



GREETINGS FROM PARIS!

The Easter Season opens the door for us to the immense promise of new beginnings. Because of the challenges we face in our world, we need to be reminded annually that the promise never fades.

The threatening clouds of Covid-19 and the darkness of the inhumanity reaching us from the war in Ukraine are hard for us to imagine or anticipate. Yet when darkness overshadows us, the message that Christ is truly risen leads us back to discover the power of the perspective of faith.

We celebrate annually the gift of the knowledge that death does not have the last word. We give thanks for the abundance of God's gifts to us in their various forms despite our frailty. This month we hear echoes of thanksgiving and celebration for God's goodness to us.

We wish all our readers a Blessed Easter Season!

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JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS, LA VECILLA, SPAIN, 21 APRIL



Fr Rafael Rámila (Spa) writes: "Fr Ismael Castellanos was ordained a priest in Astorga (León) on 14 May 1970. Fr Valentín Aparicio was ordained in Valladolid on 3 April 1971 and I was ordained in Barcelona on 19 March 1972. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, Ismael and Valentín were unable to celebrate their jubilees at the correct time. When the 50th anniversary of my ordination came around, we were able to celebrate together during a community day. The event took place in the Marist hostel, La Vecilla during the octave of Easter. To start with, Fr Mateo Pozo gave us a talk which was followed by a time of personal reflection. The three jubilarians then presided over the Eucharist. The time of peace and quiet gave us the opportunity to express our joy and gratitude to God for the gift of the priesthood through song, in words and in the sacrament itself. Fr Paco Aller arranged a fraternal meal which we all enjoyed. The day was a truly fraternal moment with prayer, sharing and celebration. All the members of the two communities of León were able to attend. Ángel Anton and Toño Fernandez joined us from Sahagún and Fr Ramón Fernández from Madrid. As you would expect, it was an opportunity to tell stories of the past but also to share news from today. We heard about the changes in the community of Sahagún and of the new house for the community there. We thank God and the confreres and for such a wonderful day."

HIDDEN AND UNKNOWN IN MADRID

Fr Felipe Marin (Spa) has just turned 87. Age has not stopped him from serving the needy in Madrid, where he assists young people to do their homework! He writes: "Betania is the name of a small organisation in Vallecas, a working-class neighbourhood in the city of Madrid, populated by ordinary people from different parts of Spain but also from all over the world. The organisation is now run and maintained by the "Congregación de las Hijas del Divino Celo", an Italian foundation. From 17:30 to 20:00, a group of children and teenagers, both boys and girls are welcomed. They belong to families of different nationalities, especially from Latin America, most of whom live in precarious situations. They are provided with a snack, and then they are assisted by a group of volunteer teachers in doing their school homework. I



have been working with this group now for fifteen years. Some of these young people experience real hardship. In the end, God always helps. Blessed be God."



PRAYER INTENTION

God of all creation, draw us from limited certainty into the immense world of your love. Give us the capacity to taste the richness of the Feast you give us. Give us the peace to live with uncertainty, with questions, with doubts. Help us to experience the resurrection anew with open wonder and an increasing ability to recognise you in the people of Easter. Amen.



MARIST VOCATION YEAR REFLECTION SHEETS

During this special year focused on the Marist vocation, a series of reflections sheets has been prepared. The one for this month is on Mary in our own vocation by Sister Silvia Sanz.

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EASTER YOUTH CAMP, GULSRUD, NORWAY



Andreas Rupprecht (Nor) writes: "After a two-year break due to Covid, we were finally able to hold our Easter camps again. 43 young 14-year-olds from around Norway undertook on a "journey" through Holy Week. They not only participated in preparing and celebrating the liturgies, but had also the opportunity to hear the life "journeys" of some of the group leaders. Naturally, games, and times of recreation and getting to know each other were not neglected. It is possible to notice a change for some of the youth even within this one week. Since the house in Gulsrud does not have its own chapel, we were able to fill the otherwise rarely used village church with life. In that place, three participants received their first communion on Holy Thursday. Some were challenged by the lunch on Good Friday, which consisted only of vegetable ratatouille! They were all rewarded with the festive dinner after the Easter Vigil, promptly followed by a party. As always, a few tears were flowing when it came for the time to depart but we hold the hope of meeting each other again in the summer."



LAUDATO SI' PROJECT, CAMEROON. AFRICA

Luigi Savoldelli (Ita) has been working in the African District for the last 5 years. He writes: "Nature has been generous this year. We have been spared major weather events that have caused damage in the past to the functioning of the Laudato Si Project. All activities are thriving, from raising livestock (pigs, chickens and rabbits), fish farming and growing fruit and vegetables. The last important development carried out was to bring electricity to the Laudato Si Project, which will allow us to improve the conditions of the workforce who live on the plantation in the heart of the forest; work on the caretaker's house is also progressing well. The consequences of the war in Ukraine have already reached us here in Africa. Prices of foodstuffs and building and agricultural materials have increased from 30 to 40%. These increases make an already precarious situation even more difficult. I hope that the coming days will truly give us the Peace we need so badly."

