

HOLY SEE

CONGREGATION FOR DIVINE WORSHIP AND THE DISCIPLINE OF THE SACRAMENTS

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THE CONGREGATION OF THE MISSION

At the request of the Reverend Father Gregory Gay, Superior General of the Congregation of the Mission, in a letter dated 7 October 2005, by virtue of faculties granted to this Congregation by the Supreme Pontiff Benedict XVI, we very willingly grant that in the proper calendar of the afore-mentioned Congregation Blessed Jean-Charles Caron and Nicolas Colin, priests and martyrs, may be celebrated at the grade of memorial on 2 September, along with Blessed Louis-Joseph François and companions, martyrs.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary.

From the offices of the Sacred Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, 15 October 2005.

✠ Francis Cardinal Arinze

Prefect

(✠ Domenico Sorrentino)

Archbishop Secretary

New Archbishop of Tripoli. On 28 December 2005, the **Holy Father** approved the election, carried out canonically by the *Synod of Bishops of the Church of Antioch of the Maronites* (Bkerké, Lebanon from 18-24 September 2005), of various prelates. Among the elected was **Fr. Georges Bou Jaoudé, C.M.**, as *Archbishop of Tripoli of the Maronites* (Catholics 101,350, priests 171, religious 226) in Lebanon. The Archbishop was born on 27 December 1943 in Jouret El-Ballout (Lebanon). He pronounced his vows in the Congregation on 11 November 1961 and was ordained a priest on 9 February 1968. Most recently, he was superior of the community of Mejdlaya. Congratulations!

New Vincentian Cardinal. On 22 February, Feast of the Chair of St. Peter, the **Holy Father, Benedict XVI**, made known the names of 15 new cardinals who will be created in the Consistory on 24 March. Among the new voting cardinals is **Archbishop Franc Rodé, C.M.**, *Prefect of the Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life*. Msgr. Rodé is 71 years old. He was born on 23 September 1934 in Ljubljana, Slovenia. In 1945 his family took refuge in Austria and in 1948 moved to Argentina. He entered the Congregation of the Mission on 2 February 1952. He studied at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome and the Catholic Institute of Paris, where he obtained a doctorate in theology. He made his vows on 7 March 1957. He was ordained a priest on 29 June 1960. In 1965, at the request of his superiors, he returned to Yugoslavia where he served as a parochial vicar, director of studies of the Congregation and professor in the theology faculty in Ljubljana (1966-1968), and Visitor (1973-1979). He was a consultant for the Secretariat for Non-Believers in 1978. En 1981 he was transferred to that Dicastery and named Vice-secretary in 1982. In 1993, the Pope united the *Pontifical Council for Culture* and the *Pontifical Council for Non-Believers*, putting him in charge of the new Pontifical Council for Culture (1993-1997). On 5 March 1997 he was named *Archbishop of Ljubljana* and consecrated as such on 6 April 1997 in the Cathedral of Ljubljana. On 11 February 2004 he was named *Prefect of the Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life*. ??? He will be created a Cardinal in the Consistory of 24 March 2006 ??? The new cardinals come from various parts of the world and fulfill diverse functions at the service of the People of God. The Holy Father invites us to pray for them so that the Lord might grant them the graces necessary to carry out their mission with generosity. On 23 March a prayer and reflection meeting will be held with all the members of the College of Cardinals. The day following the Consistory, 25 March, Solemnity of the Annunciation of Our Lord, the Holy Father will preside a solemn celebration with the new cardinals. Msgr. Rodé is the *first Vincentian Cardinal of the Latin Rite*.

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