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Marists Attend Chicago Conference



Marists Faustino (Tito) Cruz, U.S. Province, and Yvan Mathieu, Canadian Province, recently attended a Conference for Academic Deans in Chicago, Illinois. The "New Models for New Times: Managing Educational Change" conference was sponsored by the Association of Theological Schools (ATS). ATS is formed by more than 270 graduate schools of theology in the United States and Canada. The mission of ATS is "to promote the improvement and enhancement of theological schools to the benefit of communities of faith and the broader public." Tito is currently serving as Associate Dean of Academic Affairs at Seattle University in the School of Theology and Ministry and is Associate Professor of Practical Theology. Yvan is an Associate Professor of Theology at St. Paul University in Ottawa, Canada.

HOW TO CELEBRATE 100 YEARS

With two cousins on an unannounced visit from Dublin, nephews, nieces, grand nephews and grand nieces from the East Coast, five couples from St. Catherine Community (Kaua'i, Hawaii), friends from all over the San Francisco Bay Area, and Marists coming together, a group of 90+ gathered March 25 at Notre Dame de Victoires (NDV) in San Francisco (SF) for the Centennial birthday celebration of Marist Father Patrick Coyle. Meanwhile across the Pacific at St. Catherine's Coyle Hall (on the island of Kaua'i) 100 parishioners gathered to be Skyped-in to join the SF-centennial celebration, island-style (pot luck food, dance, song, music). As is fitting for a 70 year professed Religious priest, Fr. Coyle began the gathering by presiding at Eucharist celebrating the Feast of the Annunciation the day on which he was born in 1915 in Dublin, Ireland. Marists Fathers Alfred Puccinelli and Dennis Steik joined Fr. Coyle at the altar.

The NDV Community provided the meal (menu selected by the centenarian-honoree) and the libations feasted on by all present. The meal was served by NDV YAs (Young Adults), as well as by the pastor, Marist René Iturbe, and school principal, lay-Marist Mary Ghisolfo. The attendees from Kaua'i presented Fr. Coyle with a

plaque signed by Kaua'i Island Mayor Bernard Carvalho, Jr., proclaiming March 25, 2015 as Fr. Patrick Coyle Day on the Island.



Fr. Coyle's cousin attending from Dublin is the first person that Fr. Coyle baptized. In the picture above Fr. Coyle is seated with baby Titus on his lap; Titus and Fr. Coyle are Skyping with Titus' Kaua'i cousins at St. Catherine. Fr. Coyle and Bishop Robert McElroy (new Ordinary of San Diego) joined to baptize Titus at NDV the Saturday after the centennial birthday. Fr. Coyle is the Marist ever-ready-minister who reminds all that Marists never retire, we just slow down a bit and gather more often with friends with whom we have shared life. The friends gathering from near and far reflect the lives that "Paddy" has touched and forever changed. **THANK YOU, FR. PATRICK COYLE, SM!!**

by Bruce Lery, SM