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Friday, 25 March 2022

A BLESSED FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION!

BURUNDI



This week General Assistant and link person for Africa, Fr Ben McKenna, visited the Marist confreres in Burundi. The District of Africa has been present in Burundi from its beginnings, but because of the war they had left Burundi in the '90s. Last year, after more than 20 years, the District re-established a community in Musaga, Bujumbura, with three confreres. Along with the District Superior, Fr Albert Kabala, they also visited the SMSM Sisters' project in Ngozi, where the Sisters care for homeless boys.

A SECONDARY SCHOOL IN KANOSIA

For many years the Marist mission in Kanosia, Papua New Guinea, has been running a school to meet the needs of the local youth, who are mostly children of the rubber plantation workers. The school is linked to our Marist Parish of St Vincent de Paul and was initially only a primary school. In recent years the education project has been enlarged to include grade 9 and 10 students, and the plans are to further develop it to grade 11 and 12. Our school is the only secondary school in the area and caters for a growing number of students. The challenges are now to fund the increase of classrooms, desks and chairs and also the staff facilities.



CONSECRATION OF RUSSIA AND UKRAINE TO MARY'S IMMACULATE HEART



The Superior General encourages all Marists to unite in prayer for peace. Pope Francis has asked bishops, religious and all people to unite with him in a prayer for peace and in the consecration of Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, today, the feast of the Annunciation. The On 25 March, in the afternoon, Pope Francis will pronounce the prayer of consecration in the Basilica of St Peter's. You can download the text of the prayer [here](#).

At the occasion of the Angelus on [13 March](#), Pope Francis had said: "With an aching heart I add my voice to that of the common people, who implore the end of the war. In the name of God, I ask you: stop this massacre! I ask all diocesan and religious communities to increase their moments of prayer for peace. God is only the God of peace, he is not the God of war, and those who support violence profane his name."