

MARIST MINISTRY OF INTERCESSION



Over the last five years, amongst the confreres in the province, we have established a prayer network by matching up individuals who commit to pray for specific activities in the Marist world, with the persons for whom they are praying. This **network of prayer** is called the **Marist Ministry of Intercession**. Now is the time for the network to embrace other branches of the **Marist family**. We all have the capacity to carry others in prayer, and in turn, each of us needs to be carried in the prayer of others.

To expand the network we organized a webinar (13 May) and representatives of Marist laity from Italy, France, England, Ireland, and Germany participated. The response to the invitation to become involved was enthusiastic. Many creative ideas were shared and now the coordination team will do their best to make this a reality.



Jesus deliberately sends out his disciples two by two (Luke 10:1), intending them to bless and encourage one another. What better way to follow this tradition than by accepting an invitation to join in this ministry.

To get involved, please contact: provincialsecretary@maristeurope.eu

COVID MEMORIAL MASS IN ST TERESA'S PARISH, DONORE AVENUE, DUBLIN



The parish community gathered for a special celebration on Pentecost Sunday (28 May) for Mass with Bishop Emeritus Éamonn Walsh, and the unveiling and blessing of the new **Covid Memorial** windows. These were designed to include the rich symbols and

signs of hope by the parish teams, and brought to life by the designers and artists in Abbey Stained Glass Studios. The windows were installed to remember those who died during the Covid pandemic in the parish, and also to acknowledge the **wonderful community spirit**, sharing, support and strength throughout these difficult times. Facebook:

www.facebook.com/St.teresadonoreavenue



DEAR MARIST FRIENDS,

Greetings from Dublin and Paris! I write these introductory words on the feast of the Trinity. At first sight, the Trinity might seem remote from our daily lives. But take a look at Rublev's famous icon of the Trinity - 'The Hospitality of Abraham' where three angels or 'messengers of God' are seen as figures or 'types' of the Trinity.

While each figure is related to each other in an attitude of mutual deference, there is a place in front of the table for us, the beholder. An icon draws us in, in this case, to be part of the triune harmony. There is room in God for others, for us. And we are to be images of the Trinity in our own lives and relationships – thus reflecting something of the communion and self-giving love of God.

Declan Marmion, s.m.



PRAYER INTENTION: FOR FAMILIES

We pray for Christian families around the world; may they embody and experience unconditional love and advance in holiness in their daily lives.

OBITUARY

Willy Weemaes (NL) 14.05 ♦ Kieran Butler (IRE) 16.05
Maurice Audibert (FR) 17.05 ♦ Dieter Sievers (DE) 03.06

NEWS FROM THE LAUDATO SI PROJECT (YAOUNDE, CAMEROON)



Luigi Savoldelli sm writes:
"The work is going well despite the very long period of drought and heat which have caused four fires in recent months. After the drought came the rains with violent winds that caused enormous damage, uprooting many trees. In addition to the ordinary and daily activities, 'extraordinary' works are also

continuing, and we managed to complete the construction of the solar power system. It is truly a blessing because for almost a month, between



interruptions and damage, we had no electricity, and we had to use generators, which are very expensive. The work is not limited to cultivating the land or digging a well for water and thus to be able to quench the thirst of people, animals and the crops. But beyond each action, there is the profound meaning, dedicated to the poorest and most vulnerable, to help

them live better than they could have even imagined before. We create opportunities for 30-35 young people and their families for a future, so they are not forced to leave their homes and country. Thank you to the generous support of our benefactors!" JPIC blog: <https://bit.ly/43jhlbx>

INTRODUCING THE MONCALIERI COMMUNITY (TURIN, ITALY)



Villa Santa Maria in Moncalieri has been home to the Marist Fathers since 1907. The house welcomed the second novitiate after the expulsion of religious from France. Father Georges David, secretary to Father Colin, died in Moncalieri in 1907 and is buried in the local cemetery. In 1922 it was the temporary residence of the general administration. From 1925 to the 1980s, the house was used by the Italian Marists as a novitiate or scholasticate house. Since the mid-1980s it has been a home for students and workers. The association 'Il Ricino', which houses women

with children, operates in the adjoining building. The Marist community of Moncalieri is set up to welcome elderly and sick confreres. Marists according to their own charism and availability, are involved in animating the liturgy in some convents and in pastoral ministry of parishes and chaplaincies nearby, and in providing psychotherapy.

Currently in the community we are: Bruno Rubechini (superior), Mauro Filippucci, Giuseppe Fontana, Giancarlo Balzi, Mario Castellucci (national administrator), Marcello Pregno (national bursar), and attached: Renzo Pasotti (Brescia). For the future, we hope to continue the services currently rendered in the local area and welcome the elderly and sick. We would also like to strengthen the collaboration with Marist laity and other Christians in the locality.



Marcello Pregno, sm

MARIST LEGACY IN EDUCATION

How can we ensure a Marist legacy in education in the coming years? To explore this, members of the education trustee boards met in the provincial house on 25 th May. The fruits of the discussions will be an essential part of the forthcoming Education Forum in Toulon (9-11 October 2023).



The representatives of the various stakeholders were Frs Hubert Bonnet-Eymard, Bernard Thomasset, Martin McAnaney, Brigitte Chaignon, Vincent

Langlois, Ken Byrne, and Frank Dowling. Two others joined in some of the exchanges via Zoom, Mary Forde, and Diarmaid O'Murchu. Much more work needs to be done to be ready for the Forum.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION VISITATION IN EUROPE

Italian communities: May-June • France: 3-4 July
Provincial House, Paris • Ireland: 5-11 July



EVENTS AND MEETINGS IN JUNE AND THE SUMMER

- 1 June 2008 Province of Europe established
- 6 June feast of St. Marcellin Champagnat
- Provincial Council in Paris: 14-15 June • Televised mass 25 June on France 2: "Le Jour du Seigneur" to mark the bicentennial celebration (1823-2023) of the school in St Symphorien-sur-Coise, founded by Marcellin Champagnat • Investment advisory board 28 June
- Provincial Council in Paris 13-15 July • SM Provincial retreat in La Neylière 16-22 July • European Marist Laity gathering in England 30 July-4 August • World Youth Day celebrations in Lisbon, Portugal 1-6 August