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GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Last week the 4th CLOC meeting between Major Superiors and the General Administration took place. Trying to guarantee some night sleep for all, this time the zoom meeting took place in early morning for those in Asia/Pacific, late at night for the Europeans and Africans and in the afternoon for the unit leaders in the America's. As always, the meeting took place in a fraternal spirit, and the main items discussed were the *Omnes Gentes* Missions and the Marist formation program. The next meeting will take place in early November.

NOVITIATE PLANS

In the past few weeks the Superior General and his council have had to review plans for our international novitiate, because of ongoing Covid restrictions. At present there are two novitiate courses in progress. In the International Novitiate in Davao, Philippines, there are two novices in the program which should finish in January 2021. There is also a novitiate in Yaounde, Cameroon, which began in June, for 4 African novices.

Usually another novitiate in Davao would begin in January and the new novices would arrive in November, but this is impossible at the moment. Hence arrangements have been made for some aspirants in Oceania to do other programs while waiting. It is hoped that 6 African candidates could begin a novitiate soon in Yaoundé so that there would be two novitiates running simultaneously at the same location. It is hoped that the normal international novitiate program could resume towards the end of 2021.

Appointments after Graduation



Three of the confreres who graduated their licentiate courses in Rome during the summer are now settled in their new communities. Frs David Sánchez and Arnaldo da Silva, who both graduated in Formation for Formators, have returned to their home units. David is the director of the formation program in Toluca, Mexico. Arnaldo is assisting the District Superior in the parish close to the formation house in Belo Horizonte. Fr Kosema Masei, who studied Missiology, is now in the parish community in Yaoundé, Cameroon. Fr Kevin Medilo, who graduated in Interreligious Dialogue, is continuing studies while waiting clearance to begin the *Omnes Gentes* mission in Australia.

