

# SMbulletin

Friday, 26 May 2023

## MAP



The major superiors and vicars of the Provinces of Oceania and New Zealand, and the major superiors of the Districts of Australia and Asia, met together in Sydney over May 21-23 for the annual meeting of MAP (Marist Asia Pacific). They were kept busy with a full agenda including: pre-novitiate formation, international formation and the ongoing formation of the recently ordained; “Omnes Gentes” communities, professional standards and safeguarding, arrangements for and status of members living and/or working in another unit; cooperation in ministries and projects; the influence of the Society’s Commissions on life of units; agenda items for the 2024 ARC meeting and preparation for the General Chapter. The opportunity was also taken for conversations between individual unit leaders on matters of mutual concern.

## VISITATION ITALY

Over the past month the Superior General, along with Fr Juan Carlos Piña, who is the link person for the province of Europe, has been carrying out the visitation of the Italian Region. He has visited confreres in Castiglion Fiorentino, Rome and Torino/ Moncalieri, and in June he will also visit the confreres in Pratola Peligna.

In all communities Frs John and Juan have found a warm welcome and they had the opportunity to listen to the confreres, to visit their works and to get familiar with the reality of our Marist presence in Italy. They are pictured here with the members of the communities of Torino and Moncalieri.



## GERRY ARBUCKLE AWARDED

On 18 May, Australian Catholic University awarded Marist author-anthropologist, Fr Gerald Arbuckle sm with the ACU's honorary Doctorate of the University. Accompanying the award, a citation states this degree 'is the highest honor the university can bestow' and is in recognition of Gerry's 'contribution to the academic tradition of the Church and for bringing the interplay between faith and reason to bear on complex religious and social policy issues for the betterment of society.'

