



SM bulletin

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General Administration

In its recent meeting the General Council approved the departure of the Marists from the parish in Curitiba, Brazil, and the closure of the community and the transfer of the formation house of Brazil from Curitiba to Belo Horizonte.

PERPETUAL PROFESSIONS IN OCEANIA

On 6 February in Suva three confreres made their perpetual vows: Louis Maite, Xavier Sariman and Lutoviko 'Olie - pictured with Frs Soane 'Ahoako and Tony Kennedy, resp. superior and vice superior of Marist College. Lutoviko and Louis are continuing their studies at Marist College and Pacific Regional Seminary, Xavier has returned to Papua New Guinea where he is appointed to the Hohela parish in Port Moresby. He will move to Kanosia parish later in the year.



EUROPEAN PROVINCIAL COUNCIL AND MARIST LAITY MEET IN PARIS



(from left): Fr Hubert Bonnet-Eymard; Fr Marcello Pregno, Georges Lajara, Fr Ad Blommerde, Paolo Serafini; Fr Jan Hulshof; Fr Martin McAnaney; Fr Pascal Boidin, Maureen Meatcher; Fr Tonny Verbraeken and David Sanz de Diego

On 13 and 14 February the Provincial and his Council and the Executive group of Lay Marists in Europe (EMLC) met in Paris to see how to carry out their common mission in the light of last year's Laity Meeting of Los Negrals (Spain). Several issues came up for consideration: the indispensable role of the laity in general and of Marist laity in particular in our Marist projects; the specific mission of Marist laity, which is not confined to projects of our congregation; the

recommendations of the Superior General after CS 2013 as well as some statements of the Directory of 2014 on the relationship between religious and laity; and, last but not least, the need for consulting one another in view of the preparation of the provincial and the general chapters in 2017. The meeting also gave attention to ways of celebrating the Fourvière Pledge, both in Lyon as well as in the different regions.

DADS OF MARIST COLLEGE ON PILGRIMAGE TO LA NEYLIÈRE

On Saturday 6 February 90 dads from Marist College Sainte-Marie in Lyon walked through the Val de Coise to la Neylière in order to consider and discuss what it means to be a Marist educator. The participants were warmly welcomed by the members of the Marist community of La Neylière, who accompanied them through the house and also through the Colin and Oceania museums. They offered various opportunities for dialogue and reconciliation before entering Lent. The day came to an end with a celebration of the Eucharist in the *Grande Chapelle*.

