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A PROVINCIAL FOR CANADA

After having received a large support from his confreres during the election process, the Superior General has appointed Fr Jacques Arguin as provincial of Canada. His three-year term started on 6 June, the Feast of Saint Marcelin Champagnat. After the appointment in March of Rd. Yvan Mathieu as auxiliary bishop of the diocese of Ottawa-Cornwall, the confreres of the province of Canada had to elect a new provincial. Jacques has been the provincial of Canada previously, from 2013 until 2018.



PROVINCIAL CHAPTER EUROPE

The confreres of the Province of Europe started their Provincial Chapter on Tuesday in Rome, at the venue of the De La Salle Brothers. Fr John Larsen joined them on Wednesday and addressed the capitulants with an input on “What lies ahead? – a world context for the mission of the Society of Mary in Europe”. Fr Juan Carlos Piña, the counsellor for Europe was with him and they also celebrated the Eucharist together.

As in many other units, the provincial chapter had been postponed several times because of the pandemic. It was a joyful occasion to be able to finally hold the chapter physically together.

APPOINTMENTS COLINIAN RENEWAL



The Superior General has appointed Fr Ray Chapman (Australia) to lead the next Colinian Renewal Program, and Fr Donato Kivi (Oceania) as co-director of the program.

The English-speaking Program will take place in la Neylière from 20 January until 29 June 2023 and will include also a 30-day retreat in Nemi (Rome).

CONCERN AND PRAYERS FOR CAMEROON



Fr Albert Kabala, the District Superior of Africa, has arrived in Rome, where he will attend next week the “Discerning Leadership Course”. Albert has also visited the students in Casa di Maria, and has the opportunity to meet with members of the GA while staying at the General House. Amongst other things, he expressed his concern for our Marist community in Bambili, in the North-West of Cameroon where the ethnic-political tensions are escalating. Kidnapping and violent episodes are becoming more common, and this has recently put at risk one of our confreres. All members of the community are safe now, but there is a lot of concern and we ask confreres worldwide to keep Cameroon in their prayers.