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TOWARDS GENERAL CHAPTER 2025

Unit chapters

During 2024 local Chapters have been programmed in preparation of General Chapter 2025. An important task of the Provincial and District Chapters is the election of delegates and their substitutes for the General Chapter (Cf. Const. 166).

The Province of Oceania has already elected its Delegates and Substitutes during their Provincial Chapter earlier this year.

Facilitators



The General Council has started working with two facilitators, Ms Frances Heery and Br Joseph McKee fms. They will accompany the members of the General Council and the Pre-Chapter Committee from now until

the General Chapter, with a special focus on the synodal process in decision making. Both Frances and Joseph have a wide experience in accompanying chapters and meetings of religious congregations in their team work. They have been asked to facilitate the upcoming ARC meeting – which will take place in May in Rome – and it is likely that they will facilitate the General Chapter in 2025.

START OF MISSION IN SAMSUN

On Wednesday Fr Donato Kivi received a special blessing from the Superior General as he was departing for Samsun in Turkey. There, he will be part of the new “Omnes Gentes” mission, which was recently established together with the SSM Sisters. Patience was needed to obtain entrance visas, and Donato is the first one to depart. The hope is that he will be joined soon by Fr Arnaldo da Silva and the Sisters.



NOVITIATE 2024

In the past weeks several Major Superiors have proposed candidates to be called to Novitiate. After hearing his council, the Superior General has admitted the following novices to Novitiate 2024:

- Paterno Jnr Bernardio and Raul Angelo Bautista from Asia
- Adriano Tuvuniwai Lasaqa Vakaogotabua, Mikaele Inia Vakaloloma, Iowani Edwin Smith, Maciu Jimi Banicakau and Patrice Teguebou from Oceania
- Vincent Brzozowski from New Zealand
- Jean Amani, Alex Tella and Augustine Dornyoh from Africa.

Also Br. Zubair Yaqub, FMS, a Marist Brother from Pakistan will participate in the Novitiate Programme. He is discerning a vocation as a Marist Priest. After a long course of mutual discernment, it has been decided to start a three year transfer process, which will begin with a year at the novitiate.

The Novitiate will start on 25 March in Eden, Davao, Philippines. The future novices will start an orientation program in February.

