

SMBulletin

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MARISTS RETURN TO BURUNDI



On Sunday the District of Africa celebrated the opening of a new mission in Burundi. A Mass was celebrated with

members of the Marist Laity, youth and some neighbours. The mission is located in the Great Lakes Region and plans include the building of a school, the accompaniment of young men discerning a Marist vocation and the care of several Marist Laity groups. These groups remain from when the Marists departed from this region several decades ago. The District is grateful to the Province of Europe which contributed to the building of the school and also to the Province of Oceania for Fr Kosema Masei, who will be a member of the community along with Frs Déo Bararishize and Modeste Azounéde from the District of Africa.

STUDENTS ARRIVE IN ROME

Recently six new students have been welcomed to Casa di Maria. Since emerging from quarantine, the students have been finding their way around Rome as they were attending Italian language classes. Now they are finalising their enrolment at the universities and preparing for classes which will start on Monday, 4 October. They are pictured here with the Superior of Casa di Maria, Fr Tony Kennedy (Australia).



From left to right: Joel Sebastien Ebonto Eyango (Cameroon), Hemi Waerengaahika Ropata (NZ), Clovis Gwencho Nformenteng (Cameroon), Charles Sangul (Vanuatu), Godlove Ngwese Ndema (Cameroon), Koffi Joseph Adjokpa (Togo).

BLESSINGS FOR THE NEW OMNES GENTES MISSION IN AUSTRALIA

On the Feast of the Holy Name of Mary, Fr Kevin Medilo (As) received a special Blessing from the Superior General as he was departing from the General House to the new *Omnes Gentes* Mission in Parramatta in Australia.

After the ARC meeting in 2019, it was decided by the General Administration to establish *Omnes Gentes* communities to complement our present ministries. They are intentionally intercultural and international, serving the poor, the migrants and the youth (GC 2017, 22 – 25).

The start of this new community has been delayed by the pandemic, but now Fr Kevin has arrived in Sydney and he hopes to be joined soon by the two other members of the community, Frs Kevin Redmond (S) and Floyd Gatana (O). They will minister in a parish with a large population of youth and migrants in Marayong in the suburbs of Sydney.

