

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, the first generations of SMA missionaries and significant events in the history of the Society.



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Retrospect

A DATE IN THE HISTORY OF THE SMA

Conviction

To return to the beginning of the SMA, in a scientific way, inspires missionaries of today to remain faithful to the legacies that have been handed down through the years.

QUOTE

FROM THE ARCHIVES OF THE SMA

Février 29, 1856

"The official approval to begin a new Society is given to him by the cardinal Prefect on February 29, 1856."

COMMENTARY

Bishop de Marion Brésillac had just resigned as Bishop in India and had been pleading with the authorities in the Vatican to allow him go on mission alone or at most with few collaborators. Cardinal Barnabò advised him, during a visit to the Vatican to plead his cause, to return to France, to gather a group of priests, and found a missionary society.

The official approval to establish the new society was granted by the Cardinal Prefect on February 29, 1856. To the glory of God, the SMA has remained actively faithful to mission since then!