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PREPARATION FOR PERPETUAL PROFESSION OF MARIST SEMINARIANS IN LA NEYLIÈRE, FRANCE, 9 AUGUST - 9 SEPTEMBER

Ricardo Navarrete Gutiérrez (Mexico) writes: “The great St Augustine, in his Confessions, stated that the past and future are not moments that have ceased to exist or have not yet come into existence. They are rather part of our present through our memories and our expectations and hopes of things to come (Cf. XI, 23-26). The same could be said of us Marists: Our present exists within a memory built upon a divinely-inspired charism, and a future full of faith and hope reflected in the prophetic words of Mary: “I supported the Church at its birth; I shall do so again at the end of time” (SM Constitutions 2). This time of preparation for us seven Marist students, was led by former superior general, Fr John Hannan. Two main concepts opened the door for us to believing in a future full of life. The first one was our Marist memory: We went on a pilgrimage to the places where the founder and his first companions preached and prayed. We were thus able to draw upon the spiritual inheritance they left us. The second concept was the faith-based future expectations for the congregation shared with us by the presenters. As we stood around our founder’s tomb, coming as we did from many different cultures and continents, we wondered, did Fr Colin ever think that the congregation would join together people from so many different parts of the globe? Our pilgrimage through the places of Marist origins was a catalyst... we see now a new perspective that will allow us to respond faithfully to Mary’s call to us today.” (Full text in Sp & Eng click here: bit.ly/2oCytL6)



To be more closely united, work more creatively, and act in greater solidarity we form one province beyond national limitations...



GREETINGS FROM PARIS!

We hear from two young people who participated in times of reflection which took place recently in the province. One involved a wide range of activities and the other was centred more on a pilgrimage to the Marist places of origin. Many Marist communities celebrated the Feast of the Holy Name of Mary, and we hear about the one in Toulon. We thank all those who sent us material this month.

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RELAIS MARISTE, CREUSE, FRANCE, 18-24 AUGUST 2019

Pierre-Jean Tronel (20), youth leader at the Relais Mariste, writes: “The 2019 Relais Mariste was an opportunity for me to experience once again a marvelous adventure. With the other 8 youth leaders, we had an exceptional week, guiding activities for the younger children. We stayed close to a lake in the Creuse region, and the time was filled with exploring the local culture, hiking, cycling, restful moments by the lake and around the campfire. It gave me the opportunity to catch up with long-time friends, meet new people and make new friends too. As a youth leader, I spent a lot of time with the young people ages 14 to16, for whom I was responsible. We built strong links through fun activities (building a cabin, outdoor events, board games, etc...). We were lucky to benefit from the presence of adults who helped us to think about such topics as happiness and the meaning of life. No one really expects that young people would look forward to times of silent reflection, and I totally understand this. Yet in the end, I think it is these moments that make the “Relais Mariste” so special. Indeed, who would ever think of washing a friend’s feet during a day at school or at work? The week was filled with opportunities to laugh and enjoy, to join with others in games and sports, to play, share, reflect, and to challenge oneself through all these things: once again, the Marist spirit worked its magic! (Full text in Fr & En click here: bit.ly/2nXq7NB)



CELEBRATION OF THE FEAST OF THE HOLY NAME OF MARY, 22 SEPTEMBER, TOULON, FRANCE



Olivier Laurent (Fr) writes: “To say ‘Yes’ with Mary was the call that brought the Marist family together in the Marist chapel in Toulon. Over 150 people from all generations gathered to celebrate the Marist Family Feast day. It brought together representatives from the 3 local Marist schools, members of “*Maristes en Education*”, the teams that lead the Marist Cultural and Spiritual Centre, members of the local Christian community, and also various local groups of Marist laity. Everyone was invited to bring an object symbolising their ‘Yes’, and these were placed before the altar. At the end of the celebration, two members of the working group on the future Marist presence in Toulon gave a report on their work and proposals. *Mary, you said ‘Yes’! Teach us today to say ‘Yes’ to the Lord.*”

(Full text in Fr & Eng click here: bit.ly/2nRLPme; for video click here: bit.ly/ccsm2209)

PRAYER INTENTION

for harvest time:

*When I look at the heavens,
the work of your hands...! (Ps.8:3)*

Lord, we give you thanks for the new crops, for bread and wine, and for all the good things the earth has given us. You have entrusted to us your creation: give us wisdom not to abuse it or submit it to destruction. Put in us the desire to share and thus to participate in your generosity. Help us to see in the beauty of creation the beginnings of the world to come.

OBITUARY

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