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Friday, 10 March 2023

CYCLONES IN VANUATU

Last week the Islands of Vanuatu were devastated by two cyclones. On Wednesday morning Cyclone Judy struck, followed by cyclone Kevin on Thursday. There is a lot of damage to buildings, trees and crops around the Vanuatu Islands, including the capital, Port Vila, which remained isolated for several days.

When communications were restored, our confreres reported that they are all safe. There is no major damage to our houses but a lot of damage in the gardens.



PRAYERS FOR HANNAH



Many Marists have been praying through the intercession of Fr Jean-Claude Colin for the healing of a young woman in Australia, Ms. Hannah Bennett, who was diagnosed in 2017 with

Multiple Sclerosis. Recently Hannah reported that her health bulletins are very positive and she wishes to thank all Marists who have been keeping her faithfully in their prayers. More information on the [Jean Claude Colin Website](#).

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

The Members of the General Council are in Plenary Session since last week. A special welcome was given to our newly-arrived councillor, Fr Setefano Mataele, who is now resident at the General House. Last Friday also Fr Pat Brophy (Z) was welcomed in Rome. He will be part of the General House community while honing his financial skills.

COLINIAN RENEWAL RETREAT

This week the Colinian Renewal group travelled from La Neylière to Rome, to undertake a 30-day Ignatian style retreat, which is an important moment in their renewal time. They are staying at the Ad Gentes retreat centre in Nemi. The two spiritual accompaniers are Sr Therese Carroll, RSJ, and Fr Paddy O'Hare, sm.

After their retreat they will spend the Easter Triduum in Rome and make a pilgrimage to significant places of Fr Colin's time in Rome. They will also visit the General houses of the Marist Sisters and Brothers.

The retreatants appreciate this opportunity for prayerful and quiet reflection and would be grateful for the prayerful support of their confreres from around the world.

