

## NACMS Resources and Materials Written About Women

[\*After Adèle\*](#) by Sr. Franca Zonta, FMI

Written to fill the historical gap between Adèle's death and the suppression of Catholic teaching orders in France at the beginning of the twentieth century, Sister Franca develops this history using archival material available in the Archives of the General Administration of the Daughters of Mary. More than half the book details the founding of the Third Order Secular and the Third Order Regular, their relationship to the Daughters of Mary, their apostolates and the eventual merger in 1921 of the Third Order of Auch with the Daughters of Mary. The thinking of Father Chaminade and Mother Adèle concerning the Third Order, the vow of enclosure, the vow of stability, the vow of teaching faith as applied to the Third Order is detailed and explored.

[\*Anniversaries\*](#) by Sr. Laura Leming, FMI

Sister Laura Leming, FMI, shares her prayer-filled feelings of commitment in light of the falling of the World Trade Center.

[\*Be Light to the Intellect, Flame Burning in the Heart: Circular No. 6\*](#) by Sr. Franca Zonta, FMI

“We carry in body and spirit the wounds of our personal story, a story that has deeply and indelibly marked our past and present life. Wounds, for the most part healed, others perhaps still open, mark our way of being and of inserting ourselves in society, in the community. Our wounds are not hidden from you, O Lord. Pour the balm of your love.”

[\*Blessed Are We: How Our Missionary Zeal Can Build the Marian Church\*](#) by Margaret Lisjak  
Margaret M. Lisjak, as part of MSP 2.0, has developed a practical guide with reflection questions related to the concept of "missionary zeal." Lisjak draws her inspiration from Mary and from our Marianist origin story. The resource she has created is excellent to use for a community gathering or in a retreat setting.

[\*Building a Marianist Foundation Within Your Family\*](#) by LeeAnn Meyer

LeeAnn Meyer, as part of MSP 2.0, has developed a practical guide for using the Five Silences with families, including with young children. Be it dance time, coloring scripture pages, or praying the rosary together, there is something for every family in this guide.

[\*Conscience that Would Not Be Silenced\*](#) by Christa Pongratz-Lippitt

“ Looking back over my 26 years as *The Tablet's* Vienna correspondent, I can think of no more remarkable story than that of Blessed Jakob Gapp. *The Tablet* has reported on many despots and regimes but few have matched the Nazis for their ruthlessness in dealing with their opponents. For one reader of this publication, it was the journal itself that was seen as evidence of his stand against Hitler—a stand that led to his death.

[\*Faith of the Heart in the Heart of the World\*](#) by Isabella Moyer

This Marianist Lay Community circular, written by Isabella Moyer, president of the International Organization of Marianist Lay Communities, is a personal reflection, to encourage your own reflection. What does this faith of the heart mean to your heart? How is it lived in the heart of your world?

[\*Father William Ferree, SM: A Sketch of His Life and Contributions to Catholic Social Thought\*](#) by Sr. Gabrielle Bibeau, FMI

Sister Gabrielle Bibeau, FMI, uses personal interviews and Ferree's own journals and drafts of his works to probe the development and influence of this great Marianist thinker in the realm of Catholic Social Thought.

[\*God Alone: Thoughts from Adèle\*](#) compiled by Patti Gehred

Adèle de Batz de Trenquelléon is well known in the Marianist Family as the founder of the Marianist Sisters. Perhaps not as well known is her gift of staying in community and communication through writing letters. In *God Alone* we have published quotes from these letters in a daily calendar format. A blank page has been provided in this publication to encourage the reader to write his/her own thoughts and prayers that are inspired by Adèle's words.

[\*Golden Anniversary of Alliance Mariale\*](#) by Michelle Héraud

The Marianist Family is comprised of four branches. While many know about the Marianist Lay Communities, Marianist Sisters, and Society of Mary, fewer people are aware of the Alliance Mariale. So, just what is it? This article by Michelle Héraud fills in some of the details.

[\*Holy Silence and Contemplative Listening\*](#) by Marg Van Herk-Paradis

Marg Van Herk-Paradis, as part of MSP 2.0, has crafted a model to examine Blessed Chaminade's Five Silences. Of interest to Van Herk-Paradis is the circular nature of the Silences and the interplay between "stance" and "spirit." Special emphasis is placed on those who minister to the People of God.

[\*In Adèle's Words, No. 1: Time and Life\*](#) by Sr. Clotilde Fernández del Pozo, FMI

Join Clotilde Fernández del Pozo, FMI, as she examines "time" through the eyes of Adèle and the words of Pope Francis.

[\*In Adèle's Words, No. 2: This is the Favorable Time\*](#) by Sr. Blanca Jamar, FMI

Using the words of Adèle and Pope Francis, Sister Blanca Jamar, FMI, has crafted a resource for reflection and prayer as we prepare for Adèle's beatification.

[\*In Adèle's Words, No. 3: Solidarity with the Poor\*](#) by the FMI Saragossa Community

The Saragossa Community of the Marianist Sisters' Province of Spain invites you to follow in the footsteps of Adèle and Pope Francis and stand in solidarity with the poor.

[\*In the Light of the Beatitudes: Circular N. 13 of the Superior General of the Daughters of Mary Immaculate\*](#) by Sr. Franca Zonta, FMI

Using the beatitudes as a spiritual backdrop pertaining to Adèle's beatification, Sister Franca Zonta, FMI, expounds on Adèle's fidelity to God and her witness to the "bottom up movement" within the Church: holiness found in the the faithfulness to God's call in the ordinary moments of life.

[\*Letters of Adèle de Batz de Trenquelléon\*](#) (2-Volume Set)

Fr. Joe Stefanelli, SM, says the number of letters from Adèle was “certainly in the thousands. Of them, only 737 have come down to us.” Because her companions in service were scattered over a large geographical area, she developed a system of letter writing. She wrote, “It is not so much the style that should preoccupy us, but rather our own improvement.” We gain insights into Adèle’s personality, her spirituality, her deep faith, her mission, and her desire to live for God alone. Although her life was short—she died when not quite 39—Adèle worked diligently to spread the faith to all around her. The primary work of the Daughters of Mary continued to be the development and guidance of young women of the Sodality and the Association. During her life as a religious, she founded convents at Tonneins, Condom, Agen, Arbois, and Bordeaux.

[\*Living in a Time of Crisis: It's in Our Marianist DNA\*](#) by Sr. Gabrielle Bibeau, FMI

Be it during a time of global pandemic or the French Revolution, Sister Gabrielle Bibeau, FMI, reminds us that biological and societal crises are not new for Marianists. They are part of our “DNA.” The key aspect for Bibeau is how such experiences transform us.

[\*Lonergan's Transcendental Method and the Marianist Method\*](#) by Sr. Marcy Loehrlein, FMI

The focus of Sister Marcy Loehrlein's paper is to establish the relationship of the method of the Marianist virtues to the cognitive and volitional method developed by Bernard Lonergan, SJ.

[\*Love Your Enemy: A Reflection on the Silence of Passion\*](#) by Mary Snyder

Mary Snyder, as part of MSP 2.0, examines life lessons that shape her thinking related to social justice and the need for "nonviolent communication" in today's society. Key to her examination is the practice of Blessed Chaminade's concept of "silence of passion" and the need for dialogue in today's society.

[\*Marianist Consecrated Life: A Plunge Into the Heart of the Charism\*](#) by Sr. Franca Zonta, FMI

This Circular No. 5, written by Franca Zonta, celebrates the opening of the “Year of the Consecrated Life.” This jubilee year is offered to the consecrated life so that it might become the

occasion for making a “grateful remembrance” of the past, embracing the future with hope, and living the present with passion.

[\*Marianist Family Prayer Book\*](#) edited by NACMS

Now in its second edition, *The Marianist Family Prayer Book* contains the richness of the original work but expands it with the inclusion of more than 60 new prayers crafted by members of the Marianist Family, especially by Marianist women. This new second edition is an essential resource for those inspired by the Marianist approach to spirituality. From the initial glow of daybreak to one's last moments before slumber, there is a prayer in this new edition for every moment of one's day.

[\*Marianist Lingo Bingo\*](#) created by Patti Gehred

Like to play games? Ever find it difficult to explain what this "Marianist thing" is all about? If so, then this Marianist version of Bingo is the fun and communal way to help you out. Lingo Bingo has all the fun of traditional Bingo while explaining key terms from our own Marianist Tradition. Best of all, the game has been warmly received by children of all ages. If you minister at a school or parish, or if you are a member of a Marianist community, this game will provide a fun social outlet and at the same time educate.

[\*Marianist Mindfulness - A Gateway to Peace\*](#) by Diane Browne

Diane H. Browne, as part of MSP 2.0, delves into the Hebrew notion of "shalom" as a backdrop into how Marianists can live mindfully in today's society. The essential tools for Browne are the true meaning of peace and Blessed Chaminade's System of Virtues, with special emphasis on the Five Silences.

[\*Mary an Activist?\*](#) by Susan Handle Terbay

Explore Mary's pain of losing her child through an act of violence. Susan Handle Terbay ponders Mary's grief and sees her not as a meek woman, but as an activist.

[\*Mary and Faith\*](#) by Susan Handle Terbay

"She [Mary] is my friend, my mother, and my mentor. I want other young mothers to know Mary as I know her and through her share their memories and stories." (This article is part of Susan Handle Terbay's "Morning Coffee with Mary" series.)

[\*Mary, Holy Possibility\*](#) by NACMS

We hope to offer possibilities for living with Mary at our side. Mary will become our teacher, a woman of challenge, and our companion on the way as we continue to grow in holiness.

[\*Mary Was a Lay Woman Who Lived in Community\*](#) by Carol Ramey

This paper addresses three components of Marianist spirituality: empowerment of the laity, Mary, and community. The historical relevance of the establishment of lay groups in Bordeaux is compared in two major biographies of Father Chaminade, and the characteristics of the early communities are presented as a model for today's Church. This Carol Ramey article first appeared in *The Promised Woman*.

[\*Mary's Look\*](#) by Isabella Moyer

For the Marianist World Day of Prayer in 2007, Isabella Moyer penned a touching reflection on Notre Dame du Cap and the beauty of the mother-child bond and the Marianist-Mary bond.

[\*Modern Technology and the Five Silences\*](#) by Kay Stone

In our increasingly wired world, how do we carve out time for silence, especially for those born after the development of the Internet, those who have always had technology at their fingertips? Kay Stone, as part of MSP 2.0, examines the pros and cons of our accelerated world of digital gadgets and provides practical guidance for moments of unplugging to enter into the silent and sacred.

[\*Morning Coffee with Mary\*](#) by Susan Handle Terbay

A touching reflection on motherhood, filled with the joyous pains of childbirth and Jesus' suffering on the cross . . . told through the eyes of a mom armed with a cup of coffee and a rosary.

[\*Mother Mechtilde: A Biography of Mère M. Mechtilde Pouilh-Mauriès \(1858-1940\)\*](#) by Sr.

Marie Luce Baillet, FMI

Who was the force behind the unity of the Marianist Sisters after expulsion from France? It was Mother Mechtilde. Read the online monograph of this amazing woman . . . who many consider the Second Foundress of the Marianist Sisters.

[\*Opening the Doors of Hospitality and Creating Community: A One Day Retreat\*](#) by Joan

McGuinness-Wagner

Using scripture references of Mary's mother-son relationship with Jesus, Joan McGuinness Wagner, as part of MSP 2.0, reminds us of the importance of hospitality, including in unlikely places. McGuinness Wagner ponders hospitality's three essential components: giving, receiving, and transforming.

[\*Prayer in a Pinch: Come to the Water\*](#) by Mary Andrews

Like the woman at the well, may we be humble before God.

[\*Prayer in a Pinch: Images of Mary\*](#) by Sr. Mary Louise Foley, FMI

Are you responsible for prayer at your community's next gathering? Sr. Mary Louise Foley, FMI, has developed a communal prayer service on images of Mary that you can use.

[\*Prayer in a Pinch: Mary and Scripture\*](#) by Sr. Mary Louise Foley, FMI

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[\*Promised Woman\*](#) edited by Larry Cada, SM

If one wishes to know the wide array of perspectives in the Marianist world about our common spirituality, this collection of papers will be of interest. Some are remarkable for their scholarship; others are touching in their ability to capture the spirit of a particular culture and how Marianist spirit interfaces with it. Some of the best chapters are written by women, including Cecilia Araya-Campos, Margaret Cavanaugh, Sr. Anna Huth, Sr. Blanca Jamar, and Carol Quinn (Ramey). While the richness of the work lies in the expansive scope of thought and experience contained in its pages, individuals and groups might find that focusing on a set of papers from a cluster of writers will provide much grist for the reflective mill.

[\*Relations Between the Institute of the Daughters of Mary and the Society of Mary\*](#) by Sr. Marie Bernard Beaud, FMI

The article explores the troubled relationship between the Daughters of Mary and the Society of Mary, following Blessed Chaminade's death.

[\*A Retreat with Adèle\*](#) by Sr. Eileen Cehyra, FMI

The booklet is filled with scripture passages centering on Jesus and Mary; the words of Adèle de Batz de Trenquelléon, Foundress of the Marianist Sisters; and reflection questions which can be used for personal or group activities. It is geared toward anyone making a personal retreat or for someone seeking moments of quiet away from the "busyness" of life.

[\*A Sociologist Considers the Contributions of Marie Thérèse de Lamourous\*](#) by Sr. Laura Leming, FMI

Laura M. Leming, FMI, a sociologist at the University of Dayton and a Marianist Sister, highlights Marie Thérèse's "best practices" of social ministry in relation to this Marianist Founder's work with former sex workers at the Miséricorde.

[\*Stories from the Wake\*](#) by Mary Lynne Gasaway Hill

Mary Lynne Gasaway Hill, a lay Marianist and professor of English at St. Mary's University, in *Stories from the Wake: The Revolutionary Responses of the Sodality of Bordeaux and Small Christian Communities*, examines the development of Small Christian Communities (SCCs) related to these two revolutionary moments. She describes shifts in the "grand narrative" of the

day—defined as the foundational sources of meaning that organize and direct people and behavior in a meaningful way—caused by these events. In light of such dramatic changes, where society has become unglued, how does one create a new cohesive bond that draws people into the Christian story? Hill examines the rise of the Small Christian Community movement, both during the time of Father Chaminade and the original Sodality and in terms of today's postmodernism, for possible answers.

**[Suppression of Religious Orders in France](#)** by Sr. Lucia Ubbiali, FMI

This is a fascinating history of what happens when a government promulgates laws promoting anticlericalism. Sister Lucia situates the struggles of the Institute of the Daughters of Mary Immaculate not only in the historical perspective of the French government's repressive attitude towards religious institutes, she also deals with the consequences of these attitudes. Relying on interviews and archival material, Sister Lucia objectively reports the failings and mistakes unavoidable when anyone is forced to grapple with laws and attitudes that threaten an institute's very survival and, by extension, one's own "survival" or way of life. Another interesting part of this history describes the providential merger of the Third Order of Auch, a merger that assured the survival of the Daughters of Mary.

**[Table Story: The Five Silences and the Olson Circumplex Model](#)** by Beth Garascia

Beth Garascia, as part of MSP 2.0, shares the importance of "silence of words" and "silence of passions" as they relate to family dynamics. Key to her understanding of Chaminade's Five Silences is her reflection on a special table and the family memories that occurred around it.

**[Things Marianist: Can You Explain What You Mean When You Say...?](#)** by Carol Quinn

This issue explains Marianist "jargon" through an imaginary dialogue in a Marianist faith-sharing community. Current members explain to potential new members the definitions and meaning of many of our Marianist terms.

**[Things Marianist: How Are the Three Offices Like an Orchestra?](#)** by Joan McGuinness

Wagner and Patti Gehred

It's been said that life is an unforgettable opera: one filled with moments, some positive and some not, that help build character along the way. But perhaps for Marianists a better image is that of an orchestra: different sounds that blend well together to build an outward sense of Christ in and for the world. This *Things Marianist* explores this very concept, and yes it does use orchestral imagery. This easy-to-read, four-page publication not only examines Blessed Chaminade's practical approach to community leadership (the Three Offices) but also provides contemporary language for it—an area some say is needed in Marianist community development today.

***Things Marianist: How Can We Be Guided on the Marianist Path?*** by Bro. Stephen Glodek, SM, Patti Krasensky, and Bro. Tom Redmond, SM

This *Things Marianist* examines Blessed Chaminade's method of prayer both from the perspective of an individual journeying with a companion (spiritual direction) and a communitarian perspective (spiritual accompaniment of a community). Marianist experts Stephen Glodek, SM; Patti Krasensky; and Thomas Redmond, SM; are the coauthors of this work.

***Things Marianist: How Do People Make Commitments to Living Marianist Life?*** by Alison R. Cawley and Bro. Larry Cada, SM

Hospitable, inviting, prayerful, and thoughtful are words often used to describe the warmth of welcome when one first meets a Marianist. But just what is the source of these qualities . . . that something deeper that inspires the soul and keeps one focused on doing the work of Mary and Jesus day after day, year after year, in good times and in bad? This *Things Marianist* examines the "keep on keeping on" aspect to Marianist life that is known as stability.

***Things Marianist: Setting a Marianist Table*** by Carol Quinn and Sr. Laura Leming, FMI

The simple action of setting a table for a family meal provides symbols to explain aspects of Gospel living we as Marianists have been called to make especially vivid in the Christian community. This is a script groups can follow to present, in a visual and creative way, the characteristics of Marianist spirituality. Readers may use the script in a group or just read through it, allowing their imaginations to furnish the experience and the meanings.

***Things Marianist: What Do You Mean, Community is a Gift and Task?*** by Isabella Moyer  
Isabella Moyer reminds us that community is both a safe place for maturation and fellowship and a Gospel challenge to be shared with the world. Using the recent international lay document on community as a basic template, Moyer examines the origins of Marianist community and its interwoven nature to the life of Jesus and Mary. She reminds us that community is both a safe place for maturation and fellowship and a Gospel challenge to be shared with the world.

***Things Marianist: Who Makes Up the Marianist Family?*** by Carol Ramey

This pamphlet shows the variety of ways and states of life available to those interested in the Marianist spirit. It presents the lay groups and communities, the religious institutes, and specialized groups formed around ministries. This issue is also available in Spanish.

***Things Marianist: Why Mary?*** by Carol Quinn

Named after Mary, Marianists have a unique way of describing and embracing her relevance for Christians. Through the ages, the Church has honored Mary and encouraged devotion to her; however, Marianists see that Mary's role in our journey goes beyond the one-time event of bearing and mothering the Son of God. She is a model, not only of holiness and virtue, but of



how to bear Christ into the world in all times. This pamphlet details the thinking of the Founders and includes comments from contemporary Marianists on Mary's meaning today. This issue is also available in Spanish.

*Vision and Leadership Styles of Marie Thérèse de Lamourous and Adèle de Batz de Trenquelléon* by Alison R. Cawley

Alison R. Cawley explores the leadership qualities developed by Adèle de Batz de Trenquelléon and Marie Thérèse de Lamourous during the chaos and upheaval of the French Revolution.

*Vision of the Marianist Family: A New Fulcrum* by Sr. Franca Zonta, FMI

Sr. Franca Zonta, FMI, reflects on the origins of the Marianist Family, its vision, and ways of fostering its common mission for today.

*Walking Our Talk Barefooted* by Susan Handle Terbay

Walking our talk barefoot is feeling our words and the depth of the injustice that in turn could subject our heart and soul to bruises, scratches, and cuts.

*Walking with Adèle* by Sr. Marie Joëlle Bec, FMI

Introduced by an excerpt from one of Adèle's letters and closed with a prayer summarizing Adèle's thoughts on a subject, each chapter in this little book invites the reader to see the subject with Adèle's heart and spirit. Each chapter offers, in flowing narrative, excerpts from Adèle's letters encouraging a deepening in the chosen virtue, devotion or attitude deemed important to her.

*When God Says No: Our Lady of Sorrows* by Susan Handle Terbay

Whenever I pray I want to believe that I will be heard and God most certainly will answer my prayer(s). . . but then what if God says, "No." Susan Handle Terbay looks at Our Lady of Sorrows.

*White Privilege Through the Lenses of the Five Silences and Marianist Mindfulness* by Maureen Hoock

Maureen Hoock, as part of MSP 2.0, looks at "white privilege" as it relates to the culture of the United States. She uses Blessed Chaminade's Five Silences and Marianist mindfulness as avenues to draw one to greater empathy and understanding for the need for a true discipleship of equals in modern culture.

*A Witness of Love: Examining the Correspondence of Four Nonviolent Activists* by Caitlin Cipolla-McCulloch

In *A Witness of Love*, Caitlin Cipolla-McCulloch writes: "This message of radical love is at the root of nonviolence in the Christian tradition . . . it is central to the lives of four correspondents, William Joseph Chaminade, Adèle de Batz de Trenquelléon, Dorothy Day, and Thomas Merton."

*Witnesses from the Past, Hope for the Future: A History of the Marianist Family in Times of Persecution and Hardship* by Sr. Gabrielle Bibeau, FMI

Gabrielle Bibeau, FMI, examines different times under which the Marianist Sisters were forced to operate under dangerous circumstances of suppression and violence, namely, the French secularization of the early twentieth century (which almost wiped out the Sisters), and the First and Second World Wars. By examining these events, she hopes to show how being people of hope and faith is part of the DNA of Marianist Sisters, not to mention the Marianist Family as a whole.