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Friday, 13 December 2019

Meeting with Pope Francis

During the recent general assembly of the Union of Male Superiors General there was a special audience with Pope Francis. Fr John Larsen was present. The Pope spent two hours with them to listen to the hopes and challenges of the religious, and he invited all those who were present to talk freely, stressing his personal openness for discussion on any topic. After this fraternal meeting the pope met individually with each of the 150 Superiors General.



ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

On Sunday 1 December our confrere Fr Kenneth Akua Njong from the District of Africa was ordained to the priesthood. Marist confreres, parishioners, family and friends rejoiced during a beautiful celebration in the parish church of St Anne d'Obili, Yaoundé. For this year Kenneth has



been appointed to the pastoral care of the youth in this parish, located in the university area of the city.

COLIN CALENDAR

The Colin Calendar for 2020 is now being produced. Copies will be sent to all Major Superiors and formation houses. It is available in English, Dutch, French, German, Italian, Portuguese and Spanish and is standard in A5 format. If confreres are interested to have their own copy, or if someone needs it in a different size, please contact Fr Ron Nissen: ronaldnissen@bigpond.com.



LET US PRAY THAT OUR DECEASED CONFRERES MAY REST IN PEACE

Fr Benedicto Vicario
Europe (Spain)
16.04.1936—17.11.2019

SUPERIOR GENERAL VISITS CAMEROON

In the past two weeks Fr John Larsen visited Cameroon. He was able to familiarize himself with the realities of the country and its present difficulties, and also with the life and work of our confreres. Amongst other things he visited the formation house in Yaoundé (picture), the *Laudato si'* project, the parish in Obili and the community in the forest in Voundou. He had the opportunity to meet with members of the Marist Laity, as well as with confreres individually, including the confreres who reached Yaoundé from Bambili, in the North-West of the country, where they live in a turbulent political situation.

