

## ▶ ECHOES FROM THE LIFE OF THE EUROPEAN PROVINCE

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



### A new face for La Neylière - a seminar, La Neylière (LN), May 30th – 31st

27 people with a particular interest in LN, gathered to brainstorm on a programme of activities between now and 2020, with a special concern for events both to reopen the facility next year and, in 2016 to mark the 200th anniversary of the Fourvière Pledge. Virginie Allard facilitated participants in the exercise and they collectively generated 18 amazingly rich proposals, some of them in considerable detail. You can find the final seminar report in French by following this link: <http://bit.ly/LNseminar1406>. The community and personnel of LN and the provincial council are now building on this treasury of ideas in order to do justice to the creativity of those who participated.



### GREETINGS FROM PARIS!

While this month has been “World Cup season”, it has not stopped life in the province. Amongst the events which prove this, are a pilgrimage and some creative “brainstorming” at La Neylière, a faith festival in London. We hear echoes from Davao and from the first meeting of the new provincial council.

Joaquín Fernández &  
Martin McAnaney

### Reminder of the Solidarity Narrative project

The Solidarity committee remind members of the province that all contributions to the project are still welcome even though the closing date was June 29<sup>th</sup>! It is really important to hear as many stories as possible of confreres’ personal experience of solidarity ministry. Please send your narrative to Jean-Marie Bloqueau, Notre Dame de France, 5 Leicester Place, WC2H 7BX London U.K. or by email to [jmbloqueau@wanadoo.fr](mailto:jmbloqueau@wanadoo.fr)

### Prayer Intentions



“The Synod noted that today the changes taking place in these great spaces (cities) and the culture which they create are a privileged locus of the new evangelization. This challenges us to imagine innovative spaces and possibilities for prayer and communion which are more attractive and meaningful for city dwellers.” (Evangelii Gaudium 73). We pray that the Spirit may inspire Marists in Europe to create those spaces and possibilities for all who seek meaning in life so that we may all discover the deep joy of the Gospel in our lives.

## Marist Network of City Centre Churches and Spirit in the City, London, June 11th – 14th

"In order to address the needs of an increasingly secular world, the Society will develop a network of selected city-centre churches" (Marist General Chapter 2009, 21). The network draws together various churches served by Marists located in cities across the globe. The rich tapestry of activities in which Marists engage throughout the network is revealed by way of the blog: [bit.ly/CCCNsm](http://bit.ly/CCCNsm). Notre Dame de France (NDF) is one of these churches and the Spirit in the City faith festival ([www.spiritinthecity.org](http://www.spiritinthecity.org)) is a city centre initiative located in London's West End. NDF ([www.ndfchurch.org](http://www.ndfchurch.org)) considers this activity an important dimension of its mission in London ([bit.ly/CCCNDF](http://bit.ly/CCCNDF)). For the 9th consecutive year the festival ran a programme of opportunities for prayer, reflection, workshops, live music and presence on the streets of London's entertainment district. Featuring this year was Fr Rob Galea ([www.frrobgalea.com](http://www.frrobgalea.com)), a Catholic priest based in Australia who travels widely to share his story through his songs and music.



## New European Provincial Council (PC), Paris June 18th – 19th

The members of the former and the new PC gathered to celebrate the contributions of Joaquin Fernandez and Jean-Marie Bloqueau, to welcome Pascal Boidin and Marcello Pregno and finally, to review previous years in the life of the province. Collectively they drew up a list of achievements, obstacles and difficulties, what could have been done differently, as well as what needs to be kept in mind as the new council moves forward.



## In the Footsteps of the Founder 2014, May 25th – 29th

19 members from three Marist schools in Ireland and St Mary's College, Blackburn, England set off on the annual Historical, Educational and Social Pilgrimage in the footsteps of the Founder on the 25th May. This was the 7th year it has been organised by the Marist Education Authority (MEA) and led by the MEA director, Kevin Jennings. Based in La Neylière they visited Le Puy, Fourvière, Cerdon, L'Hermitage and Lyons. Even though La Neylière is still being renovated the community of Marist Fathers and staff of La Neylière were able to welcome and assist them in all arrangements. Until next year!



## Rory Mulligan travels to the International Novitiate, Eden, Davao, the Philippines's

Nikolai Reimers Massen from Norway is the single European novice participating in the novitiate programme. Rory Mulligan (NL) from Norway was with him May 29th - June 5th. Rory writes that he was impressed by his stay and found Nikolai in good form and responding well to the challenges. To his surprise, he found that the programme involves a pastoral outreach, especially in parish and prison ministry. An extra two weeks in the Philippines enabled him to visit other confrères in various ministries, among which street-child rescue and prison ministries left indelible memories.



## Obituary

Jacques Peuchot (Fr) 03.06.2014

Laurent Verver (NI) 07.06.2014