



NACMS NEWSLETTER January 2024 Newsletter

Happy New Year! NACMS is welcoming 2024 with new opportunities and stories. Keep reading to learn more about:

- Our 2023 Year in Review,
- Bro. Andrew Kosmowski's recently published work,
- Celebrating the Marianist Founders,
- And our recent publications.



NACMS 2023: Year in Review

2023 IN REVIEW



Magnificat Series:
Sr. Franca Zonta, FMI
presented on the
Magnificat's
Importance for
Marianists



Jan



Patti Gehred retired
after 19 years at
NACMS

Magnificat Series: Dr.
Neomi DeAnda
presented on

Feb

presented on
Universality within
Mary's words and
Marian images that
reflect on the
Magnificat



Mar

Conversations on
Marianist Formation
Conclude

Magnificat Series:
Gabby Bibeau and
Mallory Fowler
facilitated an
afternoon of prayer
and reflection

Apr

Magnificat Series:
Panelists presented on
the Magnificat and
Social Justice



22-23 Marianist History
Course for Novices
concluded



May



Bro. Andrew
Kosmowski, SM named
President of Catholic
Library Association



June

Mike Bennett joined
NACMS staff

Online Marianist
History Course
concluded

NACMS staff

Gabby Bibeau departed NACMS to pursue doctoral studies



participated in the MLC-NA Assembly

July

NACMS turned 40

23-24 Marianist History Course for Novices began



Bro. Andrew Kosmowski, SM returns from abroad with numerous acquisitions for the library

Bro. Charles Kimeu, SM began Marianist Specialist-in-Training Program

August

Bro. Tom Redmond, SM departed NACMS for ministry in Africa



Bro. Joseph Choi, nSM began verifying the Korean, English and French translations of The Spirit of Our Foundation

Sept



Oct

Fast Facts:

Over 300 new followers on Instagram

Instagram reached over 4,000 individuals, Facebook reached over 11,000

Social media reached across 12 countries

Nov

Fast Facts:

Over 3025 bookstore items sold

Over 2100 podcast plays across 32 countries

New Employee Orientation program concluded

Dec



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Marianist Library Classification System

Bro. Andrew Kosmowski, SM, NACMS Librarian, recently published an article for *Catholic Library World* that highlights NACMS' Marianist classification system for libraries as a prime example of a classification system within a Catholic charismatic family. He reflects on NACMS Librarian Teresa Trimboli's work creating the original Marianist Library classification system and provides his assessment of the system's strengths and challenges. Bro. Andrew hopes this article, titled *Marianist Library Classification: A Case Study*, encourages librarians from different orders to create similar schemas for their congregations. (The NACMS library features the largest number of Marianist-oriented books, periodicals, and unbound material in the English-speaking world.)

You can view Bro. Andrew's article [on our e-publications page](#).

To learn more about our library, visit [our website](#) and listen to [episode 25 of Sharing Our Marianist Stories](#), titled "The Bedrock of Marianist Studies (The NACMS Library)."



Celebrating the Founders

Marianists celebrate the feast days of two Founders of the Marianist Family each January.

January 10 – Blessed Marie of the Conception (Adèle de Batz de Trenquelléon)

Adèle was born on June 10, 1789, and was 39 when she died in 1828. She was beatified on her birthday in 2018.

“O God, source of all holiness, we thank you for filling the heart of your servant Adèle with an ardent missionary spirit and a deep love for the Blessed Virgin Mary. We thank you for the enthusiasm with which she spread the Gospel of love for Christ and his mother, Mary. Lord, help us to follow her in being a sign of your love for all our brothers and sisters.”

January 22 – Blessed William Joseph Chaminade

Fr. Chaminade was born on April 8, 1761, and was 88 when he died in 1850. He was beatified on September 3, 2000.

“O Lord, you gave Blessed William Joseph the grace to dedicate himself totally to the Virgin Mother of God, in order to transmit faith in the world; grant that, following his example, we may bear witness to Christ by the holiness of our lives. He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. – Amen.”

[Material taken from Donald Boccardi, SM,
[The Marianist Family Prayer Book, second ed.](#)
(Dayton, Ohio: NACMS, 2019), 25.]



You can learn more about Chaminade and Adèle through the resources below and by [exploring our website](#).

- [*Origins of the Marianist Family: Notes on Marianist History* – Eduardo Benlloch, SM](#)
- [*Chaminade, Another Portrait* – Vincent Vasey, SM](#)
- [*Blessed William Joseph Chaminade, Founder of the Marianist Family* – Vincent Gizard, SM](#)
- [*Adèle* – Joseph Stefanelli, SM](#)

- [Circular 13 of the Superior General: In the Light of the Beatitudes – Franca Zonta, FMI](#)

Recent Publications

Have you ever wondered what it's like to dedicate a year to post-graduate service in the Marianist Family? Episode 34 of *Sharing Our Marianist Stories* focuses on just that! Abby Shahady, Ani Artero, and Dominic Sanfilippo share about their journey of discerning, engaging in, and completing a year of service with Marianist PULSE (Partners in Urban Leadership, Service, and Education), and they hope to inspire others to discern the PULSE experience. To hear *Sharing Our Marianist Stories*, tune in wherever you listen to podcasts, including our [website](#) and our [YouTube channel](#).



We will continue to release podcast episodes throughout the month.

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