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COLINIAN RENEWAL IN ROME

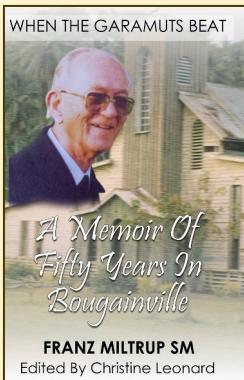
Last week the participants of the Colinian Renewal Program completed their 30 day retreat in Nemi, just outside Rome, under the spiritual guidance of Fr Paddy O'Hare s.m. and Sr Therese Carroll r.s.j. On Holy Thursday they arrived at the General House, where they have been undertaking a "Fr Colin in Rome" pilgrimage. They have also been warmly welcomed to Casa di Maria (Marist Theologate), and at the General Houses of the Marist Sisters and the Marist Brothers. These have been rich experiences of Marist hospitality. They hope to visit the SMSM Sisters' General House before returning to La Neylière on Saturday, where they will continue the Renewal programme.



At the back: Frs Damien Diouf, Ray Chapman, Donato Kivi, Valu Siua, Michael Carroll and Richard Harui.

In the front: Fr Stephen Posirou, Br Leonard Doriri, Frs Lauro Arcede and Sipiliano Faka'osi

"WHEN THE GARAMUTS BEAT"



Fr Franz Miltzsch joined the Society in 1932 in Germany, and shortly after his ordination he left his homeland to work in the Marist mission in Bougainville. The Second World War brought catastrophic hardship to the islands and their people. Only a few missionaries remained after nearly all the European civilians fled. Narrowly avoiding execution twice, Franz Miltzsch made a dramatic escape in 1945, walking barefoot across the mountains to the Allied forces based at Torokina.

His memoirs were translated from Pidgin to English by Fr Harry Moore s.m. and were recently edited by Australian historian Ms Christine Leonard. The book "When The Garamuts Beat —A Memoir of 50 Years in Bougainville" was launched in Brisbane, Australia. The book deals also with the tumultuous years in Bougainville after the World War, and with Fr Franz' commitment and love for the people he chose to spend his life with. The book can be purchased through the publisher's website, [Leonardstories](#).

THIRD AGE RENEWAL PROGRAM

Several senior confreres have enquired if we would be leading a renewal programme specifically for them. We have made enquiries and it seems it would be difficult for us to conduct such a programme.

However, the Marist Brothers have offered us a few places in a "third age programme" they are conducting for those aged between about 65 – 75. This will take place at Manziana, Rome, between September 23 and November 19, 2023.

This programme is for those who are winding down from full-time ministry and it aims to assist Marists to navigate the challenges of this time of transition.

If you are interested in such a programme could you please soon contact your Major Superior who is then asked to follow up with Fr. Ben McKenna who will co-ordinate with the Brothers.