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THE SUPERIOR GENERAL AT THE USG/UISG ASSEMBLY



Fr John Larsen has been participating this week in the joint USG / UISG meeting which was held at Sacrofano, outside Rome. Personal experiences were shared and challenges were discussed that require ongoing reflection by the entire Church. Consecrated life, both male and female, demonstrated a concrete will to walk together, involving the entire People of God, especially the poor and those living on the margins of society. On Thursday the 250 participating Superiors General had an audience with Pope Francis.

THE PROVINCIAL OF OCEANIA IN ROME

Fr Milikiade Rayalu, the provincial of Oceania, has arrived at the General House in Rome this week. From 4 to 9 December he will participate in the “Marist Symposium”, organized by the FMS International Marist Spiritual Patrimony Commission: a five-day academic conference to cover topics in Marist history, spirituality, education, formation, leadership, and generally on Marist mission and life. Kiade has been asked present a session on initial formation in Oceania.

As Kiade took up his role as provincial of Oceania this year, he is having also a briefing session with the General Administration. On the program are a meeting with the full General Council to discuss together the life and challenges of the Oceania Province, as well as individual sessions with the members of the General Council, who are making Kiade familiar with the many aspects of the role of a provincial.



Fr Kiade Rayalu, in front of the statue of St Peter Chanel, with Fr John Harhager, vicar general and link person for Oceania.

VOCATIONS IN ASIA



Two postulants from the District of Asia, who are in formation in Davao, Philippines, are on a one month visit of the Marist community in Ranong to learn from the mission with the migrants. Last week, they had the opportunity to meet with the students of the education program, to go around with the health team, and to do home visits for patients with HIV. The community of Ranong is following up also with three young men from Myanmar who have shown interest in joining the Marists and who have started discerning a Marist vocation.

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MAY REST IN PEACE**

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