MARIST PROVINCE OF WEST AFRICA

RELIGIOUS CALENDAR: AUGUST 2025	
Pope's Intention Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.	
1st AUGUST, FRIDAY OF THE 17TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME. YEAR: C (II) **VESTMENT: WHITE Office: Psalter week I** **Memorial of St. Alphonsus Mary de' Ligouri, Bishop and Doctor**	
Liturgy	**Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37**. The laws of the festivals of the Lord **Mt 13:54-58**. Prophet is only despised in his own country
Reflection	**COMMUNION IN COMMUNITY: A RENEWAL PROGRAM FOR RELIGIOUS, BY GEORGE KAITHOLIL, SSP** A community is a setting that favours healing and the blossoming of friendship. There the members find acceptance and meaning, and the stimulus for the developing of their talents. A community must allow and help its members to be real. It must offer them challenges to make them grow, progress, and motivate them to be interdependent. Page 13
Intentions	For the Provincial and his Council For peace to reign in Countries affected by war.
2nd AUGUST, SATURDAY OF THE 17TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME. Office: Ps. Week I **Vestment: GREEN** **Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary**	
Liturgy	**Lv 25:1, 8-17:** The law of the Jubilee year **Mt 14:1-12** The beheading of John the Baptist.
Reflection	**COMMUNION IN COMMUNITY: A RENEWAL PROGRAM FOR RELIGIOUS, BY GEORGE KAITHOLIL, SSP** In a genuine community, every member feels free to thin and to work, for the members love and support one another without selfishness and without destructive competition. In such a community, the members love one another and live in unity and generosity. There is mutual understanding and prayerful support. The love of God and neighbor grow and bear fruit. The community live then becomes a positive joyful and cherished experience that generates enthusiasm
Intentions	For all Christians who are persecuted in all parts of the world. For the grace to be true prophets of our time.

3rd AUGUST, SUNDAY OF THE 17TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME. Office: Ps. Week II Vestment: Green	
Liturgy	**Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23:** Vanity of vanities; all is vanity **Col 3:1-5, 9-11**: You must look for the things that are in heaven , where Christ is **Lk 12:13-21:** Fool! This very night your soul will be demanded of you
Reflection	**COMMUNION IN COMMUNITY: A RENEWAL PROGRAM FOR RELIGIOUS, BY GEORGE KAITHOLIL, SSP** Selfishness, ambition, power politics, sympathies and antipathies, jealousies and lack of concern for others invade communities of Consecrated persons too. The communality's could be shattered when personal preferences are given priority over the community's goals and the self-centered attitude of the members choke the interest of the community.
Intentions	For peace, love, unity, and understanding in our communities. We also pray for the Marist mission in France and Spain.
4TH AUGUST 18TH MONDAY IN ORDINARY TIME. OFFICE: PSALTER WEEK.II Vestment: Green	
Liturgy	**Nm 11:4b-15**: The sons of Israel complain in the desert. **Mt 14:13-21**:The feeding of the five thousands
Reflection	**COMMUNION IN COMMUNITY: A RENEWAL PROGRAM FOR RELIGIOUS, BY GEORGE KAITHOLIL, SSP** The drawbacks in communities can be remedied if the members of the community have the right orientation and if they are open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Mutual love, respect and support, communion of hearts, sharing one another's joys and sorrows, following the charism of the founder and walking in the footsteps of Jesus the master would enhance the beauty of the community and the value of religious life.
Intentions	For the grace to be light to the people we administer to. For the grace to be true Brothers to each other in our communities.
5TH AUGUST TUESDAY OF THE 18TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME. Office: Psalm. Week II Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major Vestment: WHITE	
Liturgy	**Nm 12:1-13**. How have you dared to speak against my servant Moses?. **Mt 14:22-36**. Jesus walk on the water.
Reflection	**COMMUNION IN COMMUNITY: A RENEWAL PROGRAM FOR RELIGIOUS, BY GEORGE KAITHOLIL, SSP** A religious community is expected to be the opposite of what valtaire says it is, namely, a group of persons who live together. Who know one another. Who love one another and who mourn one another when they die. As a heap of bricks does not make a house, a collection of words does not ame a sentence, and a multitude of sounds does not make music, so also a crowd of people staying together does not make a community
Intentions	For the ability to listen to God attentively every day of our lives.

	For those who are in difficult situations of life.
6TH AUGUST, WEDNESDAY OF THE 18TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME. **Office: Proper** **(The feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord)** **Vestment: WHITE**	
Liturgy	**Daniel.7:9-10,13-14**. His robe was white as snow. **2Peter.1:16-19**. We heard this ourselves, spoken from heaven. **Lk 9:28b-36.** Jesus is transfigured before them
Reflection	**COMMUNION IN COMMUNITY: A RENEWAL PROGRAM FOR RELIGIOUS, BY GEORGE KAITHOLIL, SSP** Voltaire, the atheist and anti-Christian philosopher gave the religious this definition: "Persons who gather together without knowing one another, who live together without loving one another, and who die without mourning one another! Probably he said this out of contempt or hatred. However, is there not some truth in his statement? When we consider the manner, in which the members of religious communities live and relate to each other, can we really say that Voltaire was totally wrong? Is it not a call to the religious to examine the quality of their relationships?
Intentions	For the grace to fully embrace and live the calls and priorities set forth in the Second Provincial Chapter
7th AUGUST, THURSDAY OF THE 18TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME. **Office: Psalm Week II** **Vestment: GREEN**	
Liturgy	Nm 20:1-13. Moses makes water flow from the rock at Meribah Mt 16:13-23. You are Peter and on this rock, I will build my Church.
Reflection	**COMMUNION IN COMMUNITY: A RENEWAL PROGRAM FOR RELIGIOUS, BY GEORGE KAITHOLIL, SSP** A religious community is expected to be the opposite of what Voltaire says it is, namely, a group of persons who live together, who know one another, who love one another and who mourn one another when they die
Reminder	Independence Day of Côte d'Ivoire
Intentions	For the peaceful repose of all the Marist Brothers who have gone ahead of us. For all the Ivorian brothers and Marist works in Ivory Coast.
8th AUGUST, Friday OF THE 18TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME. **Office: Psalm week II** **Memorial of St. Dominic, Priest.** **Vestment: WHITE**	
Liturgy	**Dt 4:32-40** Did ever a people before you hear the voice of the living God and remain alive? **Mt 16:24-28.** Anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.
Reflection	**COMMUNION IN COMMUNITY: A RENEWAL PROGRAM FOR RELIGIOUS, BY GEORGE KAITHOLIL, SSP** According to Vita Consecrate, No 42, fraternal life means life shared in love. It is to be practiced with special care in religious institutes. All religious are committed to love one another, following the example of Christ who gave

	himself out of love even to the supreme sacrifice. Without that unconditional love, there can be no true unity among his disciples
Intentions	For all Church leaders. For the young Brothers at MIC,Nairobi.
9th AUGUST, Saturday OF THE 18TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME. Office: Psalm week III Vestment: GREEN	
Liturgy	**Dt 6:4-13**. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart. **Mt 17:14-20.** If your faith were the size of a mustard seed, the mountain would move.
Birthday	Br Tiburtius Kewaiy (1988) from Cameroon
Reflection	**COMMUNION IN COMMUNITY: A RENEWAL PROGRAM FOR RELIGIOUS, BY GEORGE KAITHOLIL, SSP** Love demands: reediness to serve others generously, willingness to welcome them as they are, ability to forgive seventy time seven
Intentions	For Br Tiburtius, his vocation, his intentions and for his Community. For all the political leaders in our countries.
10th AUGUST, 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME. (Feast of St. Laurence, Martyr) Vestment: RED Office: Psalm week III	
Liturgy	**Wis 18:6-9:** You made us glorious by calling us to you. **Heb 11:1-2, 8-19**: Abraham looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God **Lk 12:32-48:** You too must ready
Reflection	**COMMUNION IN COMMUNITY: A RENEWAL PROGRAM FOR RELIGIOUS, BY GEORGE KAITHOLIL, SSP** Consecrated persons experience a call to share everything in common: Material goods, spiritual experiences, inspirations, talents, apostolic ideals and charitable service
Intentions	For the grace to be true witnesses of Christ in our schools For God's blessing on our benefactors and benefactresses.
11th AUGUST 19TH MONDAY IN ORDINARY TIME. Office: Psalms Week III Vestment: GREEN	
Liturgy	**Dt 10:12-22:** The Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of Lords **Mt 17:22-27:** They will put the son of Man to death
Reflection	**COMMUNION IN COMMUNITY: A RENEWAL PROGRAM FOR RELIGIOUS, BY GEORGE KAITHOLIL, SSP** Community life calls for presence, prayer and participation. Presence-not only physical but also mental, affective and fraternal. Eating together, working together and praying together are helpful and necessary, but these alone do not build up community. The very word "community" indicates a group of people united together. Unity or communion is essential to community.
Intentions	For the conversion of our hearts. For peace in Countries facing political instability.

12th AUGUST, TUESDAY OF THE 19TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME.Office:Ps.3 Vestment: GREEN	
Liturgy	**Dt 31:1-8** Be brave and steadfast, for you must bring this people into the land. **Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14** See that you do not despise one of these little ones.
Reflection	**THE IDENTITY AND MISSION OF THE RELIGIOUS BROTHER IN THE CHURCH** "The mediating identity of the Servant of Yahweh has a personal significance as well as a communitarian one, as it relates to the remnant of Israel, the messianic people, which the Council says is "established by Christ as a communion of life, charity and truth, it is also used by Him as an instrument for the redemption of all, and is sent forth into the whole world as the light of the world and the salt of the earth".
Intentions	For the sick and those who are lonely. For all those in prisons and rehabilitation centers.
13th AUGUST, WEDNESDAY OF THE 19TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME.Office:Ps.3 Vestment: GREEN	
Liturgy	**Dt 34:1-12:** There Moses died as the LORD had said, and since then no prophet has arisen in Israel like him. **Mt 18:15-20**: If your brother listens to you, you have won him over.
Birthday	Br Aristide Ghislain Yao from Cote d'Ivoire
Reflection	**THE IDENTITY AND MISSION OF THE RELIGIOUS BROTHER IN THE CHURCH** "Being part of this people and its mission, the Religious Brother lives the call to be memory of the covenant by his consecration to God in a fraternal life in community for mission11. Thus, he makes more visible the communion that all God's people are called to embody"
Intention	For Br Aristide, his vocation, his intentions and for his Community. We pray for the grace to be truly our Brothers keepers.
14th AUGUST, THURSDAY OF THE 19TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME. Office.Ps.3 Memorial of St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest, Martyr Vestment: RED	
Liturgy	**Wis 3:1-9** As sacrificial offerings he took them to himself. **Jn 15:12-16** This is my commandment: love one another.
Reflection	**THE IDENTITY AND MISSION OF THE RELIGIOUS BROTHER IN THE CHURCH** "Encouraged by the Spirit, the Church today deepens its awareness of being the People of God, where all have equal dignity received in Baptism, all have a common vocation to holiness, and all share responsibility for the mission of evangelization"
Intentions	For true communion and brotherhood in our Province. We pray for all our family members living and dead.

15th AUGUST, FRIDAY OF THE 19TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME. Office:Ps.3 **(The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary)** **Vestment: WHITE**	
Liturgy	**Rev.11:19,12:1-6,10**. A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman adorned with the sun. **1Cor.15:20-26.** Christ will be brought to life as the first fruits and then those who belong to him. **Lk.1:39-56**. The Almighty has done great things for me.
Birthday	Br Nkuah Samuel (1990) from Ghana
Reflection	**THE IDENTITY AND MISSION OF THE RELIGIOUS BROTHER IN THE CHURCH** "Each one according to their vocation, their charism and their ministry becomes a sign for all the. Others. Religious life is born and inserted into this consecrated people, and within it lay religious life with a new and special consecration which develops and deepens baptismal consecration".
Intentions	For Br Samuel, his intentions, his vocation and his mission in Liberia. We pray for our Bothers on mission.
16th AUGUST, SATURDAY OF THE 19TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME. Office:Ps.3 **Vestment: GREEN**	
Liturgy	**Jos 24:14-29** Decide today whom you will serve. **Mt 19:13-15** Let the children come to me; do not prevent them. The Kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.
Birthday	Br. Mark Anokwuru from Nigeria, former Novice Master Nyanti Harry (1986) from Liberia.
Reflection	**THE IDENTITY AND MISSION OF THE RELIGIOUS BROTHER IN THE CHURCH** "Lay religious life participates in "a special form of sharing in Christ's prophetic office, which the Holy Spirit communicates to the whole People of God"; it lives its particular charism in relationship and continuity with other ecclesial charisms and it integrates itself into the mission of the Church which is shared with the other believers".
Intentions	For Brothers Mark and Harry, their intentions, vocation and for their mission For unity in our Marist Communities.
17th AUGUST, 20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME. Office:Ps.4 **Vestment: GREEN**	
Liturgy	**Jer 38:4-6, 8-10** A man of strife and contention to all the land. **Heb 12:1-4** Let us persevere in running the race that lies before us. **Lk 12:49-53** I have come not to establish peace, but rather division.
Reflection	**THE IDENTITY AND MISSION OF THE RELIGIOUS BROTHER IN THE CHURCH** "Religious Brothers find their natural habitat in this context of communion, by way of belonging to the People of God, and they are also united with all those who, by religious consecration, reflect the essence of the Church, the mystery

	of communion. In it they keep alive the obligation of brotherhood as a confession of the Trinity"
Intentions	We pray for mankind to renounce war and to embrace peace and justice. For the grace of forgiveness in our communities.
18th AUGUST, MONDAY OF THE 20th WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME. Office: Psalms Week IV Vestment: GREEN	
Liturgy	**1 Jgs 2:11-19** When the LORD raised up judges, they did not listen. **Mt 19:16-22** If you wish to be perfect, go, sell what you have and you will have treasure in heaven.
Reflection	**THE IDENTITY AND MISSION OF THE RELIGIOUS BROTHER IN THE CHURCH** "The bonds of communion of the Religious Brother extend beyond the boundaries of the Church, because he is driven by the same "universal character that distinguishes the People of God".
Intentions	For all our Brothers on temporal vows. For our Brothers working in unsafe places.
19TH AUGUST, TUESDAY OF THE 20TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME. Office: Psalms Week IV Vestment: GREEN	
Liturgy	**Jgs 6:11-24a** Go and save Israel; it is I who send you. **Mt 19:23-30** It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than the rich to enter the Kingdom of God.
Reflection	**THE IDENTITY AND MISSION OF THE RELIGIOUS BROTHER IN THE CHURCH** "The vocation of the Brother is part of the answer that God gives to the absence of brotherhood which is wounding the world today".
Intentions	We pray for all people who have been unjustly imprisoned that they may regain their freedom. For peace and justice in our Countries.
20th AUGUST, WEDNESDAY OF THE 20th WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME. Office: Psalms Week IV (Memorial of St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor). Vestment: WHITE	
Liturgy	**Sir 15:1-6** He will be filled with the spirit of wisdom and understanding. **Jn 17:20-26** I wish that where I am they also may be with me.
Reflection	**THE IDENTITY AND MISSION OF THE RELIGIOUS BROTHER IN THE CHURCH** "At the root of a Brother's vocation lies a profound experience of solidarity that essentially matches that of Moses before the burning bush: he discovers himself as the eyes, ears and heart of God, the God who sees the oppression of his people, who hears their cry, feels their anguish and comes down to liberate them oppressed by various forms of injustice, abandoned on the margins of history and progress, those who, ultimately, are less likely to experience the good news of God's love in their lives".
	For Christians who are persecuted all over the world.

Intentions	For the grace to follow the promptings of the Holy Spirit in our lives.
21st AUGUST, THURSDAY OF THE 20th WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME. Office. Psalms Week IV **(Memorial of Saint Pius,X, Pope)** **Vestment: WHITE**	
Liturgy	**1 Thes 2:2b-8** We were determined to share with you not only the Gospel of God, but our very selves as well. **Jn 21:15-17** Feed my lambs, feed my sheep.
Reflection	**THE IDENTITY AND MISSION OF THE RELIGIOUS BROTHER IN THE CHURCH** "In this intimate experience, the Brother hears the call: "Come, I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people out of Egypt." (cf. Ex 3:7-10). Therefore, the dimension of communion is closely linked in the Brother to a fine sensitivity for everything that affects the least privileged of people; those oppressed by various forms of injustice, abandoned on the margins of history and progress, those who, ultimately, are less likely to experience the good news of God's love in their lives"
Intentions	For perseverance in our vocation when challenges come our way. For the grace of humility in our mission.
22nd AUGUST, FRIDAY OF THE 20th WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME: Office: Psalms Week IV **(Memorial of Our Lady, Mother and Queen)** **Vestment: white**	
Liturgy	**Is 9:1-6** A son is given us. **Lk 1:26-38** You will conceive in your womb and bear a son.
Reflection	**THE IDENTITY AND MISSION OF THE RELIGIOUS BROTHER IN THE CHURCH** "The first ministry that Brothers develop in the Church as religious is "to remind the baptized of the fundamental values of the Gospel" and "the need to respond with holiness of life to the love of God poured into their hearts by the Holy Spirit (cf. Rom 5:5)" 20. All other services and ministries offered by the various forms of consecrated life make sense only when rooted in this first ministry".
Intentions	We pray for the superior general and his council. We pray for all our provincials and their councils.
23rd AUGUST, SATURDAY OF THE 20th WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME: Office: Psalms Week IV **Vestment: GREEN**	
Liturgy	**Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17** The LORD had not failed to provide you today with a heir. He was the father of Jesse, the father of David. **Mt 21:1-12** They preach but they do not practice.
Reflection	**The and Identity of the Religious Brother in the Church** "Religious consecration itself, which presents life as a witness to the absoluteness of God, and also as a process of openness to God and people in

	the light of the Gospel, is a call to all the faithful, an invitation to each person to orient his or her own life along a radical path, in different situations and states of life, open to the gifts and invitations of the Spirit".
Intentions	We pray for peace in the entire continent of Africa. We pray for our aspirants.
24th AUGUST, 21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: Office: Proper (Feast of St. Bartholomew, Apostle) Vestment: RED	
Liturgy	**Is 66:18-21** They shall bring all your brothers and sisters from all the nations. **Heb 12:5-7, 11-13** Those whom the Lord loves, he disciplines. **Lk 13:22-30** They will come from east and west and recline in the kingdom of God.
Reflection	**THE IDENTITY AND MISSION OF THE RELIGIOUS BROTHER IN THE CHURCH** "The fraternity of Religious Brothers is an encouragement for the whole Church, because it makes present the Gospel value of fraternal relationships of equality in the face of the temptation to dominate, to search for the best place or to exercise authority as power".
Intention	We pray for all Religious and their mission in the Church. We pray for all farmers and those who till the Land.
25th AUGUST, MONDAY OF THE 21ST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME: Office: Psalms Week I Vestment. GREEN	
Liturgy	**1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10** You turned to God from idols to await his Son, whom he raised from the dead. **Mt 23:13-22** Woe to you, blind guides.
Reflection	**THE IDENTITY AND MISSION OF THE RELIGIOUS BROTHER IN THE CHURCH** "Relationships in the Church-Communion are established from what unites rather than what divides. Today we are becoming conscious once again of our common heritage. It is a great treasure that makes us all fundamentally equal, in common dignity and in common rights and duties".
Intentions	For our domestic workers. For peace to return to the Anglophone regions of Cameroon.
26th AUGUST, TUESDAY OF THE 21ST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME: Office: Psalms Week I Vestment. GREEN	
Liturgy	**1 Thes 2:1-8** We were determined to share with you not only the Gospel of God, but our very selves as well. Mt 23:23-26 But these you should have done, without neglecting the others.
Reflection	**THE IDENTITY AND MISSION OF THE RELIGIOUS BROTHER IN THE CHURCH**

	"Communion is proposed today in the Church as a particularly pressing challenge in the new millennium, so that it may be transformed into the home and school of communion. Brothers are active inhabitants in this home and are both students and teachers in this school".
Intention	For the grace to build ideal communities in our Province. For all our local community leaders and their tasks of animation.
27th AUGUST, WEDNESDAY OF THE 21ST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME: Office: Psalms Week I (Memorial of St. Monica.) Vestment: WHITE	
Liturgy	**Sir 26:1-4, 13-16** Like the sun rising in the Lord's heavens, the beauty of a virtuous wife is the radiance of her home. **Lk 7:11-17** She bore me in the arms of her prayer, that you might say to the son of the widow: Young man, I say to you, arise.
Reflection	**THE IDENTITY AND MISSION OF THE RELIGIOUS BROTHER IN THE CHURCH** "All of us are born in faith and we join the Church as baptized people. In this common framework we are called to perform certain duties in the service of the ecclesial community, to live in a significant or prophetic way certain characteristics that belong to the common heritage, and to serve the common mission through concrete charisms and ministries".
Anniversaries	In 1888,the first Brother arrived Fiji Islands,Pacific. In 1936, Brothers Crisanto,Aquilino and Cipriano Jose were killed in Spain together with 65 other Brothers: including two lay people.
Intention	We pray for the Brothers in Fiji Islands We also pray for Brothers working in insecure places.
28th AUGUST, THURSDAY OF THE 21ST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME.Office: Psalms Week I (Memorial of St. Augustine, Bishop, Doctor) Vestment: WHITE	
Liturgy	**1 Thes 3:7-13.** May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all. **Mt 24:42-51** Stay awake!
Birthday	Augustine Naatey (1976) from Ghana
Reflection	**THE IDENTITY AND MISSION OF THE RELIGIOUS BROTHER IN THE CHURCH** "This fundamental dimension never abandons us: lay Christians live it in an explicitly lay way of life. For those called to the priesthood or consecrated life, the laity are a constant point of reference that reminds them for whom they are signs of consecration and with whom they exercise their ministry".
Intentions	For Br Augustine, his vocation, his intentions and for his Community. For all our benefactors and benefactresses.
29th AUGUST, FRIDAY OF THE 21st WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME.Office: Psalms Week IV (The Beheading of St. John the Baptist) Vestment: Red	

Liturgy	**Jer 1:17-19** Stand up and tell them all that I command you. **Mk 6:17-29** I want you to give me at once on a platter the head of John the Baptist.
Birthday	Brother Oliver Tata (1970) from Cameroon. Kra Benjamin (1997) from Cote d'Ivoire.
Reflection	**THE IDENTITY AND MISSION OF THE RELIGIOUS BROTHER IN THE CHURCH** "The Religious Brother, when rooted among the Christian people, receives the witness and support of other vocations. He is called to live in an integral and prophetic way the mystery of Christ and the Church within consecrated life, as a service to the entire People of God".
Intentions	For brothers Oliver and Kra, their intentions, vocation and for their mission. For the continuous growth of the Marist mission in all parts of the world.
30th AUGUST, SATURDAY OF THE 21st WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME. Office. Psalms Week I **Vestment: GREEN**	
Liturgy	**1 Thes 4:9-11** You have been taught by God to love one another. **Mt 25:14-30** Since you have been faithful in small matters, come, share your master's joy.
Reflection	**THE IDENTITY AND MISSION OF THE RELIGIOUS BROTHER IN THE CHURCH** "Consecrated life, predominantly lay in its beginnings, proposes as a fundamental objective, the cultivation of the collective Christian treasure, which is contained and given to all the faithful in the sacraments of initiation. Certainly, it accomplishes this in a special way, seeking to imitate Christ in his way of living: chaste, poor and obedient".
Intentions	For the all the former Marist Brothers. For all lay Marists in our province.
31st AUGUST, 22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME. Office: Psalms Week I **Vestment: GREEN**	
Liturgy	**Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29** Humble yourself and you will find favor with God. **Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a** You have approached Mount Zion and the city of the living God. **Lk 14:1, 7-14** Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, everyone who humbles himself will be exalted.
Reflection	**THE IDENTITY AND MISSION OF THE RELIGIOUS BROTHER IN THE CHURCH** "Over the centuries, this goal, so essential to consecrated life, has run the risk of taking second place in male religious life, in favor of priestly functions. To restore it to its own proper place, throughout history the Spirit has raised up founders who placed emphasis on the lay character of their foundations".
Intentions	We pray for the grace to be faithful to our commitment to God. We also pray for grace of fidelity among marriage couples.