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Friday, 17 November 2023

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

The members of the General Council have finished yesterday their plenary session, including also the calls to Novitiate 2024. More details about this will follow next week.

Fr John Larsen will participate next week in the 100th USG (Union of Superiors General) assembly, which for the first time will unite Superiors General from male and female congregations. The theme will be “Synodality: a renewed call to the prophecy of hope” and the meeting will include also a private audience of the Superiors General with Pope Francis.

Fr Setefano Mataele will leave on Saturday for a 10 days visitation of the District of Mexico .

AN ORDINATION AND OTHER NEWS FROM MEXICO

On 11 November Fr Jaime Pérez from the District of Mexico was ordained to the priesthood in the Colegio San Pedro Chanel at Guadalajara. The celebration was attended by a crowd of more than 800 faithful: Jaime’s family and friends, confreres, Marist Sisters and Brothers and also many lay Marists from Guadalajara, Toluca and Mexico City. For the teachers and students from Colegio San Pedro Chanel it was an important contribution to their Marist identity, as they had organized during the past weeks meetings with Jaime to prepare for his ordination. Mgr.

Ramón Salazar, auxiliary bishop of Guadalajara, and former director of Jaime during his Seminary years, was the ordaining bishop.

Jaime has been appointed to the re-established community in Toluca, which will be responsible for the pastoral care of the CPU (Centro de Proyección Universitaria) and of the Franco Inglés and Pedro Chanel schools, and for vocation promotion. The other members of the community will be Frs Joaquín Fernández, the District Superior, Fr Iosefo Amuri from Oceania (Fiji) who has been appointed to the District of Mexico and who is currently learning Spanish.

Fr Michele Palumbo from Europe (Italy), who has already spent many years in the District of Mexico has been appointed “on loan”, from 1 December 2023 until September 2024 to the District .



PRAYING FOR OUR DECEASED CONFRERES AT THE ROME CEMETERY



Being November, the month of the Holy Souls, last Saturday the members of Casa di Maria, accompanied by members from the General House Community, went to visit the tombs of the Marists buried in Verano Cemetery in Rome. The group celebrated the Eucharist in the small chapel, then proceeded to the two main Marist burial places to pray for our deceased confreres by name. They were united fraternally with many other Marists around the world who are paying similar respects to our confreres who have gone before us.