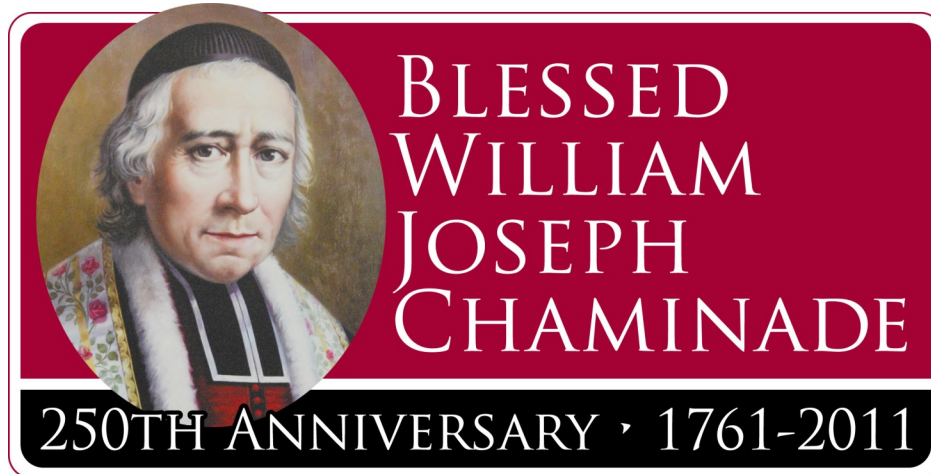


North American Center for Marianist Studies



**Marianist Studies:
Celebrating the Life and Legacy of
William Joseph Chaminade**

2011 marks the 250th anniversary of the birth of William Joseph Chaminade. We are commemorating this event by offering a three-week webinar exploring the events in his lifetime and the legacy of his vision today.

Session One: Who was Blessed Chaminade? This week we will read articles about Father Chaminade's life and how the events in his life shaped the man who became the Founder of the Marianist Family.

Session Two: Where does Mary fit in? Father Chaminade was inspired by Mary to rechristianize France after the French Revolution. This week we will share stories about the influence of Mary in Father Chaminade's life and the lives of the members of the Marianist Family today.

Session Three: What now? Two hundred fifty years after his birth, Father Chaminade's vision is still alive today through individuals and communities throughout the Marianist world. This week we will read stories of where and how the Marianist Family feels called today and take time to reflect on where the Holy Spirit is nudging us in our own lives.

**In collaboration with UD VLCFF
Course Offered: August 7– August 27
Registration Dates: June 21-August 3
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Father Jim Fitz, SM is the Rector of the University. Prior to this position, he was the Assistant Provincial of the Marianist Province of the United States in St. Louis, MO. He was also the Director of Campus Ministry at the University of Dayton. An alumnus of the University of Dayton, Father Fitz has held various teaching positions at both the high school and college level. He is also the Administrative Coordinator for the Mission and Identity committee and is a member of the Facilities Committee.



Brother Stephen Glodek, SM, is currently on a year of sabbatical after many years in administration, most recently as the Provincial of the Marianist Province of the United States. He is reading, writing, and doing some retreat work. He also serves as a consultant to other religious orders in the areas of reconfiguration of provinces, strategic planning, and leadership.

Isabella Moyer was the Marianist Lay Network of North American Area Representative for Winnipeg, Canada, and has been a delegate at the International Meeting of Marianist Lay Communities in Philadelphia (2001) and the 4th International Meeting in Bordeaux (2005). She was on the leadership team of the International Organization of Marianist Lay Communities as the Regional Representative for North America, Asia, Ireland and Australia and is currently serving as President of this organization.



Sister Nicole Trahan, FMI, writes a blog entitled “The Life of a New Sister” (<http://sisternicole.blogspot.com/>) where she shares her thoughts and experiences as a new member of the Marianist Sisters. She became a novice in 2005 and took her vows as a Marianist Sister in 2009. She currently works in Campus Ministry at the University of Dayton as well as being actively involved in many Marianist ministries.

Meet the Facilitator

Carol Ramey’s background in Marianist Studies began while she was a student at the University of Dayton. A member of Marianist lay communities throughout her adult life, she joined NACMS in 1988 as an editor and lecturer on Marianist history and spirit. She has been the Director of NACMS since 1993. In addition to the administrative duties, she gets to teach, write, and develop programs for the comprehensive Marianist Family.

