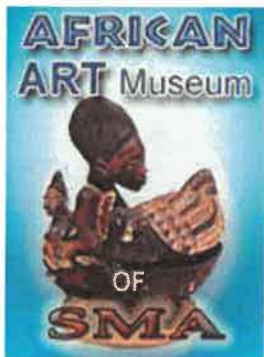


**AFRICAN ART MUSEUM of SMA**  
A Bridge between Cultures



The African Art Museum of SMA in New Jersey is one of five SMA Art Museums located around the world. These museums continue the vision of our founder to preserve and respect indigenous cultures of the lands where we serve. SMA Art Museums act as a bridge between diverse peoples, fostering harmony and understanding..

**SMA PERPETUAL MASS ENROLLMENT PROGRAM**

Using these Mass Cards for our special intentions helps support SMA mission work.

And our special brochures containing details about annuities, wills, and other ways you can help to support the work of SMA.



Mass Card  
(Large and small)



Healing Card

**Perpetual Enrollment Mass Card**

To order call toll-free 1-800-318-1209

**THE FOUNDER OF SMA**  
**Bishop Melchior de Marion Brésillac**  
(1813-1859)



Bold. Ardent. Visionary. Bishop Melchior de Marion Brésillac was a tireless advocate for spreading the gospel and for establishing local churches and clergy in the lands where he served. This was a unique vision for missionaries of his time.

A French-born bishop, Brésillac served in India before he founded SMA on December 8, 1856 in Lyon, France. He was among the first SMAs to arrive in Freetown, Sierra Leone early in 1859. Sadly, all but one died in a yellow fever epidemic there. Brésillac died on June 25, only six weeks after he arrived in Africa. Though saddened, the SMAs remaining in France were not discouraged and eagerly carried on the challenging work begun by their founder. Today, SMA is a global organization with its international headquarters in Rome.

SMA missionaries continue to live the vision of the Founder: A wholehearted commitment to mission service, to unceasing Gospel witness, and to using every means possible to establish indigenous clergy and local churches wherever they serve.



**Melchior de Marion Brésillac, SMA is entombed at the SMA house in Lyon. He is a candidate for canonization by the Catholic Church.**

**SMA**  
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**HOW YOU CAN HELP**

Please see contact information on the back of this brochure for the following listings (*Specific brochures are also available*).

**BECOME AN SMA MISSIONARY PRIEST**

We invite all men who seek to serve God as a missionary priest to "come and see" the SMA way of life.

**BECOME AN SMA ASSOCIATE PRIEST**

Ordained priests who wish to serve with SMA in mission are invited to call us and inquire about our program.

**BECOME AN SMA LAY MISSIONARY**

Lay men and women and married couples who would like to serve God through SMA are welcome to come and learn about our life of service and joyful reward. Formation begins every September. Our two-year terms of service are renewable and long-term commitments are encouraged.

**MAKE A FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION**

SMA depends on the generosity of donors to continue serving our African brothers and sisters who are in need. Mass Enrollments, Healing Cards, Wills and Annuity Plans are among the giving opportunities we offer. All donations are appreciated.

**VOLUNTEER SERVICE & PRAYER SUPPORT**

SMA welcomes volunteers to assist with our many activities. Please call for information. Your prayers are also a necessary part of our mission. We ask that you keep in your prayers all SMA missionaries, staff, and associates. We, too, will pray for you and your loved ones.

[www.smafathers.org](http://www.smafathers.org)

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**The Society of African Missions**







## WHO WE ARE

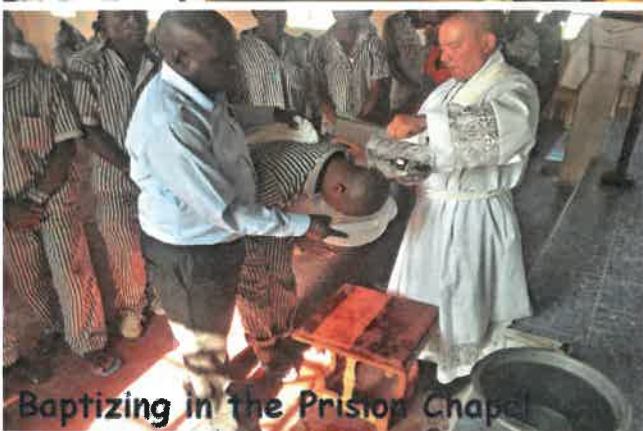
SMA is a worldwide organization of Catholic missionaries. We are priests, brothers, and lay men and women. Our more than 750 missionaries hail from five continents and joyfully witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ throughout Africa, and to people of African descent wherever they are.

The American Province of SMA was established in 1941 and is headquartered in Tenafly, New Jersey. In the United States, SMA has a mission presence in the Archdioceses of Newark (NJ), Boston, Washington (D.C.), and Los Angeles.

In Africa, SMA Missionaries in: Angola, Benin, Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo, Egypt, Ghana, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Liberia, Morocco, Niger, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Tanzania, Togo, and Zambia.

The initials "SMA" stand for the Society's name in Latin: Societas Missionum ad Afros.

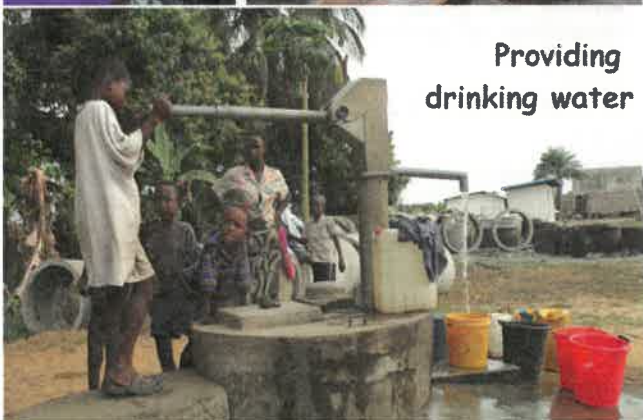
**More than 160 years  
serving the people of  
Africa**



Blessing the people



Teaching in the Schools



Providing drinking water

## WHAT WE DO

SMA missionaries bring the sacraments and teachings of the Catholic faith to the People of God in Africa. According to the vision of our founder, Bishop Melchior de Marion Brésillac, we strive to establish a local clergy and local churches wherever we serve, preparing the faithful in those places for ministry to their own people.

As missionaries, priests and laity, we respond to our vocation through parish ministry and in others areas such as prison ministry, education, healthcare, justice and peace and the care of the environment. Our missionaries also work with government and social service agencies in an effort to obtain justice and necessary services for people who are often neglected or underserved. All of this is done with the aim of spreading the Good News of Jesus, transforming individual lives and helping people to realize the innate value of all human life and of all God's creation.

SMA missionaries live in communities of mutual support and sharing, learning from one another and from the local people. Ours is a life of prayer, ministry, practical work, and vibrant worship.



Advocating for Justice, and Peace, and Environment Care



Working in Education



Assisting on development work



Administaring the Sacraments



Providing Healthcare