

MARIANIST FOUNDERS DAY PRAYER & CELEBRATION

**Living our Founders' Vision:
Being a Light for the World**



**JANUARY 23, 2021
3:00 PM**

Join us via Zoom: <https://udayton.zoom.us/j/81787697324?pwd=amcxMEJFZzR6VnBTL0MyNyt5M0ovZz09>
Meeting ID: 817 8769 7324
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THE DAYTON MARIANIST FAMILY COUNCIL WELCOMES YOU

Schedule

- Part I - Together Virtually
- Part II - In Your Household (or Breakout Rooms)
- 4:15 PM - Return for Virtual Games (Optional)

Prayer Program for Parts I & II (with Activities): <https://tinyurl.com/founders2021>

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WELCOME & CALL TO PRAYER

The Dayton Marianist Family Council welcomes you to this annual time of prayer in holy memory of our Marianist Founders, the Forebears of our Marianist Charism, Blessed Father William Joseph Chaminade, Blessed Mother Adèle de Batz de Trenquelléon and Venerable Marie Thérèse de Lamourous. I am Brother Tom Redmond of the Marianist Novitiate Community at Mount St. John. The Spiritual Life Committee of the Marianist Family Council (Brent Devitt, Sister Leanne Jablonski, and myself) have prepared this prayer with the design skills of Sr. Emily Sandoval, and writing assistance of Kateri Dillon (Intercessions), Nancy Woeste (Activities) and support of our Council

We are grateful for the generous gift of candles from the Society of Mary and for Bro Tom Pieper who added the strip with logos of our three branches: FMI new International logo, MLC-NA & SM - US Province. Have this candle, or another in your house ready to light. If you would like one for your household and haven't picked it up yet, head to the 301 Kiefaber house porch later today or contact Bro. Tom Pieper, tpieper1@udayton.edu

Our prayer will be in two parts today. Our first half will be virtual together. Then you're invited to continue with the stories, sharing and activities in your own household today or to stay online if you live singly or want to share with others. At 4:15 those who wish can rejoin the zoom for optional virtual games. Download the program for both Parts I & II and as a future resource.

Please remain muted during the prayer, so you can sing and pray aloud freely. To aid our streaming, turn off your own video feed until the prayer is over. You'll be invited twice to add to the prayers of gratitude, or intercession in the chat box.

Let us take a moment of silence as we begin . . .

CALL TO PRAYER

Chant: Jesus Christ is the light of the world

All: A light no darkness can extinguish

We invite you to light your candles.

Let us Pray: O God, everything that exists, originated in those creative words you spoke at the beginning of time, “Let there be light!” To renew creation and our relationship with you and one another, your Word – “Light” became human flesh, and lived among us, through Mary’s openness and responsiveness. We ask for that receptivity today as we celebrate the lives of our Marianist Founders, and how they responded in faith to the needs before them. Inspire us and bless us with their courage and generosity, so we too may faithfully shine as Your light for the people of Dayton and our world, Amen. We celebrate, we remember and we sing:

OPENING SONG: I WANT TO WALK AS A CHILD OF THE LIGHT

1. I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to fol - low Je - sus.
 2. I want to see the bright - ness of God. I want to look at Je - sus.
 3. I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ. I want to be with Je - sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world, The star of my life is Je - sus.
 Clear sun of right - eous - ness shine on my path And show me the way to the Fa - ther.
 When we have run with pa - tience the race, We shall know the joy of Je - sus.

In him there is no dark - ness at all. The night and the day are both a - like. The

Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Text: Ephesians 5:8-10, Revelation 21:23, John 12:46, 1 John 1:5, Hebrews 12:1, Kathleen Thomerson, b. 1934,
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PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

Naming where we have seen God’s Light working in our midst in the past year.


Highlighting ways the Spirit has moved and worked among our greater Dayton Marianist Family and the networks and partnerships we’re part of and the signs of light in our region.

- In gratitude for the students at Chaminade Julianne Catholic High School and University of Dayton, and all young people—for their resiliency and passion to bring light to the world.
- In gratitude for a forming Lay Community that has remained committed to discerning how to grow despite the pandemic and the challenges it has brought.
- We thank God for all our communities, for zoom, and the creativity of our virtual and outdoor gatherings which have helped us stay connected.
- In gratitude for the North American Center for Marianist Studies and its numerous methods of promoting the Marianist charism.

- And for all the other ministries at Mount St. John and the Marianist nature preserve and time outdoors that has nourished us during this COVID time.
- In gratitude, for our new partnership in the Five Oaks Community with Our Lady of Grace Parish and Food for the Journey, where, together, we share food with those most in need, and forge a relationship of fellowship through shared prayer, while we cannot be together to share a meal in the Madonna Room due to COVID-19 restrictions.
- In gratitude for our partnership with the Dakota Center and our shared commitment to urban justice, education for the whole person, and community gardening.
- In gratitude for Mission of Mary Cooperative and its resilient adaptations, which have allowed it to remain a safe and nourishing presence in the Twin Towers and wider Dayton community.
- We celebrate its 10th anniversary as a force for justice supplying nutritious food and creating beautiful green spaces.
- In gratitude for all committed to the ongoing work against racism in all facets of our Church and society.
- In gratitude for all essential workers, who have risked their health in service to us.
- In gratitude for the Gem City Market, which has persevered in its development as a community gathering space, grocery provider, and employer in West Dayton.
- And what are you grateful for? Add your prayer of thanks in the chat box.

WE ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Verses



1. Bless - ed are they who are poor in spir - it,	Theirs is the king-dom of God.	Bless us, O Lord, make us poor in spir - it;
2. Bless - ed are they who are meek and hum-ble,	They will in - her - it the earth.	Bless us, O Lord, make us meek and hum-ble;
3. Bless - ed are they who will mourn in sor - row,	They will be com - fort - ed.	Bless us, O Lord, when we share their sor - row;
4. Bless those who hun - ger and thirst for jus - tice,	They will be sat - is - fied.	Bless us, O Lord, hear our cry for jus - tice;
5. Bless - ed are they who show oth - ers mer - cy,	They will know mer - cy, too.	Bless us, O Lord, hear our cry for mer - cy;
6. Bless - ed are hearts that are clean and ho - ly,	They will be - hold the Lord.	Bless us, O Lord, make us pure and ho - ly;
7. Bless - ed are those who bring peace a - mong us,	They are the chil-dren of God.	Bless us, O Lord, may your peace be with us;
8. Bless those who suf - fer from per - se - cu - tion,	Theirs is the king-dom of God.	Bless us, O Lord, when they per - se - cute us;

Refrain



(1.-8.) Bless us, O Lord, our God. We are the light of the world, May our light shine be - fore



all, That they may see the good that we do, And give glo - ry to God.

Text: Matthew 5:3-11, 14-16; Jean A. Greif, 1898-1981
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READINGS

Matthew 5: 5-9, 14-16

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

From the Letters of Blessed Adele de Batz de Trenquellion

“My God, Divine Spirit, enlighten us with your Divine Light.” (#157.1)

“Courage! The One for whom we are working will be our light. With the most common instruments God can do marvelous things.” (# 685.10)

“We must be generous in his service.... Our good example must enlighten the community.... [Others] must always find our hearts open to all their needs.” (#353.11)

Father Chaminade’s Invitation to be a Spectacle of Saints

Lay Marianists help build and sustain communities of faith and hope. In a time characterized by competitiveness, violence, and individualism, communities provide a visible place that responds to the needs of ordinary men and women to reflect in depth on their faith and to sustain their hope for the future....

For Marianists, communities are the favored means of evangelization and effecting social transformation. Lay Marianists invite and help people build communities that increase sensitivity to the needs of others and sustain the involvement of members in a common mission and a variety of ministries.

At their best, our communities are, as Blessed Chaminade dreamed, a “spectacle of saints” and a sign that the Gospel can be lived in all its vigor. He rebuilt the church in post-revolutionary France by forming small communities to be a “joyful spectacle of saints” spreading the faith by “contagion”. When joy and goodness abounds, others notice and want what they have.

Adapted From: Characteristics of Marianist Lay Communities and Lay Marianists (Created by the “Alliance for Marianist Lay Formation” in collaboration with the MLNNA, April 2009) <https://www.nacms.org/files/g18%20Marianist%20Lay%20Communities.pdf>

From Venerable Marie Therese de Lamourous

“Let us constantly beg our good mother to strengthen us in our weakness to increase our courage and our faithfulness, and, by the love she bears us, to preserve us from the misfortune of ever losing sight of what faith has a right to demand of us with greater reason than of others.”

- *Mlle de Lamourous* by J. Stefanelli, SM, pp. 326-27

REFLECTION

Shared by Crystal Sullivan

Member of Micah Theotokos Community and Director of UD Campus Ministry

CANTICLE OF THE TURNING

Verses



1. My soul cries out with a joy-ful shout that the God of my heart is great, And my spir-it sings of the won-drous things that you
2. Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me, And your mer-cy will last from the depths of the past to the
3. From the halls of power to the for-tress tower, not a stone will be left on stone. Let the king be-ware for your jus-tice tears ev-'ry
4. Though the na-tions rage from age to age, we re-mem-ber who holds us fast: God's mer-cy must de-liv-er us from the

bring to the ones who wait. You fixed your sight on your ser-vant's plight, and my weak-ness you did not
end of the age to be. Your ver-y name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would for you
ty-rant from his throne. The hun-gry poor shall weep no more, for the food they can nev-er
con-quer-or's crush-ing grasp. This sav-ing word that our fore-bears heard is the prom-ise which holds us

spurn, So from east to west shall my name be blest. Could the world be a-bout to turn?
yearn, You will show your might, put the strong to flight, for the world is a-bout to turn.
earn; There are ta-bles spread, ev-'ry mouth be fed, for the world is a-bout to turn.
bound, 'Til the spear and rod can be crushed by God, who is turn-ing the world a-round.

Refrain

My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus-tice burn. Wipe a-way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a-bout to turn!

Text: Luke 1:46-58; Rory Cooney, b. 1952

Tune: STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN; Irish traditional; arr. by Rory Cooney, b. 1952

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INTERCESSIONS

Our response to each intercession: **Christ, be our light.**

For our newly inaugurated leaders, elected officials and all in leadership roles; that they may serve as examples of humility and self-giving, coaxing the arc of the moral universe to bend closer to true peace, which is the presence of justice. We pray... **R/ Christ, be our light.**

For our world, ravaged by the coronavirus pandemic, that all people may respond with persistent compassion for all and reverence for the lives of the most vulnerable. We pray...

For the Church and Marianist Family throughout the world, that inspired by the vision of our Marianist founders, we may respond to the needs of our times, growing ever more expansively across barriers of race, sexuality, gender, and class. We pray...

For our Marianist Urban Solidarity Initiatives, that we may offer a taste of Mary's mission to the people of East and west Dayton through freshly grown produce and nourishing respite bags. We pray...

For all who mourn and who feel alone or alienated, with the added complexity of physical distancing, that they may find comfort in community. We pray...

For the great cloud of witnesses who have gone before us, especially our Marianist brothers and other members of our Marianist family and our own family and friends who have died in the past year, that they may dwell joyfully in Your loving embrace O God. We pray...

For our other prayers we hold in our hearts...you may add them to the chat box...
We pray...

THE MARIANIST DOXOLOGY

By St. Mary's University Chapel Choir: <https://youtu.be/qtpdBbbOXLQ>

May the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate Virgin Mary.

El Padre, el Hijo y el Espíritu Santo, sean glorificados en todas partes por la Inmaculada Virgen María.

CLOSING PRAYER

Almighty God,
you inspired Blessed Father Chaminade,
And Blessed Mother Adele de Trenquellion,
With Venerable Marie Therese de Lamourous
to found a Family especially dedicated to Mary.

We ask you to grant us through their intercession
the grace of fidelity to their spirit and vision.
Strengthen our alliance with Mary our Mother and Sister
so that we might be formed into the image of her Son.

Grant us a clear vision of the needs of the church, our nation, our city and the world,
and give us the courage to respond in faith.

Raise up new vocations in our Marianist Family
And draw others to join with our Dayton Family Council and urban initiatives, so that our work,
under the leadership of Mary,
may continue to bring about
the Reign of God - in justice, peace and integral care for all Creation.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Light and Gift of Love for the world. Amen.

Adapted from Prayer During the Feast Days Novena from January 10 (Blessed Adele's anniversary of Death) to January 22nd (Blessed Chaminade's Anniversary of Death)

SENDING FORTH SONG: SPECTACLE OF SAINTS

REFRAIN: Let's be a spectacle, A spectacle of saints.
 Let's be intentional, And build communities of faith,
 Where all are equal, A sign of love and grace.
 Let's be a spectacle, A spectacle of saints

Chaminade (to Adèle): My daughter, let's get your dear project off the ground

Adèle: The Daughters of Mary will turn France around! We'll focus on prayer first, then open up schools!

Monique: Can I be a sister?

Adèle: Yes, your heart is true!

REFRAIN: Let's be a spectacle . . .

Lalanne and Perriere (To *Chaminade*): There's more than just the two of us, we guarantee, Who'll give

our lives to building the Sodality. Would you start up an order of brothers and priests?

Chaminade: Another great way for Christian faith to increase!

REFRAIN: Let's be a spectacle . . .

Marie Thérèse: We'll hide no more! Things will be different!

Adèle: This is a grand work! This is magnificent!

Chaminade: This is the vision That Mary gave to me. To carry out her mission, so all the world can see.

All three founders: Her Son, Her Son, Her Son!

REFRAIN: Let's be a spectacle . . .

"Spectacle of Saints" from the Musical Spectacle - An original musical about the Marianist Founders

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Full performance video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QdedzuINDPQ>

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- North American Center for Marianist Studies for resources. Available at: <https://nacms.org>

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**Part II: Prayer, Sharing and
Activities for Families, Households,
and Communities**

PART II - MARIANIST FOUNDERS CELEBRATION - Being Light for Our World Prayer, Sharing and Activities for Families, Households and Communities.

POST VIRTUAL PRAYER: GROUP SHARING (Adults or Families with Older Children)

Let us take a moment to reflect and share what we experienced in the prayers, readings and reflections today.

What most inspired you or spoke to you today?

- Any new insights?
- What is your hope for our Marianist Family growth and outreach in Dayton and in our world?
- What limits your own being a light?

POST VIRTUAL PRAYER: GROUP SHARING (Families with Young Children)

If you have a flashlight (or an electric candle), pass it as you share about these questions.

Our Marianist Founders helped bring happiness and smiles to people who were sad or scared, or needed someone to care and share with them. You can be a “spectacle of saints” like them . . .

- **You are like lights in the darkness when you bring a smile to someone**
 - What are things that people do for you that help them to smile?
 - What are things that you do for others to help them to smile.
- **Sometimes we all get scared, and block the light and happiness for someone.**
 - Who would you like to thank that has brightened your day or brought you happiness?
 - Is there someone you need to say “*I’m sorry*” to, because your words or actions have hurt them and kept the light from them?

SPECTACLE OF SAINTS: STORIES OF OUR MARIANIST FOUNDERS

You’re invited to continue with sharing these stories and suggested activities or use as a resource for a future time. If using at a future time, go to the Closing Prayer.

Group Story Time: If you wish, you may read one or more of the following stories and choose from the questions to reflect and share. Parents of young children are invited to rephrase the questions to enhance your child’s understanding.

STORY 1: Fr. Chaminade and the Beginning of the Sodality—Bring a Friend!

The ban on the churches had just been lifted, but they were still devastated and deserted. The Christians were terrified and wandered, friendless among the people of the large city who preserved hardly a spark of faith. The wise and zealous missionary Fr. Chaminade rented a room in the heart of the city, on Rue Saint-Simeon, which he transformed into an oratory. It was rumored that he said Mass there and preached too!

The faithful began to assemble there. Chaminade noticed two young men of his little congregation and spoke to them. On learning that they did not know each other, Chaminade invited them to come the following week to become better acquainted and to agree on certain religious

common practices. Having accepted his suggestion, the two young men were each told to find and bring along a friend! This they did.

When there were four, it was a simple matter, using the same method, to increase the number to eight, and in a short time, Fr. Chaminade had twelve young men animated with the holiest of intentions! It was the beginning of the Sodality!

- Fr. Joseph Simler, SM, *William Joseph Chaminade, Founder of the Marianists*

Reflect & Share

- Fr. Chaminade began the Marianist movement and rebuilt the church, by forming welcoming small communities that grew as they included others. What qualities did Fr. Chaminade cultivate in himself and others?
- How does this story (and other aspects you may know about Fr. Chaminade) apply to our “mission” in Dayton today?
- What can we do in our own household/community/family to show more hospitality, be inclusive and outreaching?

STORY 2: Venerable Marie Therese de Lamourous, Children & Animals

Marie Therese loved children. She had helped her sisters raise their families, and at the Misericorde little children were attracted to her. Despite her age, even at 82, she had not a wrinkle; despite her infirmities, she was always cheerful and pleasant. When their mothers came to visit at the Misericorde, toddlers of four or five often preferred to visit with Marie Therese rather than to walk in the garden with their “babysitters”. She knew how to speak with them and to encourage them to speak of their interests. She would search around her poor room to find something to give them, be it only a holy card. After visiting with her, they all departed happy.

A great lover of birds, Marie Therese hated to see them suffer. In the wintertime, especially if there was snow on the ground, she saw to it that bread crumbs were placed where the birds could find them. If her filles (daughters/residents) caught a bird in the garden, it would be taken to Marie Therese so she could have the happiness of giving it its freedom.

- Fr. Joseph Stefanelli, SM, *Mlle de Lamourous*, 1998, nacms.org, p. 427

Reflect and Share

- What qualities in a person help you feel comfortable and wanting to spend time with them?
- What do children appreciate and enjoy in grown-ups? What helps children feel happy?
- What do you think made Marie Therese attractive to children?
- How does caring for animals and plants of God’s creation help our world?
- When you’re your best self, what qualities do you show that are attractive and share the care and love of God The “light of Christ” with others?
- How might you be invited to share a simple gift of yourself with others?

STORY 3: Blessed Adele de Batz de Trenquellion & Her Generous Love for the People in Her Midst

In post-revolutionary France, the lack (for decades) of both religious and secular educational opportunities, especially for primary schools is appalling. So Adele moves beyond her impromptu catechism lessons which always accompany her works of charity or her walks to and from the parish church and sets up a “school” at her family chateau home. She invites little boys and girls to come for religious education and to learn to read and write. Because they live in a scattered area, have no transportation and often have to work in the fields or at home, there can’t be a standardized program or set hours. They come singly or in small groups as and when they can. So Adele leaves whatever she is doing (even prayers or family gatherings) to give her time being with her scholars. She also works to find them gainful employment.

Adele is very involved in works of charity for the economically poor nearby and shares from her family wealth and gifts she receives. She accompanies her mother on visits in their homes to bring love and care and material assistance. She “adopts” a number of them, sewing clothes for them and buying things they need from her own financial allowance. She’s very good-looking and has an attractive personality, yet increasingly turns down her parents gifts of fashionable clothes and special personal items. She also abandons the typical custom of exchanging gifts with her friends. She prefers to dress simply with clothes that are not in fashion, and asks instead to use the gifts and money to provide for others. She was known to take off her own shoes to give away to someone who had no shoes. Adele reaches people where they are. While her family of nobility traveled in horse-drawn carriages, Adele would often halt the carriage and get out to walk on the muddy roads with the local people.

Reflect & Share

- How is Adele’s experience similar to our challenges today?
- What initiatives does she take that are inspiring?
- How can we live her generosity in our own lives for the sake of those in need in our midst?

SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES

- 1) **Writing a Letter—Sharing Your Light:** In the spirit of our Founders - who wrote letters of encouragement and affirmation to one another, write a note or letter to someone who might need it, expressing your appreciation, concerns or hopes for them. You might include some insights you learned about our Marianist Founders.
- 2) **Write Notes of Appreciation:** Take a moment to write small notes of appreciation to each member of your family or household expressing your appreciation for how they bring the Light of Christ to you.
- 3) **Draw a picture or Color a Note:** (If you like to draw or color)
 - a) Draw a picture or use colors that makes you feel happy or brightens your day
 - b) Draw a picture of someone who is bringing Light or God’s care to someone.
 - c) Color a note of appreciation for someone in your family/household.

- 4) **One of our Dayton Marianist Family Projects** is sharing bags of snacks with people who are hungry as part of the Food for the Journey partnership with the Five Oaks Neighborhood. 50 bags are donated from our Dayton Marianist Family on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Tuesdays of the month.
- a) If you have standard or large lunch bags, you could color one of those with pictures that you think would bring happiness and brighten up someone's day.
 - b) Or you can share cheery pictures or notes that will be put inside the bags. (pictures you drew in 3a or 3b would work just fine.
 - You can mail them or drop them off % Nancy Woeste, 1201 Kirkley Hall Drive, Miamisburg, OH 45342 Email: nancywoeste19@gmail.com if you have questions,

If you wish, share your notes/letters/pictures with each other . . .

CLOSING PRAYER

Group Sharing: Each one of you in turn, can pass or touch the candle and offer your prayer of gratitude or hope or ask for God's grace and light on the next step you hope to take.

Close Together with the Song or Prayer

Song: This Little Light of Mine, I'm going to let it shine. (3x) Let it shine, Let it shine, Let it shine.

- Vs 2 All around the neighborhood . . . I'm going to let it shine...
- Vs 3 Hide it under a bushel? No! . . . I'm going to let it shine...

A Youtube option (puppets with lyrics) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NsbRIg-ebWg>

Closing Prayer

Almighty God, you inspired Blessed Father Chaminade and Blessed Mother Adele de Trenquelleon with Venerable Marie Therese de Lamorous to found a Family especially dedicated to Mary.

We ask you to grant us through their intercession, the grace of fidelity to their spirit and vision.

Strengthen our alliance with Mary our Mother and Sister

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