

**A**N EFFECTIVE MINISTRY BEGINS

HE TEACHES YOUNG PUPILS

OUR MOTHER { Mary is our protector

BECOMES A PARISH PRIEST

IN 3 YEARS THE PARISH IS TRANSFORMED

THE MAYOR WROTE TO THE BISHOP:-  
I THANK YOU FOR SENDING US SUCH A GOOD PRIEST. YOU HAVE LET US SEE IN OUR MIDST ONCE AGAIN, THE ZEAL AND GENTLENESS OF ST FRANCIS DE SALES!

ONCE HE UNWITTINGLY PREDICTS HIS FUTURE

IF TEARS ARE NOT ENOUGH FOR SIN - THEN CUT, CHOP BURN ME, SPARE ME NOT IN THIS LIFE, DO WITH ME AS YOU WILL SO THAT I MAY POSSESS YOU O GOD IN THE NEXT LIFE.

ALWAYS HE SHOWS AN INTENSE DEVOTION TO THE MOTHER OF GOD. COUPLED WITH AN ARDENT DESIRE TO GO TO THE MISSION FIELDS.

His dreams begin to be realised... AT THE TIME OF HIS ORDINATION, A GROUP OF PRIESTS CALLED MARISTS HAD BEGUN THE WORK OF PREACHING 'MISSIONS OF RESTORATION' TO THE LONG-NEGLECTED PARISHES, FOR THEIR BISHOP

THEY WORKED HARD, AT THE SAME TIME AN IDENTITY WAS ESTABLISHED.

YES, THEY ARE CALLED THE MARIST FATHERS

SOME YEARS BEFORE, IN 1816, AT THE MARIAN SHRINE OF FOURVIERE, LYONS, THE GROUP HAD PLEDGED THEMSELVES TO FOUNDING THE CONGREGATION OF MARISTS. ROME HAD GIVEN THEM SOME ENCOURAGEMENT..

PERHAPS, THOUGHT FR. CHANEL... THROUGH THIS NEW SOCIETY DEDICATED TO MARY, I MAY REALISE MY AMBITION TO REACH OTHER MISSION FIELDS.

PETER JOINED THE MARIST CONGREGATION IN BELLEY IN SEPT. 1831.

HE WAS SENT TO THE COLLEGE AT BELLEY. HE TAUGHT, AND LATER BECAME THE SUPERIOR

IN 1833 PETER AND ANOTHER PRIEST ACCOMPANIED THE FOUNDER, FR. COLIN, TO ROME, SEEKING APPROBATION OF THE SOCIETY OF MARY.

THE REVOLUTION IN FRANCE IS JUST SUBSIDING. THE TIME MAY NOT BE RIGHT. GO HOME NOW MY SOUS. WE WILL CONSIDER

YES, HOLY FR.