

MAY THE VIRGIN MARY'S IMMACULATE CONCEPTION BE OUR HEALTH AND OUR PROTECTION

Tracks of Formation for members
of the Confraternity of the Immaculate Conception
of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary
at the Congregation of Marian Fathers

Proposed Themes
(Bibliographical Guide)



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INTRODUCTION

Membership in the Confraternity of the Immaculate Conception is expressed through a spiritual union with the Congregation of Marians, by participating in its apostolic mission and in the formation of one's own Christian life in the spirit of the Marian charism.

Concern for some sort of formation indicates responsibility for the proper development of the Confraternity. In the activities of formation, the important place is held by meetings of the Confraternity members (most often in Marian parishes). They strengthen mutual bonds and are times for common prayer, the sharing of insights, discussions, learning Marian history and spirituality, as well as actual present-day life of the Marians worldwide.

Proposed themes for the monthly meetings of the members of the Confraternity are a help for the facilitator. They consist of a 10-month formation cycle. The proposed texts may be used in different ways. They may be read during the meeting, they may be used as a basis for preparing a presentation by the facilitator or by another group member. Selected texts are on several levels of difficulties — from writing up to academic texts.

The Character of the texts include problems of history, Marian spirituality, and the faith witness of select representatives of the Congregation of Marian Fathers. The proposed scheme, in a general way, follows the assigned seasons of the liturgical year or the more important Marian celebrations.

TRACK ONE

Blessed George Matulaitis-Matulewicz – Renovator of the Marian Community

1 SEPTEMBER

Marian Community in the 19th century

[P.P. Gach, in: *Marianie 1673-1973 «The Marians 1673-1973»**, Ed. J. Bukowicz, MIC, T. Górski, MIC, Rome, 1975, pp. 70-94).

2 OCTOBER

The Value of Religious Life in the Teachings of Bl. George Matulewicz

[in: T. Górski, MIC, *Kościół moją Ojczyzną «The Church is my Homeland»*, Warsaw, 1999, pp. 33-42].

3 NOVEMBER

Rebirth of the Marians in 1909

[in: T. Górski, MIC, *Błogosławiony Jerzy Matulewicz «Blessed George Matulewicz»*, Warsaw, 2005, pp. 83-96].

4 DECEMBER

Bl. George Matulewicz – Builder of the Marian Community

[in: T. Górski, MIC, *Kościół moją Ojczyzną «The Church is my Homeland»*, Warsaw, 1999, pp. 65-76].

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JANUARY

Beginnings of the Revived Congregation of Marian Fathers
[in: T. Górski, MIC, *Błogosławiony Jerzy Matulewicz «Blessed George Matulewicz»*, Warsaw, 2005, pp. 97-113].

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FEBRUARY

The Role of Religious Brothers in the Marian Community
[in: *Fraternal Life in the Experience of Marian Communities*, Rome-Warsaw, 1997, pp. 155-166].

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MARCH

The Reality of the Marian Charism
[J. Kumala, MIC, in: "Immaculata" (1999), No. 7-8, pp. 10-17].

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APRIL

Christ – Master of the Spirituality of Bl. George Matulewicz
[P. Kieniewicz, MIC, in: "Immaculata" (2002), No. 12, pp. 30-37].

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MAY

***The Spirit of Faith in the Life of Bl. George Matulewicz
as a Model for Our Life of Faith***
[H. Strzelecka, SJE, in "Immaculata" 24 (1987), No. 4 (270), pp. 15-27].

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JUNE

***Prayer and Work in the Spirituality of
Bl. Archbishop George Matulewicz***
[E. Matulewicz, in: "Immaculata" 35 (1998), No. 10 (408), pp. 28-34].

TRACK TWO

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SEPTEMBER

God as the Center of Christian Life According to Fr. Founder and Fr. Renovator

[in: T. Rogalewski, MIC, *Theological Foundations of the Christian Life in the Teaching of the Founder and the Renovator of the Congregation of Marians* (Studia marianorum, 1), Stockbridge, 1999, pp. 25-53].

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October

Forever with Christ (Fr. Casimir Wszyński)

[P. Smoliński, MIC, in: *Powołanie i misja «Vocation and Mission»*, Ed. J. Kumala, MIC, Licheń, 2005, pp. 13-31].

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NOVEMBER

Eschatological Direction of the Christian Life

[in: T. Rogalewski, MIC, *Theological Foundations of the Christian Life in the Teaching of the Founder and the Renovator of the Congregation of Marians* (Studia marianorum, 1), Stockbridge, 1999, pp. 171-200].

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DECEMBER

Rule of the Ten Virtues of the BVM in the History and Spirituality of the Congregation of Marian Fathers

[A. Pakuła, MIC, in: "Immaculata" 39(2002) No. 4(448), pp. 8-13], «English language version is available online at padrimariani.org».

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JANUARY

Mary in the Spirituality of Bl. George Matulewicz

[J. Kumala, MIC, Conference of the AMP in 2008, typescript].

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FEBRUARY

**Christ – The Good Shepherd:
Witness of the Blessed Martyrs
George Kaszyra and Anthony Leszczewicz**

[A. Shamrytski, MIC, in: "Immaculata" (2003), No. 12, pp. 35-42].

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MARCH

Ecclesial Dimension of the Christian Life

[in: T. Rogalewski, MIC, *Theological Foundations of the Christian Life in the Teaching of the Founder and the Renovator of the Congregation of Marians* (Studia marianorum, 1), Stockbridge, 1999, pp. 115-138]

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APRIL

**The Immaculately Conceived –
the Icon of Mercy of the Triune God:
An Inspiration for the Spiritual Life and Apostolate**

[in: *Tajemnica Bożego miłosierdzia w charyzmacie mariańskim «Mystery of The Divine Mercy in the Charism of the Marians»*, Ed. J. Kumala, Licheń, 2004, pp. 127-156].

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**Mary Immaculate in the Life and Writings of
Bl. Stanislaus Papczyński**

[A. Pakuła, MIC, in: *Lest You Remain Without Work in the Vineyard of the Lord*, Warsaw-Stockbridge, 2006, pp. 185-197].

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JUNE

The Apostolate as the Realization of Holiness

[in: E. Matulewicz, *Świętość chrześcijanina według bł. Jerzego Matulewicza «Christian Holiness According to Bl. George Matulewicz»*, (Studia marianorum, 6), Warsaw, 2003, pp. 219-247].

TRACK THREE

1 SEPTEMBER

Life in Christ According to Fr. Founder and Fr. Renovator

[in: T. Rogalewski, MIC, *Theological Foundations of the Christian Life in the Teaching of the Founder and the Renovator of the Congregation of Marians* (Studia marianorum, 1), Stockbridge, 1999, pp. 55-93].

2 OCTOBER

Entrusted to Divine Providence (Fr. Casimir Wszyński)

[A. Skwierczyński, MIC, in: *Powołanie i misja «Vocation and Mission»*, Ed. J. Kumala, MIC, Licheń, 2005, pp. 61-75].

3 NOVEMBER

The Eschatological Apostolate of the Marians

[M. Pisarzak, MIC, in "Immaculata" 29(1992) No. 3(328), pp. 45-56].

4 DECEMBER

The Immaculate Mary's Attitude of Readiness in the Service for Christ and the Church

[S. Kurlandzki, MIC, in: "Immaculata" 17(1980) No. 10-11(192-193), pp. 36-41].

5 JANUARY

Shepherd of the Discordant Nations

[in: T. Górski, MIC, *Kościół moją Ojczyznę «The Church is my Homeland»*, Warsaw, 1999, pp. 143-162].

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FEBRUARY

They Went Through Life Doing Good

(Fr. Władysław Łysik, MIC, and Fr. Zygmunt Trószczyński, MIC)

[W. Nieciecki, MIC, in: "Immaculata" (1966), No.2, pp. 35-43].

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MARCH

***Bringing Love into a Dialogue According to
the Theological Thinking of Bl. George Matulewicz***

[J. Samolewicz, SJE, in: *Uobecnianie miłości w sferze dialogu między narodami, wyznaniem, religiami według bł. Jerzego Matulewicza «Bringing Love into the Dialogue Between Nations, Creeds, Religions in Accordance with Bl. George Matulewicz»*, Warsaw, 2002, pp. 47-66].

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APRIL

***The Apostolate of God's Mercy in
the Oldest Tradition of the Marians***

[W. Makoś, MIC, in: *Tajemnica Bożego miłosierdzia w charyzmacie mariańskim «Mystery of The Divine Mercy in the Charism of the Marians»*, Ed. J. Kumala, MIC, Licheń, 2004, pp. 259-308].

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The Apostle of the Immaculate (Fr. Casimir Wyszyński)

[J. Kumala, MIC, in: *Powołanie i misja «Vocation and Mission»*, Ed. J. Kumala, MIC, Licheń, 2005, pp. 76-95].

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JUNE

***Building of the Kingdom of Christ on Earth –
the Manifestation of Love***

[in: J. Samolewicz, SJE, *Teologicznomoralna myśl bł. Jerzego Matulewicza «Theological and Moral Concepts of Bl. George Matulewicz»*, Warsaw, 2002, pp. 433-471].

TRACK FOUR

1 SEPTEMBER

The Imitation of Christ – the Consequence of Love

[in: J. Samolewicz, SJE, *Teologicznomoralna myśl bł. Jerzego Matulewicza «Theological and Moral Concepts of Bl. George Matulewicz»*, Warsaw, 2002, pp. 369-432.

2 OCTOBER

The Steward of Prayer and the Love of the Eucharist (Fr. Casimir Wyszyński)

[W. Makoś, MIC, in: *Powołanie i misja «Vocation and Mission»*, Ed. J. Kumala, MIC, Licheń, 2005, pp. 96-118].

3 NOVEMBER

Advocate for the Poor Souls in Purgatory (Fr. Casimir Wyszyński)

[A. Skwierczyński, MIC, in: *Powołanie i misja «Vocation and Mission»*, Ed. J. Kumala, MIC, Licheń, 2005, pp. 119-151].

4 DECEMBER

The Mystery of the Immaculate Conception: Inspiration and Challenge

[Basileu dos Anjos Pires, MIC, in: “Immaculata” 27(1990), No. 7-8 (309-310), pp. 100-121].

5 JANUARY

In Service of the Church: The Ecclesial Dimension of the Spirituality of Bl. George Matulaitis-Matulewicz

[J. Kumala, MIC, Conference of the AMH in 2007, typescript].

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FEBRUARY

Father Krzysztof Szvernicki a Shepherd of Siberia

[B. Burdziej, in: O. Krzysztof Szvernicki, *marianin*, «Fr. Krzysztof Szvernicki, a Marian», Ed. W. Makoś, Puszcza Mariańska, 2004, pp. 1-49.

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MARCH

The Role of the Holy Spirit in Christian Formation

[in: T. Rogalewski, MIC, *Theological Foundations of the Christian Life in the Teaching of the Founder and the Renovator of the Congregation of Marians* (Studia marianorum, 1), Stockbridge, 1999, pp. 95-114].

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APRIL

**The Mercy of God in the Life and Teachings of
Bl. George Matulewicz**

[E. Matulewicz, in: *Tajemnica Bożego miłosierdzia w charyzmacie mariańskim*, «Mystery of The Divine Mercy in the Charism of the Marians», Ed. J. Kumala, MIC, Licheń, 2004, pp. 309-330].

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**Faithful Venerator of the Marian Founder
(Fr. Casimir Wszyński)**

[Z. Proczek, MIC, in: *Powołanie i misja «Vocation and Mission»*, Ed. J. Kumala, MIC, Licheń, 2005, pp. 152-165].

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JUNE

The Marian's Apostolate of The Divine Mercy

[in: E. Matulewicz, *Miłosierdzie Boże w charyzmacie Zgromadzenia Księży Marianów «Mystery of The Divine Mercy in the Charism of the Congregation of Marian Fathers»*, Lublin, 2007, pp. 285-391].