# **OBJECTIVE**

To recall, on weekly basis, some thoughts, sayings of the Servant of God, Bishop Joseph Marie Melchior de Marion Brésillac, Founder of the Society of African Missions (SMA), the Venerable Fr. Augustin Planque, First Superior General of the SMA and the first generations of SMA missionaries.



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# Retrospect

# BRÉSILLAC-SMA

I am passionate about the sayings and the actions of the founder Bishop De Marion Brésillac, that of his successors, starting with Fr. Agustin Planque. I am also interested in the history of the Society of African Missions (SMA),

I believe that returning to the beginning in a critical way will inspire missionaries of today in our faithfulness to the legacies that have been handed down to us through the years.

# QUOTE

BISHOP DE MARION BRÉSILLAC TO FR. PLANQUE Jan 01, 1859

"God alone knows all the pains and difficulties that await me this year. But it seems to me that by his grace I am ready to suffer everything, the trials of the physical and moral storm, and if the sea and its reefs wanted this year to be the last, you would be there so that the work would not be shipwrecked"

# COMMENTORY

Mission is what mattered most for the Founder. Not power, not prestige. Nothing will stop him from going to his mission, because:

- He trusted in the Providence of God.
- He trusted in his early companion, Fr. Augustine Planque.
- He was blessed with the grace of letting go, even his very life.