marianist Family. Welcome to the Marianist Family, Tina and Shelly!

Women's History Month: Celebrating Marianist Women



In celebration of Women's History Month and International Women's Day on March 8, we're highlighting Marianist works written by and about women, including resources on Blessed Adèle de Batz de Trenquelléon, Venerable Marie Thérèse de Lamourous, and the Blessed Virgin Mary. The courage and perseverance of Marianist women in our history and today are an inspiration for all of us, and NACMS is dedicated to sharing their stories.

You can view our complete list of resources written by women [here](#).

You can view our complete list of resources about women [here](#), including Blessed Adèle, Venerable Marie Thérèse, women in the Marianist Family, and Mary, of course!

Mike Bennett: On a Mission in the Mission City

In early February, Mike Bennett traveled to the "Mission City" of San Antonio, Texas, where he conducted interviews and facilitated sessions for the Marianist Family. Mike captured the stories of 18



individuals through recorded interviews, including four staff members from Central Catholic High School, three Marianist Sisters, and ten members of the Society of Mary. While at Central Catholic, Mike also received a tour and facilitated a session for about 20 faculty and staff members related to NACMS' resources and avenues for collaboration with the school. He also

facilitated two presentations at St. Mary's University with staff and students; one focused on NACMS' resources and the other on Mike's engagement with the Marianist Family in college and beyond. Mike's very full trip included brunch with Marianist PULSE at the Marianist Sisters Community (pictured above), Holy Rosary Parish's 75-anniversary celebration (pictured below), a cookout at the Holy Rosary community hosted by Marianist PULSE, and watching the Super Bowl with members of the Society of Mary's Holy Rosary Community. Thank you to all those who assisted Mike during his visit.



New Publications

New E-Publication: Opening a New Door to Chaminade

Was the year 1787 or 1797? Brother Tom Redmond, SM, traces the origins of the conflicting time periods for Chaminade's founding inspiration for the Society of Mary in his new article, "Opening New Doors to Our Knowledge of Blessed Father Chaminade." The result of Brother Tom's analysis is a

“new door,” a deeper understanding, into the Marianist dimension of the Marianist charism. The core of this analysis is the brothers’ call to live in relationship with God in a prayerful community and to serve in the Marianist apostolic mission. As always, Chaminade encourages us to live a life of faith, as embodied in the words of the Creed: “I believe....” Brother Tom shared his insights with Marianist scholastics in Nairobi, Kenya, on January 20, 2024.



**New Podcast Episode:
Forming the Formators – The Nazareth
Program (with Sr. Nicole Trahan, FMI)**

In the new episode of *Sharing Our Marianist Stories*, Sr. Nicole Trahan, FMI, tells us about her experience in Nairobi, Kenya, as a participant in the Nazareth Program, a program for emerging formators within the Marianist Family. Sr. Nicole has served as the vocation director for the Marianist Sisters.

Keep an eye out, especially on our [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) accounts, for updates on new episodes we’ll release in March and new e-publications we have in the works. [Did you know we’re on LinkedIn as well?](#)

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