MARIST PROVINCE OF WEST AFRICA

RELIGIOUS CALENDAR: OCTOBER 2026

POPE'S INTENTION: FOR MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

October 1 – Thursday of the 26th Week in Ordinary Time
Psalter: Week II Vestment: White

Memorial of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Liturgy: Jb 19:21-27 "Have pity on me, my friends, for the hand of God has struck me."
Lk 10:1-12 "Your peace will rest on him".

Anniversary: In 1891, first Marist community began in Switzerland.

Reminder: Beginning of presential Provincial Council Meeting: To consider an approve School & Community Budgets & Community Life Plans in Accra.
International Day of Older Persons.

Reflection: COMMUNION IN COMMUNITY

Blessed Alberions says, A religious who passes his days in a community, where he finds open hearts, generous and benevolent persons, noble and delicate spirits, will live in happiness and serenity.

Intention: We pray for our elderly and sick brothers and those in a state of desolation.
For our brothers and works in Switzerland.
For the success of the Provincial Council Meeting and that the Lord may be at the center of all the deliberations.

October 2 – Friday of the 26th Week in Ordinary Time
Psalter: Week II Vestment: White

Memorial Of the Holy Guardian Angels

Liturgy: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5 "What is the way to the abode of light?"
Lk 10:13-16 "Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to burn them up?"

Reflection: COMMUNION IN COMMUNITY

It is obvious that a family spirit should prevail in the community. Charity should be open to the whole church and the whole world, but it should above all show itself in mutual esteem, acceptance and support of the members in the community. Genuine broherhood is necessary. What St Paul says is very relevant here, love is not ill mannered or selfish or irritable, love does not keep a record of wrongs; love is not happy with evil but is happy with the truth.

Intentions: For the grace to forgive and pray for our enemies.
For the Novitiate community.

October 3 – Saturday of the 26th Week in Ordinary Time
Psalter: Week II Vestment: Green

Liturgy: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17 "I know that you can do all things;
Lk 10:17-24 "Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name."

Anniversaries: In 2001, election of Bro Seán Sammon as 12th Superior General and of Brother Luis García Sobrado as Vicar General.

Reflection: COMMUNION IN COMMUNITY

Community life calls for fraternal solidarity and communion among the members. It involves bearing with one another, caring for one another, helping those in any need (cf. Rom 12: 13), sharing in the joys and sorrows of one another, encouraging, strengthening and supporting one another. We fulfil the law of love that Christ has given us by helping one another in carrying the burdens of life (cf. Gal 6:2).

Intentions: For the happy repose of the soul of Br. Sean Sammon.
For our benefactors and the organizations that sponsor our projects.

Marist Saturday: We pray in a special way for vocations in our province

October 4 – 27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Psalter: Week III Vestment: Green

Liturgy: Is 5:1–7 (The parable of the vineyard that produced wild grapes).
Phil 4:6–9 (Do not be anxious, but in everything let your requests be known to God; whatever is true, honorable, just, pure, lovely, commendable, think about these things).
Mt 21:33–43 (The parable of the wicked tenants in the vineyard).

Anniversaries: In 1836, blessing of the chapel of the Hermitage by bishop Pompallier.

Reminder: World Habitat Day.

Reflection: COMMUNION IN COMMUNITY

Community prayer, done well, binds the community together. Praying together and praying for one another has a wonderful effect. If there is no depth in our relationship with God, our relationship with one another too is bound to be superficial. If our faith is skin deep, our hope and charity also will be skin deep. A genuine, deep relationship with God ensures a deep relationship with the brethren.

Intentions: For our community members in difficulties and those with responsibilities.
For the grace to remain still and focus at all times despite the challenges.

October 5 – Monday of the 27th Week in Ordinary Time
Psalter: Week III Vestment: Green

Liturgy: Gal 1:6-12 "If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a servant of Christ."
Lk 10:25-37 "Do this and you will live."

Reminder: Beginning of the Conference of Major Superiors of Religious in WA - Ghana.
World Teachers' Day.

Anniversaries: In 2002, death of Brother Félix Santos, who worked in Côte d'Ivoire.
In 1925, the first Marist school opened in Venezuela, South America.

Reflection: COMMUNION IN COMMUNITY

Unfortunately, there are religious who suffer loneliness in the midst of their brethren. In Creative living for Today, Maxwell Maltz says the problem of loneliness is not one of being alone; it is one of feeling alone, feeling cut off from others. It is the horrible feeling that a chasm separates one from the others that other people are walking around in a world alien to oneself I cannot hope for friendly smiles when I have none to share.

Intentions: For the Marist teachers and the brothers on further studies.
For the Marist mission in Venezuela.
For the success of the meeting of the Major Superiors of Religious in Ghana.

October 6 – Tuesday of the 27th Week in Ordinary Time
Psalter: Week III Vestment: Green

Memorial of Saint Bruno, Priest

Liturgy: Gal 1:13-24 "The man who formerly persecuted us is now preaching the faith he once tried to destroy."
Lk 10:38-42 "Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

Anniversaries: In 1934, martyrdom of Brother Bernardo in Barruelo, Spain.

Reminder: End of Provincial Council Meeting in Accra.

Reflection: COMMUNION IN COMMUNITY

Fraternal love and friendly relations should flourish among consecrated persons. Whatever community to which God has called us, receives our gift of love, helps us to live in friendship with God and brethren and prepares us to love all people. The religious who closely follow Christ who in total freedom came to serve human beings, should copy in their live his love, freedom and spirit of service.

Intentions: For all priests and religious working in the dioceses where we work.
For the most in need and the less privileged students and pupils in our schools.

October 7 – Wednesday of the 27th Week in Ordinary Time
Psalter: Week III Vestment: White

Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary

Liturgy: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14 "They recognized the grace that God had given me".
Lk 11:1-4 "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples."

Anniversaries: 1985, election of Br. Charles Howard (10th Superior General).
1993, election of Brother Benito Arbués (11th Superior General).
1986, approval of the post-Vatican II Constitutions.

Reflection: COMMUNION IN COMMUNITY

When one begins to dominate or to impose one's views dialogue ends. And when one attacks and the other defends, a fight is on.

Intentions: For all the brothers involved in formation.
For the provincial council and all the community leaders.

October 8 – Thursday of the 27th Week in Ordinary Time
Psalter: Week III Vestment: Green

Liturgy: Gal 3:1-5 "Who has bewitched you?"
Lk 11:5-13 "So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you…"

Anniversaries: In 1936, Brother Laurentino, Provincial, and 45 Brothers were massacred in Barcelona, Spain.

Reflection: COMMUNION IN COMMUNITY

"I have grown in a lot by living in community. Whenever I did something inappropriate, I was corrected immediately, I have always been encouraged in the community to develop my talents which were hidden. I have learnt to be free in expressing my views and to be open to others' views."

Intentions: For the missionaries undergoing persecution in their respective place of work.
For joy and collaboration in our communities.

October 9 – Friday of the 27th Week in Ordinary Time
Psalter: Week I Vestment: Green

Memorial of Saint Denis, Bishop, and Companions Martyrs; Saint John Leornadi, Priest

Liturgy: Gal 3:7-14 "All nations will be blessed through you."
Lk 11:15-26 "Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters"

Birthday: Br Cho Nchang Atzi-Nwi 1983 (Cameroon)

Reflection: COMMUNION IN COMMUNITY

The exchange in thought and action benefits the community and its individual members. The communion of life saves the religious from individualism and collectivism. At the same time, it can satisfy two basic human needs. i.e., friendship and the desire to communicate.

Intentions: For Brother Cho, his Vocation, mission and his Personal intentions.
For steadfastness in our vocation.

October 10 – Saturday of the 27th Week in Ordinary Time
Psalter: Week I Vestment: Green

Memorial of St Daniel Comboni: Missionary to modern Sudan and Bishop of Khartoum in 1877, he founded the Comboni Missionaries.

Liturgy: Gal 3:22-29 "for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ"
Lk 11:27-28 "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it."

Anniversaries: In 1836, first public profession of perpetual vows in the Institute.

Birthday: Br Joseph Asante (Ghana)
Br Celestine Suinyuy Tayu 1984 (Cameroon)
Br Therence Banseka, 1983 (Cameroon)

Reminder: End of the Conference of Major Superiors of Religious in WA - Ghana.
World Mental Health Day.
In 1988, inauguration of the School St Marcellin Champagnat at Korhogo.
Final profession of vows of Br Ngodebo Koundi Dennis Parfait in Yaoundé.

Reflection: COMMUNION IN COMMUNITY

A living and responsible obedience is intelligent, never blind. Every day we use our creativity to obey with greater faithfulness and dedication. This kind of obedience is no mere eternal execution of orders. Human and mature obedience demands that I should know my responses and consciously give shape to my activities.

Intentions: For Brothers Celestine, Asante and Therence, their vocation, their mission and their families.
For joy and collaboration in our communities.
For Br Parfait as he commits himself perpetually to the Lord as a Marist Brother.

Marist Saturday: a special day of prayers to Mary for Marist missions.

October 11 – 28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Psalter: Week IV Vestment: Green

Liturgy: Is 25:6–10a (The Lord will prepare a feast of rich food and fine wine for all peoples on his holy mountain).
Phil 4:12–14, 19–20 (Paul speaks of learning the secret of being content in every situation, and that God will supply every need).
Mt 22:1–14 (The parable of the wedding feast).

Anniversaries: In 1826 the first vows in the Institute were made by 8 Brothers.
In 1873, arrival of the first Brothers to New Caledonia, Pacific.

Reflection: COMMUNION IN COMMUNITY

The authority that enforces obedience through fear, pressure and the power of the law is an immature and weak authority. Genuine obedience is free and loving. It leads to maturity. On the other hand, fear pushes us back to the infant stage and blocks freedom of mind and growth of personality.

Intentions: For the Marist Community of Tatum, Cameroon.

October 12 – Monday of the 28th Week in Ordinary Time
Psalter: Week IV Vestment: Green

Memorial of Our Lady of the Pillar, patroness of Spain and all the Spanish-speaking countries

Liturgy: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31 - 5:1 "his son by the free woman was born as the result of a divine promise."
Lk 11:29-32 "This is a wicked generation. It asks for a sign, but none will be given it except the sign of Jonah"

Anniversaries: In 1839, election of Bro. François as 1st Superior General. He was 31 years old.

Reflection: COMMUNION IN COMMUNITY

Let all religious be convinced that in their communities the most important issue is union and communion of life in which all members are equally brothers or sisters regardless of position, talents or past history. Mutual concern should prevail in the members.

Intentions: For the grace to obey our superiors and to support one another mutually.
The Marist Community of Accra.

October 13 – Tuesday of the 28th Week in Ordinary Time
Psalter: Week IV Vestment: Green

Memorial of Our Lady of Fatima

Liturgy: Gal 5:1-6 "The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love."
Lk 11:37-41 "Now then, you Pharisees clean the outside of the cup and dish, but inside you are full of greed and wickedness."

Reflection: COMMUNION IN COMMUNITY

A stagnant and lifeless community does not respond to the new challenges that are bound to come, no does it rise to the occasion and opportunities that present themselves. There the members experience boredom. Their personal progress is stunted, their initiatives are stifled and their zeal for the mission is dampened. It is necessary that the community recognizes the signs of the times and responds to the needs of the hour if it wants to make its mission relevant. This calls for rec regular meetings to evaluate the quality of the witness lived by the community to discuss spiritual and human problems

encountered in the apostolate. This away all are informed, involved and inspired.

Intentions: For the grace to be genuine both in thought and action.
For all the headmasters and principals of our schools.

October 14 – Wednesday of the 28th Week in Ordinary Time
Psalter: Week IV Vestment: Green

Memorial of St Callistus I, Pope, and Martyr; BVM

Liturgy: Gal 5:18-25 "Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit."
Lk 11:42-46 "And you experts in the law, woe to you, because you load people down with burdens, they can hardly carry……,"

Reflection: COMMUNION IN COMMUNITY

An open system of communication facilitates integration in a group. As the process of integration advances, the members develop the capacity for reciprocal sensibility and dialogue. Awareness of the presence, feelings and needs of others is very important for community building. Let no one feel ignored or left out. An attentive listening and intuitive reading of the uniqueness of the other is the beginning of empathy.

Intentions: For countries experiencing famine and drought.
For the student brothers at MIC.

October 15 – Thursday of the 28th Week in Ordinary Time
Psalter: Week IV Vestment: White

Memorial of St Theresa of Jesus (also called Theresa of Avila). Reformer of the Carmelite Order and Mystical writer. She was proclaimed a Doctor of the Church in 1970.

Liturgy: Eph 1:1-10 "For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy"
Lk 11:47-54 "You have not gone in yourselves and have prevented others who wanted to".

Birthday: Br Vincent Mé Konan 1974 (Côte d'Ivoire)

Anniversaries: In 1897, creation of the Second Novitiate at Saint-Genis-Laval.

Reflection: COMMUNION IN COMMUNITY

Anyone can condemn, complain, contradict, but it takes real character and self-control to be understanding and forgiving. Disagreements will arise, but when they do, friends can usually disagree without hurting each other, and

without giving up their mutual appreciation and esteem. In case they happen to hurt, they will also care to heal quickly. If the relationship is strained, a real friend makes the first move towards reconciliation (cf. Mt 5:23-24).

Intentions: For Br Vincent Konan, His Vocation, family, and friends.
For all our students, former Students, and their families.

October 16 – Friday of the 28th Week in Ordinary Time
Psalter: Week IV Vestment: Green

Memorial of Saint Hegwig, Religious; Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque

Liturgy: Eph 1:11-14 "You have been stamped with the seal of the Holy Spirit".
Lk 10:1-9 "The harvest is rich, but the labourers are few"

Reminder: Beginning of the canonical visit of the Provincial to Koumra Community.
World Food Day.

Reflection: COMMUNION IN COMMUNITY

As you become more generous in your acceptance of others, you will grow as a brother. Genuine communion comes about when you learn to surrender your expectations of others.

Intentions: For countries experiencing famine and drought.
For the success of the Provincial's Canonical visit to Koumra Community.
For the members of our families.

October 17 – Saturday of the 28th Week in Ordinary Time
Psalter: Week IV Vestment: Red

Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop, and Martyr

Liturgy: Eph 1:15-23 "I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers".
Lk 12:8-12 "And I tell you, everyone who acknowledges me before men, the Son of Man also will acknowledge before the angels of God"

Reflection: COMMUNION IN COMMUNITY

Great expectations, if they are not reasonable, can lead to great frustrations and conflicts. Community life requires great understanding. Conflicts, of course, are part of life. Yet, a less authoritarian, less demanding and more accommodating superior and companions can lubricate the friction and cushion the blow.

Intentions: For the Graces to speak and to bear witness to the truth.

For the teachers in our schools.

Marist Saturday: We pray in a special way for vocations in our province

October 18 – 29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Office: Psalter Week I Vestment: Green

Liturgy: Is 45:1, 4–6 (God calls Cyrus his anointed, though Cyrus does not know him, so that all may know there is no God but the Lord).
1 Thes 1:1–5b (Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy to the church in Thessalonica: their work of faith, labor of love, and steadfastness of hope).
Mt 22:15–21 (The question about paying taxes to Caesar: "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's").

Reflection: COMMUNION IN COMMUNITY

The right aim of obedience: The aim of obedience should be the union between the person who obeys and God who has dominion over obedience. For this reason, no religious superior should become an obstacle to this union or impose limits to it through word or deed. The superior's duty is not to prevent the one who obeys from seeing God, but rather to become transparent themselves and reveal God. As authorities, they are not to use their personality, Character, spirituality etc. in an egoistic manner, for they too have a master in heaven (cf Col 4:1) When the obedience of the superiors and that of the subjects together cooperate with the work of God, religious life will become meaningful and beautiful.

Intentions: For commitment to our mission.
For all our benefactors and benefactresses.

October 19 – Monday of the 29th Week in Ordinary Time
Psalter: Week I Vestment: Green

Liturgy: Eph 2:1-10 "But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ".
Lk 12:13-21 "Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?"

Reminder: End of the canonical visit of the Provincial to Koumra Community.

Reflection: COMMUNION IN COMMUNITY

The wonder of sharing: People fail to realize that the more we share of ourselves, our time, ideas, opinions, experiences, successes, failures, difficulties, sorrow and joys etc., the more others will understand, accept and love us. They will become our friends, and they will also share openly with us what is their own. If I never let anyone come into my room and see it,

people will not only keep aloof from, they will also suspect that there is something foul in my room.

Intentions: For our parents, living and dead.
For those living on the margins of society.

October 20 – Tuesday of the 29th Week in Ordinary Time
Psalter: Week I Vestment: Green

Liturgy: Eph 2:12-22 "He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near".
Lk 12:35-38 "Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning".

Anniversaries: In 1957, the first Marist brothers set out for Ecuador, South America.

Reflection: COMMUNION IN COMMUNITY

Among the attitudes necessary for dialogue, in the first place comes authenticity, followed by transparency and fearlessness at the prospect of change of belief, conviction or hope. This holds good also in the case of dialogue with God, i.e., prayer. The partners in dialogue should accept each other as he or she is, without being judgmental/ It is possible to accept a person without sharing his or her ideas. One has to be attentive not to oneself but to what the other is saying. Genuine dialogue is possible only between persons who love, though they differ.

Intentions: For commitment to our mission.

October 21 – Wednesday of the 29th Week in Ordinary Time
Psalter: Week I Vestment: Green

Liturgy: Eph 3:2-12: "To me, though I am the very least of all the saints (God's consecrated people), this grace (favor, privilege) was granted and graciously entrusted".
Lk 12:39-48: "The servant who knows the master's will and does not get ready or does not do what the master wants will be beaten with many blows".

Reflection: COMMUNION IN COMMUNITY

The golden way to use authority: An elderly sister writes, "A community should have a superior who is a spiritual animator. The superior has to be a person with strength of character, qualities of leadership, a vision of the church, one who can spiritually animate the community and further the growth of the members and apostolic endeavors.

Intentions: For the Marist Community of Bouaké, Côte d'Ivoire.

For the support staff in our schools.

October 22 – Thursday of the 29th Week in Ordinary Time
Psalter: Week I Vestment: Green

Liturgy: Eph 3:14-21 "Pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you".
Lk 12:49-53 "I have come to bring fire on the earth!"

Birthday: Br Wirngo Ignatius Kiy-yeh (1992).

Reflection: COMMUNION IN COMMUNITY

Lively and responsible obedience: If every member is clearly convinced that the very raison d'être of the religious institute is to obey God and the church, obedience will become easy and fruitful. In the same way the superiors must be convincingly seen as brothers and sisters who themselves practice lively and responsible obedience in the satisfactory manner. In such an atmosphere, obedience will be spontaneous and free from mental and internal tribulation. As said, you can't lead anyone any further than you have gone yourself.

Intentions: We pray for the Marist community Korhogo.
For Brother Ignatius and for his personal intentions.

October 23 – Friday of the 29th Week in Ordinary Time
Psalter: Week I Vestment: Green

Liturgy: Eph 4:1-6: "I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received.".
Lk 12:54-59: "Why don't you judge for yourselves what is right?"

Reflection: COMMUNION IN COMMUNITY

Community of divine love and charity: Fraternal communion is born of our vital communion with God. Where there is no love, there is no community, for it is love that builds communion of persons. Here we are speaking of a love that is not born of flesh and blood but of God. Such love has three components. First comes benevolence, or sincere desire for the genuine good of the other. Then there is beneficence, the effort to realize the food of the other reaching out to him or her. And finally, we have affection, union of hearts, feeling the joys hopes, fears and anxieties of the other.

Intentions: For the Marist Community of Yassa, Cameroon.
For the grace to live a life that is worthy of our calling.

October 24 – Saturday of the 29th Week in Ordinary Time
Psalter: Week I Vestment: Green

Memorial of Saint Antony Mary Claret, Bishop

Liturgy: Eph 4:7-16 "When he ascended on high, he took many captives and gave gifts to his people."
Lk 13:1-9 "Unless you repent, you too will all perish."

Birthday: Br Daniel Taylor 1970 (Liberia).

Reminder: United Nations Day.

Reflection: COMMUNION IN COMMUNITY

A community of Faith: Faith and acceptance of the person unite the members more deeply than does the relationship of blood or psychological affinity or friendship. The religious are united in the name of the lord, and this makes them feel truly brothers in Christ, children of the same father.

Intentions: We pray for the Marist community Korhogo.
For Br Daniel, his family, his intentions and mission in Liberia.

Marist Saturday: A special day of prayers to Mary for Marist missions.

October 25 – 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Psalter: Week II Vestment: Green

Liturgy: Ex 22:20–26 (God's command to protect the stranger, widow, orphan, and poor; do not oppress them, for the Lord hears their cry).
1 Thes 1:5c–10 (The Thessalonians became imitators of the Lord and of Paul's community, turning from idols to serve the living and true God).
Mt 22:34–40 (The greatest commandment: love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind; and the second is like it: love your neighbor as yourself).

Birthday: Br Frederic Ngarsanje Nadji (Chad).

Reflection: COMMUNION IN COMMUNITY

Disagreements and quarrels: From time to time, disagreements and quarrels are likely to occur in any community. But one should never harbour hatred or nurture hurt feelings. Even if you are angry, don not sin, never let the sun set on your anger… Be generous to one another, sympathetic, forgiving each other as readily as God forgave you in Christ. We should bless our persecutors, never curse them (cf. Rom 12:4).

Intentions: For the Grace to be steadfast to God with faith.
For Br Frederic, his vocation and his personal Intentions.

October 26 – Monday of the 30th Week in Ordinary Time
Psalter: Week II Vestment: Green

Liturgy: Eph 4:32 – 5:8 "You are part of a building that has the apostles for its foundation."
Lk 13:10-17 "Was it not right to untie this woman's bonds on the sabbath day?"

Birthday: Br Kouakou Jean Alex (1986) Ivory Coast.

Reflection: COMMUNION IN COMMUNITY

The use of democratic processes: It is proper and necessary to use democratic processes in decision-making. Yet it is not proper to religious life to use these processes to cut down the control exercised by the authorities in order to promote the selfish interests of the members.

Intention: For Br Alex, his vocation and his personal intentions.
For the holy spirit to continue to sustain and strengthen the church of Christ.

October 27 – Tuesday of the 30th Week in Ordinary Time
Psalter: Week II Vestment: Green

Liturgy: Eph 5:21-33 "The two will become one flesh."
Lk 13:18-21 "What is the kingdom of God like?"

Reflection: COMMUNION IN COMMUNITY

Sympathies and antipathies: Two great dangers of community are friends and enemies. Birds of the same feather flock together quickly. We all like to be with someone who pleases us, who shares our ideas, ways of looking at life and sense of humour. Such persons nourished and flatter each other. Human friendship can thus become a club of mediocrities, enclosed in mutual flattery and approval. It can degenerate into a mutual incensing society of "I am O.K" people.

Intentions: For peace in African countries.
For the Marist Community of Bafut, Cameroon.

October 28 – Wednesday of the 30th Week in Ordinary Time
Psalter: Week II Vestment: Red

Feast of Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles

Liturgy: Eph 2:19-22: "In Christ you are no longer aliens, but citizens like us".
Lk 6:12-19: "Jesus chooses his twelve apostles".

Birthday: Br Blaise Lawir Kuvinyo 1984 (Cameroon).

Anniversaries: In 1816, St. Marcelin ministered to the dying teenager, John Baptist Montagne, and decided to go ahead with his plan to found a community of teaching Brothers.

2007 Beatification in Rome of 47 Marist Brothers. Their causes were joined together with those of 451 others, victims of the religious persecutions that took place in Spain during the 1930s.

Reflection: COMMUNION IN COMMUNITY

Too often we neglect to scrutinise ourselves. When we point the accusing finger at others, we are often trying to cover up our own faults. It can be easily noticed in religious communities that those who are the most critical of theirs and complaining about the behavior of the members are themselves far from clean and flawless. It is often like the crow complaining that the cuckoo is black. Isn't putting the blame on someone else the commonest way to escape being caught?

Intentions: For Br Lawir Blaise, his vocation, Family and personal intentions.
For our brothers and works in Asia.

October 29 – Thursday of the 30th Week in Ordinary Time
Psalter: Week II Vestment: Green

Liturgy: Eph 6:10-20: "Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist".

Lk 13:31-35 "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord."

Reflection: COMMUNION IN COMMUNITY

In the community we are called to discover that the enemy is a person in pain. He or she is a suffering member of our struggling race, just like you and me. Through the so-called enemy, we are challenged to take not of our own immaturity and spiritual imbalances.

Intentions: For the grace of more faith in God.
For the sick and those caring for them.

October 30 – Friday of the 30th Week in Ordinary Time
Psalter: Week II Vestment: Green

Liturgy: Phil 1:1-11: "And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight."

Lk 14:1-6: "He took him and healed him, and sent him away."

Reminder: 25th Anniversary Celebration of St. Marcellin Champagnat School, Buokrom.

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Intentions: For the spirit understanding and community living.
For the Provincial and his Council.
For St Marcellin Champagnat School, Buokrom as it marks its 25th Anniversary.

October 31 – Saturday of the 30th Week in Ordinary Time
Psalter: Week II Vestment: Green

Optional Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Liturgy: Phil 1:18b-26: "For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain."
Lk 14:1,7-11: "For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

Anniversaries: In 1996, four Brothers (Miguel Ángel, Fernando, Servando and Julio) were killed in the refugee camp of Bugobe, Eastern Congo.

Reflection: COMMUNION IN COMMUNITY

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Intentions: In thanksgiving to God for all the graces received during the month of October.
For the sick and those caring for them.

Marist Saturday: We pray in a special way for vocations in our province