

SMBulletin

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VISITATION OF PARIS AND IRELAND

Since the beginning of July, Frs John Larsen and Juan Carlos Piña have visited the European provincial community in Paris. On this occasion the Superior General held conversions with the Provincial Superior, Fr. Kevin Duffy, the Provincial Bursar, Fr. Jimmy McElroy, and with the other members of the provincial community who are involved in several ministries, including chaplaincies, literacy, interpretation and writing. On the program was also a meal with the members of the lay staff working for the province and for the French Unit.



After their days in Paris, Frs John and Juan Carlos flew to Dublin to carry out the visitation of the Unit of Ireland. They met the members of the communities of Coolock, Donore (Dublin) and Cerdon (Dundalk). Amongst other things, the Superior General gave an input to the confreres gathered of the aforementioned communities about the *Omnis Gentes* works, their focus and their members, their intercultural and international identity. The gathering was followed by a fraternal dinner with all confreres present.

CASA DI MARIA SUMMER PROGRAM



Since the six newly professed Marists joined Casa di Maria earlier this year, there have been 22 students in the community.

The only 4th year student, deacon Christian, returned to the District of Africa for his ordination and to take up his appointment to the community in Burundi.

The 3rd year student Clinton is preparing for his perpetual profession with a thirty-day retreat at Manresa in Spain, followed by a time visiting the Marist places of origins in France.

The 2nd year students are six: Joseph, Joel, Godlove and Clovis from Cameroon, Hemi from New Zealand, and Charles from Vanuatu. They have all gone to their home country to have a holiday and to do pastoral work.

The eight 1st year students have scattered to the winds - two by two - for mission experience: Joseph and Lewis to Note Dame de France in London, Leonard and soon Anatole to help on the Camino at Sahagún in Spain, Jean-Paul and Robert to Ireland to learn English and to work with the poor in a day center, and Leslie and Peter to the Marist mission in Ranong, Thailand.

Those who were professed in January will start university in October. They have been improving their Italian at a language school and while assisting in Marist parishes. They have done a retreat and are now at home in Casa di Maria while working part-time with migrants and elderly. They and some of the others will go to the International Marist Youth Gathering in Lisbon.