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Celebration of Chaminade Day in Emmanuel Church

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DAYTON, Ohio, January 11, 1974 --- Father William Joseph Chaminade, founder of the Society of Mary, was honored last October in Rome by the Vatican when the Sacred Congregation for the Cause of Saints issued the "Declaration of the Heroicity of His Virtues", the first step in the process of sainthood canonization in the Roman Catholic Church. The process is traditionally a long one, Fr. Chaminade's case was initiated in 1918.

The next step in the process is Beatification, and the final step, is Canonization.

For the Society of Mary and its friends, this is a proud moment.

In view of the Vatican's declaration last fall all the Family of Mary members in the Dayton area - including the Sisters, Brothers and Priests as well as Co-workers, Sodalists, Spiritual Affiliates and Miriam Guild -- are invited to take part in the celebration of Chaminade Day on Sunday, January 20 at 4 P.M. in Emmanuel Church on Franklin Street. Very Reverend William Behringer will be the principal celebrant and give the homily at the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

Immediately after the Mass all are invited to the social in the undercroft of the church.

All Dayton Marianist priests are encouraged to concelebrate and are asked to bring along their own vestments.

This event is sponsored by the Dayton Area Coordinating Committee as another opportunity for all the Marianist Family in Dayton to pray together and share common interests and concerns so that the full Marianist presence becomes more effective in the local Church in Dayton.

Come and bring your friends.

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