

## Marian/Marianist Days and Feast Days

### October 2019

| Date     | Feast   | Description   |
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| <b>1</b> | <b>Blesseds Carlos Eraña, Fidel Fuidio and Jesús Hita</b>   | <i>This day commemorates our three Marianist brothers who were martyred for their faith in 1936 during the religious persecution in Spain. They were beatified by Pope John Paul II on Oct. 1, 1995.<br/>NACMS website</i>  |
|          | <p>Lord, our God, to Blessed Carlos, Fidel, and Jesús, who were inflamed with the love of the Virgin Mary, You gave the grace to suffer for Christ; Grant that, through their intercession, we may remain firm in the faith which they taught to children and youth, and to which they bore witness with their own blood in martyrdom.</p> <p>We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever. Amen.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Marianist Family Prayer Book</i></p> |   |
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| <b>2</b> | <b>Memorial of the Guardian Angels</b>  | <i>On this feast day in 1817, we commemorate the anniversary of when the first meeting of those who had decided to embrace religious life in a new Institute gathered at Chaminade's residence at Villa St. Laurent - Blessed William Joseph Chaminade, with three professional teachers, two seminarians, and two artisans, started a "congregation" dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary.<br/>NACMS website</i> |
|          | <p>We are convinced that our particular mission, despite our weakness, is to perform for the welfare of our neighbor all the works of zeal and of mercy. (Letter to the Retreat Masters of 1839)</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Marianist Family Prayer Book</i></p>  |   |
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| <b>7</b> | <b>Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary</b>   | <i>This feast was established in 1573 by Pope Pius V in gratitude for the victory of the Christians over the Turks at Lepanto. It was extended to the universal church in 1716.<br/>NACMS website</i>   |
|          | <p>Hail Mary,<br/>Full of grace, the Lord is with you,<br/>Blessed are you among women,<br/>And blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.</p> <p>Holy Mary, Mother of God,<br/>Pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.<br/>Amen.</p>   |   |

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| <b>12</b> | <b>Feast of Our Lady of the Pillar</b>   | <p><i>This is a feast celebrated in memory of the graces received by Father Chaminade at the shrine of Our Lady of the Pillar during his exile in Spain (1797-1800), especially that of the inspiration to create the Marianist Family and to found the Society of Mary and the Marianist Sisters.</i></p> <p><i>NACMS website</i></p>  |
|           | <p>Almighty and eternal God, You gave the Blessed Virgin Mary,<br/>Glorious mother of your son,<br/>As a pillar of strength to all who call upon her aid;<br/>Grant through her intercession that we may be strong in faith,<br/>Unwavering in hope, and steadfast in love.</p> <p><i>Marianist Family Prayer Book</i></p> |   |
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| <b>13</b> | <b>Marianist World Day of Prayer</b>   | <p><i>Marian Shrine Of Our Lady Of Atacora,<br/>Mother of Unity and Good Counsel,<br/>Natitingou, Benin (West Africa)</i></p>   |
|           | Please see the Marianist World Day of Prayer service created by the Marianist Family in Africa in the October newsletter   |   |
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| <b>14</b> | <b>Canonization of Oscar Romero</b>  | <p><i>This Archbishop of San Salvador is renowned as the outstanding embodiment of the prophetic church, a voice for the voiceless. No one could foresee that he would be denounced by his fellow bishops, earn the hatred of the rich and powerful of El Salvador, and generate such enmity that he would be targeted for assassination—the first bishop slain at the altar since Thomas Becket in the twelfth century. He was killed on March 24, 1980, and was immediately acclaimed by the people of El Salvador and by the poor throughout Latin America, as a true martyr and saint. Pope Francis announced the decision to canonize Archbishop Romero in March 2018.</i></p> <p><i>NACMS website</i></p> |
|           | <p>A Future Not Our Own (also known as ‘The Long View’)<br/><i>In honor of the canonization of Blessed Oscar Romero, Archbishop of San Salvador on October 14, 2018</i></p> <p>It helps, now and then, to step back<br/>and take the long view.<br/>The kingdom is not only beyond our efforts,</p>                        |   |

it is beyond our vision.

We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction of  
the magnificent enterprise that is God's work.

Nothing we do is complete,  
which is another way of saying  
that the kingdom always lies beyond us.

No statement says all that could be said.

No prayer fully expresses our faith.

No confession brings perfection.

No pastoral visit brings wholeness.

No program accomplishes the church's mission.

No set of goals and objectives includes everything.

This is what we are about:

We plant seeds that one day will grow.

We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise.

We lay foundations that will need further development.

We provide yeast that produces effects beyond our capabilities.

We cannot do everything

and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that.

This enables us to do something,  
and to do it very well.

It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way,  
an opportunity for God's grace to enter and do the rest.

We may never see the end results,

but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker.

We are workers, not master builders,  
ministers, not messiahs.

We are prophets of a future not our own.

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#### Upcoming dates for next month

##### November

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| 1  | All Saints Day  |
| 2  | All the Faithful Departed                               |
| 6  | Memorial of Blessed Miguel Léibar and Companion Martyrs |
| 21 | Presentation of the Blessed Virgin                      |
| 22 | Thanksgiving Day  |