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

DUTCH AND IRISH PILGRIMAGES, LA NEYLIÈRE, FRANCE, 8-14 APRIL

16 Irish pilgrims travelled to La Neylière in April to explore the Marist sites which included Le Puy and Fourvière. They were particularly moved upon seeing the original scroll containing the names of the Marist Missionaries from the beginning which is kept in the sacristy of Fourvière. The Dutch Marist laity came to La Neylière for a retreat. The meditations were inspired by themes as depicted in the stained-glass windows in the main chapel of La Neylière. The central idea of the ten windows is “life in Nazareth”, a theme precious to the spirituality of Jean-Claude Colin. In the spirit of Day 4 of “15 Days of Prayer with Jean-Claude Colin” (by Fr François Drouilly), the retreat was experienced as “returning to Nazareth”, returning to the starting point of our Christian religious commitment. The week also included a pilgrimage to Fourvière and a visit to L’Hermitage.



GREETINGS FROM PARIS!

The first Marist confrere to be welcomed by the community of Sahagún as he made his way to Santiago de Compostela offers some reflections. La Neylière also welcomed visitors and pilgrims interested in the Marist tradition. A community offers a flavour of their excursion to Saint Denis, Paris. We remind everyone of the invitation to join a Marist Day pilgrimage in Walsingham, UK. Finally, Tom Kouijzer (NL) will be ordained to the priesthood (16 June) and you are asked to pray for all priests, especially for him. We welcome material which gives a sense of life in the province.

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PRAYER INTENTION

We pray for all who are called to the ministry of priesthood especially our confrere **Tom Kouijzer (NL)** who will be ordained priest 16 June in Hulst, the Netherlands.

Lord, we ask you to bless all those who serve the Church as ordained priests. Deepen their faith, strengthen their hope and give them a burning love which will ever increase in the course of their priestly ministry. Mary, our loving mother, take them to your heart and help them to be always faithful to the Gospel they preach and through the power of God’s merciful love, draw all people into his healing embrace.



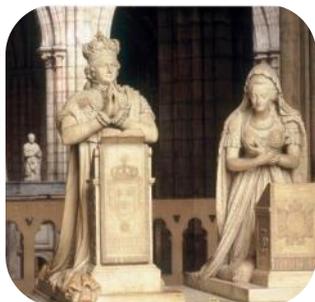
THE CAMINO DE SANTIAGO, SPAIN, 19 MARCH – 7 APRIL

Bernard Boisseau (Fr) writes: “I walked along the French *Camino*, from Logroño to Compostela. I had the pleasure of stopping at Sahagún just at the exact moment my Marist confreres were opening the doors of the *Albergue* for the first time (www.alberguesensahagun.es). Yes, what a delight it was to witness the start of this Marist community which will welcome many pilgrims mirroring the ‘peripheries’ of our world: Christians on the margins of the Church, seekers for God often dissatisfied with the world in which we live, one which is too often focused only on economic and financial success. Walkers from Germany, Korea and many, many other countries are attracted by the *Camino*. The experience has the power to bring them beyond themselves, allowing them to approach James, one of the twelve apostles of the Lord. It is this Lord that they have believed in, still believe or desire to believe in... It was a great joy for me to walk for almost a month a path that millions of pilgrims travelled before me. They have left lights to illuminate the way for those who would follow them: Yes, along the kilometres and the days of travelling, I began to see things more clearly than I did at the beginning. I was enriched in my ability to embrace the reality of this world in which God himself desired to live... to show us *the way*.”



A COMMUNITY DAY-OUT, PARIS, 12 MAY

The provincial house community increased from 3 confreres to 6 last November. In deciding on a new community routine for the year, a day-trip was planned. For the first “escape” the chosen destination was the town of Saint Denis easily accessible from Paris and which is the traditional burial place of French royalty (from the 6th century onwards). The morning was spent visiting the interior of the great Gothic cathedral. A young guide enthusiastically explained the ‘political’ importance of the place under the Ancien Régime. Under his guidance we discovered the meaning hidden behind the many reclining stone statues and tombs distributed throughout the building – mainly kings and queens, laid out in this royal necropolis. Really interesting! After stopping for a lunch of couscous, we visited the Saint Denis Museum which is housed in a former Carmelite monastery with all its many memories - a



daughter of Louis XV was mother superior there. A whole floor has an impressive display of the history of the “Paris Commune” of 1870. Equally impressive was the multi-ethnic local population which filled the streets of Saint Denis with life and colour! A really interesting day and we look forward to the next one!

MARIST DAY, SATURDAY 7 JULY, 2018, THE BASILICA OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

The Marist Family in the UK traditionally makes an annual pilgrimage to the Catholic national shrine of Our Lady and you are invited to join them. The theme is “*This is your Mother.*” For more information follow this link: bit.ly/walsin18



OBITUARY

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