

# 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.

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## QUOTE

### BISHOP DE MARION BRÉSILLAC TO FR. PLANQUE

Jan 17, 1857

*“Provided that the Good Lord gives you and me the spirit of patience and perseverance...sooner or later, we will succeed in creating a few new missions in Africa, which is well worth a man’s life.”*

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## COMMENTARY

Looking back at the growth of the SMA, especially among Africans, 168 years after, one cannot but agree with Fr. Renzo Madirola that the above wish of our Founder has indeed come true. The number of dioceses in coast of Africa, from Lagos to Sierra Leone, the number of young SMA missionaries and associates from Africa, Asia and Europe etc bear witness to it. All glory be to God!

## 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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