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.
Blessed George Matulaitis-Matulewicz – Renovator of the Marian Community

1
SEPTEMBER

Marian Community in the 19th century

2
OCTOBER

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

3
NOVEMBER

Rebirth of the Marians in 1909

4
DECEMBER

Bl. George Matulewicz – Builder of the Marian Community
5
JANUARY

Beginnings of the Revived Congregation of Marian Fathers

6
FEBRUARY

The Role of Religious Brothers in the Marian Community

7
MARCH

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

8
APRIL

Christ – Master of the Spirituality of Bl. George Matulewicz

9
MAY

The Spirit of Faith in the Life of Bl. George Matulewicz
as a Model for Our Life of Faith

10
JUNE

Prayer and Work in the Spirituality of Bl. Archbishop George Matulewicz
Track Two

1

September

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

2

October

Forever with Christ (Fr. Casimir Wyszyński)

3

November

Eschatological Direction of the Christian Life

4

December

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

5

January

Mary in the Spirituality of Bl. George Matulewicz
[J. Kumala, MIC, Conference of the AMP in 2008, typescript].
6
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].

7
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]

8
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].

9
MAY

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].

10
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

2
October

Entrusted to Divine Providence (Fr. Casimir Wyszyński)

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

5
January

Shepherd of the Discordant Nations
February

They Went Through Life Doing Good
(Fr. Władysław Łysik, MIC, and Fr. Zygmunt Trószynski, MIC)

March

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

April

The Apostolate of God’s Mercy in the Oldest Tradition of the Marians

May

The Apostle of the Immaculate (Fr. Casimir Wyszyński)

June

Building of the Kingdom of Christ on Earth – the Manifestation of Love
Track Four

1 September

The Imitation of Christ – the Consequence of Love

2 October

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

3 November

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

4 December

The Mystery of the Immaculate Conception: Inspiration and Challenge

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].
6
FEBRUARY

Father Krzysztof Szwernicki a Shepherd of Siberia

7
MARCH

The Role of the Holy Spirit in Christian Formation

8
APRIL

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

9
MAY

Faithful Venerator of the Marian Founder
(Fr. Casimir Wyszyński)

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JUNE

The Marian’s Apostolate of The Divine Mercy