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Happy Feast
of the Holy Name
of Mary!

Friday, 13 September 2024

DISTRICT SUPERIOR OF AUSTRALIA

After having carried out a consultation among the members of the District of Australia, the Superior General in Council has appointed Fr Tony Kennedy as the new District Superior of Australia. Tony is currently the Superior of Casa di Maria in Rome, and will take up his role on 1 February 2025. He succeeds Fr Tony Corcoran, who has guided the Australian unit during the past six years. The Superior General thanked both Tony's for their generous availability in serving the Society over the years.



MARIST STUDIES SUMMER PROGRAM

In July the Marist Studies Summer Program took place in Rome with nine participants - three lay Marists:



Siri-Beate Hanssen from Norway; Elizabeth Charlton, the province archivist from New Zealand and Fred Dulson from Atlanta in the USA. There were also two SSM sisters preparing for formation ministry: Srs Maria Fe Rollo from the Philippines and Sr Rachel Timme from the Solomon Islands. There were three confreres from the province of Oceania: Frs Ambrose Kakatai from Bougainville, Isaia Wairoga from Fiji and Mika Tuilau from Fiji; and also Br Mario Béland from the province of Canada. The group reviewed the long maturation of our Constitutions; the three symbolic Marist places (Fourvière, Cerdon, Bugey); Colin's three 'no's and the difficult beginnings of the missions in Oceania. There were presentations made by speakers from each of the branches of the Marist family, and several visits, in and around Rome.

PREPARING FOR PERPETUAL VOWS



For the past two months, six Marist seminarians of Casa di Maria have been preparing for Perpetual Vows. They first entered a thirty-day retreat, and then, following a short break, a month based at La Neylière. The students are Joel, Godlove and Clovis from Cameron, Hemi from New Zealand, Joseph from Togo and Charles from Vanuatu. Moments of study were combined with visits to the Marist places. The community of La Neylière was very welcoming, sometimes helped by Sr Teri sm. There were special moments of praying around Fr. Colin's grave, celebrating Mass in the Bugey and in Cerdon, visiting Bon Repos and the Hermitage and experiencing life and ministry at La Neylière. They are due to make their Perpetual Vows on 28 September.

MARIST MISSION WORKSHOP

On 4 September the Marist Mission Workshop began in Bangkok, with participants from Asia, Africa, Oceania and Europe, including representatives from the Marist Sisters, Marist Missionary Sisters, Marist Brothers and RNDM Sisters. The workshop is led by Fr Hermes [Larry] Sabud who helps the group to explore experiences of inter-cultural, and inter-religious dialogue. All participants have shared on their own mission experience, they have dialogued with Buddhists and Muslims on their approach to engaging with the world and received an online input from Fr John Larsen on *Directions for Mission*.

