

**Test on:**

***The Life and Work of Fr. Chaminade***

**1. What was the mission that Fr. Chaminade received from Mary at Saragossa? Explain.**

The mission Fr. Chaminade received was to return to France after the Revolution and re-Christianize France. France had a rich Catholic heritage, but during the revolution, the older generation turned its' back on their faith and persecuted it. The younger generation never was taught the faith. His mission was to bring the faith back to France.

**2. What are the 4 works that Fr. Chaminade founded?**

- Sodality in 1801
- Misericorde in 1801, Marie Therese Charlotte de Lamourous
- Daughters of Mary in 1816, Adele de Trenquellleon
- Society of Mary in 1817

**3. Which of Fr. Chaminade's works was going to be the key to fulfilling his mission?**

Sodality would be the key to fulfilling his mission. Through Sodality he was going to make disciples of Jesus through Mary.

**4. What did Fr. Chaminade mean by:**

- the work of zeal: The work of zeal means guiding and directing the Sodality movement.
- the work of instruction: The work of instruction means teaching the faith.
- mixed composition: Mixed composition means that both priest and brother work side by side as equals in their apostolic work.

**5. What are the four vows that the Marianist Brothers profess? What is meant by the fourth vow?**

- poverty
- chasity
- obedience
- stability (means to be devoted to Mary and to look to her as a model of discipleship)

**6. What is the purpose and mission of Sodality?**

The mission of sodality is to form and nature disciples of Jesus.

**7. What are the five guidelines Fr. Chaminade gave to his sodalists?**

- profess your faith openly; don't be afraid to be known as a Catholic
- know your faith, be educated in your faith, be an intelligent Catholic
- spread your faith by living in your life, be an apostle to your environment
- devote yourself to Mary, look to her as a model of being Jesus' disciple
- get involved in charitable works

**8. What are the dates of Fr Chaminade's**

**Birth:** April 8, 1761

**Death:** January 22, 1850

**Beatification:** September 2, 2000

**9. What does beatification mean? What does canonization mean?**

Beatification is the last step before a person is canonized. It means the person is blessed and truly has lived a holy life and that the person should be looked to as a model of holiness. Canonization means to add the person's name to the list of saints. The person is canonized for the benefit of the Church community. We can imitate the person's life since they have truly chosen discipleship and friendship with God during their lifetime.

**10. What was the miracle that was accepted for his beatification?**

Elena Otero, a woman from Buenos Aires in Argentina, was suffering from a tumor on her thyroid gland. Her doctors did not give her much hope. After she and her friends prayed to Fr. Chaminade, the tumor first shrunk then disappeared totally. This took place in the early 1990's.

**11. What is the miracle waiting final approval which would lead to his canonization?**

Rachel Lopez was a teenage girl living in St. Louis, Missouri. In the late 1990's she developed a very rare form of cancer. After much treatment the cancer seemed to be in remission. She attended the beatification of Fr. Chaminade in Rome in 2000. Shortly after the cancer began to spread again and the tumors were crushing her internal organs. Her doctors wanted to perform surgery just to leave the pain so she could die peacefully. She and her family were members of Our Lady of the Pillar Parish. They prayed to Fr. Chaminade. At the time of the surgery the tumors were all diminishing and no longer threatening to crush her internal organs.

**12. Explain how the process of canonization has worked for Fr. Chaminade. Be sure to explain the steps of becoming a Servant of God, being declared Venerable, being beatified, and then finally canonized.**

1909 -- the Diocese of Bordeaux begins its investigation of the life and the writings of Fr. William Joseph Chaminade

1916 -- Decree recognizing the orthodoxy of his writings; proclaimed a Servant of God

1918 -- Cause for canonization is introduced to Rome and Rome begins to examine the virtues of Fr. Chaminade

1973 -- Pope Paul VI declares Fr. Chaminade to be Venerable. This means that he has lived the cardinal virtues and theological virtues to a heroic degree in his life. The cardinal virtues are prudence, temperance, fortitude, and justice. The theological virtues are faith, hope and love.

At this point the Church looks for a miracle through the intercession of Venerable Chaminade as a sign of confirmation of this declaration.

1995 -- Investigation of the reported miracle regarding the healing of Elena Otero begins in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

1999 -- Rome recognizes the healing of Elena Otero as a true miracle.

2000 -- Pope John Paul II beatifies Venerable Chaminade. Being declared Blessed is the final step before canonization.

At this point the Church again looks for another miracle through the intercession of Blessed Chaminade as a sign of confirmation of this declaration.

2010 -- Archdiocese of St. Louis begins to investigate the curing of Rachel Lozano who was cured of a very rare form of cancer in 2004.