

CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

EVENTS 1811-1822

- 1790 Nov 27 Decree of the National Assembly (France), requiring the clergy to swear allegiance to the Revolution.
- 1804 Nov 27 Marriage of Julian Eymard to Marie Madeleine Pelorce (second marriage).
- 1811 Feb 4 Birth at La Mure at 11:00 a.m.
Feb 5 Baptism
- 1815 Mar 7 Napoleon passed through La Mure.
- 1816 Oblates of Mary Immaculate founded by E. de Mazinod.
- 1819 First confession of Peter Julian, which took place in the oratory of St. Jean-de-Vertus, where he accompanied his sisters.
- 1820 Pauline Jaricot began the Propagation of the Faith in Lyons.
- 1821 First pilgrimage to Laus where he spent eight days.
- 1822 May 21 Received the scapular from Father Marchand.
May 22 Wednesday. Confirmation received from Bishop Claude Simon, bishop of Grenoble.
Dec To Villard with a companion to obtain the grace of absolution.

EVENTS 1823-1824

1823

- Mar 16 Passion Sunday. First Communion received from Father Allard. Before his First Communion at the age of 12, Peter Julian composed a small book of prayers. Although this is not a "letter," it is the earliest handwritten document that we have of his, and is reproduced here as a fitting introduction to the voluminous correspondence which was to flow from his pen in the ensuing years.
- "Little book of Acts Before and After Communion, written by me, Julian Eymard.
- "Renewal of Baptismal vows.
- "I believe in God the Father almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth, in Jesus Christ his only Son, both God and man, who redeemed the world by his cross. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of Saints, the remission of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen.
- "I renounce with my whole heart the devil, his pomps and his works. I want to live and die as a true Christian, with the help of God's grace.
- "Act before Communion, of faith, of adoration.
- "My dear Jesus, I firmly believe that your body, your blood, your soul, your divinity are truly and substantially present in the Blessed Host which I am going to receive, because you told me so. I adore you with all the respect of which I am capable.
- "Act of hope, of humility - My dear Jesus, I hope that when I receive you, you will increase your grace in me in this world, although I am unworthy of it.
- "Act of love and desire - My dear Jesus, I love you with all my heart and above all things, I long to be one with you.
- "Act of petition - My dear Jesus, abide in my heart. Never leave it. Remove from it whatever displeases you and place in it whatever pleases you.

“Act of thanksgiving (petition) after Communion - My dear Jesus, I thank you for the grace which you have given me that you have come to dwell in my heart.

“Act of offering - My dear Jesus, I give myself to you as you have given yourself entirely to me. End of the Acts.

“These acts are mine. My name and last name are Julian Eymard of La Mure.

Feb. 15, 1823

P.E. Julian

“My God, my all. Julian

Deus fecit mundum de nihilo. God made the world out of nothing.

Julian P. Eymard”

EVENTS 1823-1829

1823

Jul 12 Admission into the Confraternity of the Sacred Heart.

1824

At 13 years of age, pilgrimage to Our Lady of Laus for a general Confession. Received from Father Touche the order to receive Communion every week with the assurance of a priestly vocation.

Oct 4 Received into the Confraternity of the Holy Rosary by Father Second.

1828

Jun 30 Letter from St. Robert to his sister asking her to inscribe him in the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin at La Mure.

Aug 5 Learned of his mother’s death (at the age of 57). (concerning the consecration to Mary on this occasion, see the retreat of Rome, Feb 9, 3rd meditation, especially March 17, 2nd meditation).

1829

May The Oblates of Mary preached a mission at La Mure. Father Guibert invited Fr. Eymard to enter their novitiate at Marseilles.

Jun 7 Pentecost Sunday. Beginning of novitiate at Marseilles with the Oblates of Mary Immaculate under the protection of St. Louis Gonzaga. Five months later, he returned dying to La Mure (Marseilles, Retreat of Rome, Feb 5, 2nd meditation.)

EVENTS 1831 – 1834

1831

Mar 3 Death of his father at the age of 65.

Sep Entrance at the major seminary of Grenoble.

1832

Mar 17 Ember days of Lent. He received the Tonsure.

Jun 16 Ember days of Pentecost. He received minor orders.

1833

Mar 23 Saturday before Passion Sunday. He received the Sub-Diaconate.

Jul 21 He received the Diaconate.

1834

- Jul 15 Beginning of retreat for priestly ordination.
Jul 20 Priestly ordination, second Sunday after Pentecost. The next day, departure for the sanctuary of Notre Dame de L'Osier.
Jul 22 First Mass at Notre Dame de L'Osier, where he stayed until Aug 23.
Aug 23 Ordered by his Bishop to return to La Mure.
Oct 17 Letter from the Bishop of Grenoble naming him associate at Chatte to be their "ardent and bright light."
Oct 26 First experience as Associate at Chatte.
Dec 23 The twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost.

EVENTS 1835 – 1836

1835

- Jun 10 Received in the Third Order of St. Francis at St. Romans.
Sep 1 Annual retreat preached by Fr. Benoit.

1836

- Mar 14 Fr. Francois Richand died at the Eymard residence at La Mure. He had been a frequent visitor to this home.
June "On the evening of a beautiful day," while he was assistant at Chatte, he received an extraordinary favor on the "mystical rock" of St. Romans

EVENTS 1837 – 1838

1837

- Jun 21 Personal retreat at Notre Dame du Laus.
Jul 2 Nomination from the bishop of Grenoble as pastor of Monteynard.

1838

- May 6 He celebrated the solemn ceremony of First Communion at Monteynard for the first time.
May Because of the presence of Father Touche, he was free to go to Lyons to study the Work of Father Colin more closely and seek admission to the Society of Mary.
Jul 28-Aug 2 Annual retreat preached by a Jesuit priest.
Oct 4 Letter to his friend, Father Dumolard, saying that the bishop of Grenoble is strongly opposed to his entrance with the Marists.
Nov 14 His bishop recommended that he should rather prepare to be part of the diocesan missions which he (the Bishop) had just created.
Dec 31 After a year of discernment he (Peter Julian) wrote to Father Colin to confirm his desire to enter the Society of Mary.

EVENTS 1839

- Jan 9 Acceptance by the Marists - favorable reply from Father Colin.
May 4 Second letter from Father Colin to encourage him to renew his efforts with the bishop.

Jun 24	Msgr. Chatrousse, Vicar General of Grenoble, encouraged him to follow his missionary vocation.
Jul 4	Permission from the Bishop of Grenoble to enter into the Society of Mary.
Aug 16	A letter from the bishop of Grenoble announcing that his replacement would arrive on the evening of Sunday, Aug. 18.
Aug 18	Heroic departure from Monteynard for the novitiate of the Marists.
Aug 19	From Grenoble, a letter to his sisters to comfort them.
Aug 20	Tuesday. Feast of St. Bernard. Beginning of novitiate at Lyons.
Aug 27	To Belley for the annual retreat, then return to Lyons (Puylata).
Sep 18	Count Raymond de Cuers was created knight of the Legion of Honor.
Nov 16	At Fourviere, he consecrated to the Blessed Virgin "every physical thing."
Nov 21	Great grace at Fourviere. Father cast himself "into the arms of Jesus through Mary."
Nov 27	Named spiritual director at the College of Belley. He placed his new role at the feet of Mary.

EVENTS 1840

Feb 16	Septuagesima Sunday. After six months of novitiate he pronounced his first profession with a legitimate dispensation in the chapel of the residence of the Marists at Belley.
Sep 22-28	Annual retreat by Fr. Lallemond.

EVENTS 1841

Jan. 25, Feb 5, Mar 2, Mar 6, Jul 6, Oct 25, Dec 13	Personal monthly retreats noted in his note book.
Apr 28	Peter Chanel, a Marist, was martyred in the Futura Islands (SW Pacific).
Sep 21-28	Annual retreat (Personal).

EVENTS 1842

Feb 21	Monthly retreat.
Apr 17-24	General meeting of Marists - personal notes taken.
Jun 2, 3, 9	Retreat days.
Sep 20-27	Annual retreat by Fr. Favre.

EVENTS 1843

Feb 4, Jun 1, Jul 2	Monthly retreats - personal notes taken.
Sep 17-25	Annual retreat.
Oct 17, Nov 2	Monthly retreat - personal notes.

EVENTS 1844

Feb 5, Apr 11, May, Jul 12 - Monthly retreats.

Jul During the holidays he spent a few days with the Trappists near Avignon “for edification.”

Sep 16-20 Annual retreat preached by Fr. Maitrepierre.

Oct 19 Monthly retreat.

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EVENTS Nov. 1844 – 1845

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1845:

Jan He met Captain Marceau.

Feb 22 Friday. Preached the Lenten retreat at the Charity of Lyons. Miss Marguerite Guillot attended his sermon.

Mar 1 First confession of Marguerite Guillot to Father Eymard (according to the memoirs of the Servants).

May 3 Inscribed in the association of Perpetual Sacrifice.

May 10 Retreat notes.

May 25 Sunday, Corpus Christi. He carried the Blessed Sacrament in the procession at St. Paul’s in Lyons. He felt a strong desire to preach only Jesus Christ.

Sep 12-19 Annual Retreat by Fr. Dominget.

Sep-Oct Presided over the departure for Oceania of thirteen of the colleagues who were embarking at Le Havre. (cf Letter Oct 25)

Nov 15 Departure of the sailboat, L’Arche d’Alliance, commanded by Captain Marceau.

Dec 10 First meeting of the Third Order of Mary for which he had just been given responsibility. He had accepted this charge in view of Miss Marguerite Guillot.

Dec 16 Monthly retreat: Meditation on Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. Serious accident of Captain de Cuers, which was decisive for his vocation.

EVENTS 1846

Aug 23 Blessing the chapel of the Third Order under the title of “Our Lady of Beautiful Love and Holy Hope.”

Sep 14-15 Retreat by Fr. Chartignier.

Sep 19 Apparition of the Blessed Virgin at La Salette to Maximin Giraud and Melanie Calvat.

Sep 21 No longer Provincial, he became Assistant General and visitor until 1851.

Dec Monthly retreat - personal notes

Dec 8 He inscribed the Cure d’Ars in the Third Order of Mary. Cf. “Le Cure d’Ars” by Trochu, 1926, p. 140.

Dec 13 Letter to his sisters informing them that he believed in the apparition of the Blessed Virgin at La Salette.

EVENTS 1847

- Jan 5 Authorization received to establish fraternities of the Third Order.
Jun 9 During the summer, visits to the houses of Bordeaux and Agen.
Aug 26 Fr. Eymard preached the annual retreat.

EVENTS 1848

Year of Revolutionary uprisings.

- Jan 6 Personal notes.
Mar 13 Decree suppressing religious congregations.
Mar In the city he was attacked by a band of rebels who threatened to throw him into the Rhone river.
Apr 2 Visit to the workmen at their factory. Letter to his sisters to reassure them concerning the incident at the beginning of March.
Jun 10 Saturday. Retreat at Notre Dame du Laus.
Jun 17 Returning from Laus, he “found” a pitcher of fresh water which allowed his travelling companions to quench their thirst.
Jul 16 Through Bishop Luquet, reception of a rescript authorizing him to bless crucifixes for the Stations of the Cross and determine the prayers to be said.
Sep 8 Miraculous healing of Miss Marguerite Guillot during a novena to Our Lady of La Salette when Father was celebrating Mass for her intentions.
Sep 13-19 Annual retreat preached by Fr. Maitrepierre.
Nov 26 Retained at St. Maurice (Lyons) where he went to compose the rules for the Virgin Third Order members.
Dec 6 The Work of Nocturnal Adoration was inaugurated in Paris in the church of Notre Dame des Victoires by Captain de Cuers, Hermann Cohen and Mr. Foge.

EVENTS 1849

- Jan 5 Visit to the house of Moulins, departure for Paris.
Jan 16 Visit to the house of Paris, visit to Versailles to see the apartments of Louis XVI.
Jan 21 Visited the place where “St. Louis XVI” was guillotined. During his stay in Paris he met Mr. Herman Cohen and Captain Raymond de Cuers, who had just organized the work of nocturnal adoration for men, and authorized them to establish their work in the church of the Marists.
Jan (?) Retreat to the Professors at Meximieux.
May 25 Blessing of the statue of Valbenoite on the eve of Pentecost.
Jun 18 Pilgrimage to Laus.
Jul 10 Tuesday. At Valbenoite flooding of the Furens river and preservation of the statue of the Virgin.
Sep 8 Captain Marceau received into the Third Order of Mary.
Sep 17-23 Annual retreat (personal notes).
Oct At Laus to write the rule for the Third Order of Mary.

EVENTS 1850

Feb 17	Preached the Lenten retreat at Chalon-sur-Saone.
Apr	Replaced Father Maitre-Pierre as Master of Novices at La Favorite.
Jun	Named Master of novices.
Sep 8	The Pope gave the order to draw up an Indult of approval for the Third Order of Mary with the concession of indulgences.
Sep 12-19	Annual retreat preached by Fr. Dominget.
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Jan 1	Celebrated the first Mass (5:00 a.m.) at the altar of Fourviere.
Jan 5-6	The Frigate Captain de Cuers inaugurated nocturnal adoration at Toulon.
Jan 21	Tuesday. Profound conviction received at Fourviere concerning the need for a Work for the Eucharist.
Jan 29	First exposition of the Blessed Sacrament by the Reparatrix sisters of Lyons.
Feb 1	Death of Captain Marceau.
Feb 3	Outline of a letter (not sent) to Father Colin concerning the foundation of the eucharistic work.
Mar	Released from responsibility at the Novitiate.
Mar 27	To Saint-Chamond to preach the Mission and Jubilee Retreat.
May 30	Visitor to the Major Seminary of Digne (the direction of which had been accepted by the Society of Mary in 1849), then to La Seyne-sur-Mer. Finally, he also passed through Laus and La Mure.
June	Return to Lyons by the 24th.
July	Return to La Seyne.
Sep 4	Departure from La Seyne for Lyons in view of the annual retreat.
Sep 9	Annual retreat preached by Fr. Rendu.
Sep 12	At 2:00 p.m., nomination received as Superior of the College of La Seyne.

EVENTS 1851

- Nov 23 Expressed the intention of writing the biography of Captain Marceau who had died Feb 1, 1851.
- Dec 2 Coup d'Etat.
- Dec 7 The College was threatened by the rebels numbering 2000. Father spent the night in prayer. They retreated.

EVENTS 1852

- Mar Inaugurated domestic adoration to Jesus Eucharistic among the prisoners.
- Mar Placed in charge of the nocturnal adoration of Toulon inaugurated by Captain de Cuers.
- May1 The Bishop of Grenoble recognized the authenticity of the apparition of Our Lady of La Salette.
- Aug 18 First pilgrimage to La Salette where he was to return ten times. Then to La Mure and La Seyne.