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“URBAN EVANGELISATION AND THE MARIST CHARISM TODAY”, SUMMARY TEXT, 15 AUGUST



The Marist City Centre Mission Conference and Seminar took place in London over 3 months ago, and perhaps it is now just a distant memory for most of us. However, 2 things happened this month to rekindle some of the fruits of the event. Firstly, participants received a postcard which they addressed to themselves near the end of the event, as a reminder of key personal points. Secondly, a short summary text was circulated, based on the material generated by participants during the session. This brief text is now available and can be found by following this link

English: bit.ly/smurbevang.

German: bit.ly/smurbevangDE

The hope is the text will help continue the conversation between all those concerned with the ministry, especially in advance of the General Chapter (17 September – 10 October). Echoing the urgings of Pope Francis, John Hannan reminded the SM in his letter (“*Time to Look Outward: The mission of the Society of Mary today*”, 2016), that it is time for the SM to rediscover its missionary purpose. In response to this challenge the text speculates, Fr Colin and his companions faced the challenge of a change of era, so “*in fact, we find ourselves wondering whether the Society of Mary was founded precisely for this new world and its culture!*”

PRAYER INTENTION

This is the time of year for appointments in the province. In the last few weeks nearly 40 appointments or reappointments have been announced which requires a considerable generosity of spirit for all concerned. We pray for all people who experience changes in their circumstances of life. Lord reward their generosity, give each of them courage and the graces they need to seek your will in all things and to meet the needs of those they serve.



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

GREETINGS FROM PARIS!

This time of year is traditionally a time of relaxation. Nonetheless, we hope you will be impressed by the echoes of important recent events. There is food for thought on urban evangelisation in advance of the general chapter, a practical implementation of a provincial chapter decision about care for one another, and another reminder of the ongoing ministry of vocation promotion. There is also evidence of the link between the District of Africa and the province. We thank those who made these contributions.

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LINKS BETWEEN THE DISTRICT OF AFRICA AND THE EUROPEAN PROVINCE - A VISIT, STRØMMEN, NORWAY, 1-7 AUGUST



Constant E. Amoussouga sm travelled from Paris to Oslo and spent time in the company of the community there - Rory Mulligan, Erik Ruud, Jo Neve and Andreas Rupprecht. He writes: "Andreas, as a great manager, organised my trip in two steps. I first took a train and met him in Cologne and together we followed a guided tour of the cathedral and also other significant places for us as Marists in the city. The second step was a flight to Oslo that evening. I enjoyed the rhythm of community life at Strømmen. Everything is done naturally and simply. I am impressed and thank God and Mary, for the amazing pastoral work entrusted to the Marist community in



the Oslo diocese – the education and youth ministry, retreat centers, etc. At the Catholic cathedral, we had the opportunity to concelebrate with the bishop of Oslo at a Mass for vocations. The other trips (Fram museum, Glomma river etc.), were unforgettable. For me, my short stay in the Strømmen Marist community is a putting into practice of the No.158 and 224 of our Constitutions."

RETREAT FOR YOUNG ADULTS, LA NEYLIÈRE, 24-30 JULY



4 young adults participated in the retreat "Sources". During this silent retreat based on the Ignatian

Spiritual Exercises, participants were accompanied by Pascal Boidin (FR), Hubert Bonnet-Eymard (FR) and Tom Kouijzer (NL). It gave them the opportunity to take time to focus on their relationship with God and their vocation as disciples of the Lord. The programme consisted in daily meetings with a spiritual director in which points for prayer were given, and a daily Eucharist. The compact size of the group helped to sustain an atmosphere of recollection and discernment. All the participants indicated that they had experienced *Sources* as a life-giving and significant moment on their spiritual journey. This initiative definitively merits a repeat!

FRATERNAL VOYAGE, CHARTRES, FRANCE, JUNE

Guy Werner (Fr), the superior of the community of Notre Dame de Bon Secours, Paris, writes: "In June, the whole community had the



bright idea of going to Chartres and visiting our confrere Roger Wilhelm (Fr). We left in the morning by car and arrived at our destination not far from the Cathedral, a nice little restaurant run by friends of Roger. It was an opportunity for Roger to get outside of his retirement home, and to share news and memories. After that, we were given the opportunity to visit the beautiful Cathedral of Chartres, once again looking resplendent thanks to the ongoing restoration work - the choir with columns picked out in their original colours, the light of stained glass and the beautiful rose window. How could one not pray in this special monument to the faith and courage of those who built it? After this breath of fresh air, and after this time of Marist fraternity and prayer to Mary, we returned to Paris, with a promise to repeat this fraternal journey."

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