



**1869:** Lavigerie participates in the First Vatican Council. He is a member of the Commission for Missions and Oriental Churches.

**1876:** Lavigerie merges the Sisters of the Assumption (of Nancy) with the Geronimites (MSOLA).

**1877:** Oath of the Brothers Barthélemy ben Mira and Michel Larbi.

**1878:** Lavigerie declares the Immaculate Conception Patroness of the Society

**1886:** Lavigerie appointed Ludovic Girault, superior of the mission (pro-vicar) of Unyanyembe, before the publication of the decree of creation of the Pro-Vicariate.

**1886:** Lavigerie appointed Coulbois pro-vicar of the Upper Congo before the publication of the decree of creation of the Pro-Vicariate.

**1889:** Lavigerie presided over the chapter of the White Sisters.

**1892:** Lavigerie is buried in the basilica of Carthage.

### The epitaph of Charles Lavigerie

The epitaph of 1881: My epitaph to be placed on my tomb, which is to be made between the village of St Cyprian and that of Ste Monique (1881): 'Here rests, in the hope of mercy, Charles Martial Lavigerie, former auditor of Rote, former bishop of Nancy, archbishop of Algiers, now ashes, who, having loved the Arabs, loved them to the end, and wished after his death to be buried among the sons whom during his life he had begotten to the Lord Jesus.'

The epitaph of 1892:

Here lies Charles Allemand Lavigerie, priest,  
Archbishop of Algiers and Carthage  
Cardinal of the Holy roman Church  
Primate of Africa  
Now dust  
Pray for him.

### Decree of the Founder establishing Mary in her Immaculate Conception Patroness of the Society (8th December 1878)

We, the undersigned, Apostolic Delegate of the Sahara and Equatorial Africa, in view of the request made to us by all the Missionaries and in virtue of the extraordinary powers with which we have been invested: Declare the Immaculate Conception, under the term of Our Lady of the Missions of Africa, Patroness of the Society of the Missionaries of Our Lady of the Missions of Africa of Algiers.

### Letter to Father Deguerry on the status of the armed auxiliaries (8th December 1883)

Dear Father,

Keeping in mind the information I asked you for in writing the other day, kindly reply to the following two questions in a letter you will send me as soon as possible:

1) Ought we to maintain the armed auxiliaries for the Missions of Equatorial Africa making their commitment perpetual instead of temporary?

2) Should these auxiliaries be joined to the Society by religious oaths like the other Brothers, among whom they would form a special section, or must they remain lay members?

Please, also give me, in writing, your reasons for answering these two questions in the way you did, as I must pass on your vote and that of Father Viven to the Council in Maison-Carrée.

