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To be more closely united, work more creatively, and act in greater solidarity we form one province beyond national limitations...

GOLDEN JUBILEE, LEÓN, SPAIN, 28 APRIL



Toño Fernández (Esp) writes: “On the feast of St Peter Chanel, the Marist community of León celebrated the Golden Jubilee of priesthood of Fr Luis Carlos Aparicio (Esp)! The celebration took place in the parish of San Andrés del Rabanedo, filled to overflowing by parish faithful where Luis Carlos is pastor. Besides his parish collaborators, the local brass band took part in the event. Luis Carlos was supported by nine Marist Fathers, including Fr Martin McAnaney, Provincial of Europe, who was visiting the community at the time. Fr Javier Pérez ordained on the same day as Luis Carlos, was also present. He celebrated his own golden jubilee in the parish of Coslada, Madrid. Luis Carlos gave a homily on St. Peter Chanel and shared some of his experiences of priesthood. At the church’s entrance, a local folk group danced the traditional dance of the “Ramo” or bouquet in his honour.



GREETINGS FROM PARIS!

As the Feast of Pentecost approaches, we hear about a Marist group which travelled eastward to celebrate Easter and another group which went on pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela. There were plenty of reasons to celebrate anniversaries this month and we hear of one in Spain and another in Norway. We also include a reminder to enrol in the forthcoming provincial retreat. We thank those who shared their stories with the whole province this month.

*Francisco Chauvet and
Martin McAnaney*

PRAYER INTENTION

Holy Spirit, spontaneous breath of God, blow upon us, blow into our hearts and make us breathe forth the tenderness of the Father! Blow upon the Church and impel her to the ends of the earth, so that, brought by you, she may bring nothing other than you. Come Holy Spirit, change us within and renew the face of the earth. Amen. *(Adapted from the prayer to the Holy Spirit by Pope Francis)*



OBITUARY

Fr Paddy Meehan (Ir) 03.05.2019
Fr Louis Blanc (Fr) 15.05.2019

RELAIS MARISTE AT TINOS, EASTER IN GREECE, 21-28 APRIL

Relais mariste is a group of Marists, both lay and religious and their families and friends, who organise opportunities for holidays which include a faith dimension. Hubert Bonnet-Eymard (Fr) writes: “The idea of a *Relais mariste* event in Greece has been in the air for a long time. At the end of our week in August 2017, Alexandra Yannicopoulos-Boulet proposed a project to spend Holy Week on the island of Tinos, in the Cyclades in 2019. The island is known as a place of Marian devotion for the Orthodox and Catholic traditions ever since the presence of the Venetians on the island. 16 adults participated. All the ingredients of *Relais mariste* were there: friendship,



kindness, humour, recreation, and prayer – the Eucharist, Gospel sharing, the Novena to St Pierre Chanel. Added to this was the pleasure of discovering or rediscovering, the Greece of today. We had a taste of its historical and mythological culture and of course, we discovered the impact of the recent economic crisis on its people. Who could forget also the harsh reality experienced by thousands of migrants from the East or South, stranded there, often in conditions of extreme hardship? Fr Maurice Joyeux, a Jesuit, welcomed us to this ancient pilgrimage centre in the mountains. Thanks to the tenacity of Alexandra and her energy, a long-standing dream has become a reality and we are ready for new adventures!”



Full text in French: www.bit.ly/RMTinos

CELEBRATING 300 YEARS OF MARIST PRESENCE AND SER-

Andreas Rupprecht (No/De) writes: “About 100 friends, family and colleagues of the Marists in Norway joined in a celebration of the accumulative figure of 300 years of Marist presence and service of the Church in Norway - Rory Mulligan (No/Ire) will turn 80; Jo Neve (No/NL) has been a Marist for 60 years, and both of them have been in Norway for 50 years; Erik Ruud (No) has been a priest for 30 years, and Andreas Rupprecht (No/De) has been a Marist for 30 years. If you add all this up, you arrive at the grand total of 300 years! After Mass at St. Gudmund’s Church at Jessheim, consecrated only 3 years ago, everyone enjoyed the opportunity to meet and reconnect with old and new friends during a festive dinner in the parish hall.



MARIST PILGRIMAGE TO SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA,

Frank Dowling, Provincial Education Deputy, recently led a group of teachers and former teachers from Marist schools on pilgrimage to Compostela. He writes: “In Holy Week our group of 10 set out to walk the final 110 km of the Camino de Santiago from Sarria to Santiago. We set off each day at 07h45 just as it was getting light and walked between 20 and 25 km each day. We tried to arrive at our destination around 15h but due to a wide divergence in both age and fitness level, individual arrival times varied considerably! The project was a proposal supported by the Heads of the Education centres in Europe as a means of promoting inter-school contacts and cooperation. Our common Marist heritage proved a unifying factor. New ideas to promote the Marist Ethos and characteristic spirit in the education ministry was a recurring theme of our conversations.”



PROVINCIAL RETREAT 21 TO 27 JULY

The European province will have its annual retreat in La Neylière and it will be preached by Fr Justin Taylor (NZ) on *Marist themes for today*. Confreres who have not already done so, are