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Friday, 9 June 2023

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Frs John Larsen and Juan Carlos Piña have concluded this week their visitation of the Italian Region with a visit to the community of Pratola Peligna, 150 km East of Rome.

Fr John Larsen departs on Monday for a short visitation of Senegal to join the District in its celebration of 75 years of Marist presence in Senegal. He will also be present at the official inauguration of the Marist school in Ndiakhirate and of the new Marist community.

Ben McKenna will go to La Neylière on Saturday to guide a week of Integration of the Colnian Renewal experience.

MARIST FAMILY MEETING



The Superiors General and Councils of the four religious branches of the Marist family met together on 2 and 3 June at Nemi, just out of Rome, for their annual gathering.

It was time of sharing and conviviality, prayer and discussion. One of the principal discussions centered on “collaboration”. We were able to comment on some of the present collaborative works such as the combined mission beginning in Turkey, the Marist World Youth Day in Lisbon and our efforts to participate together on the *Laudato Si’* programme of the universal church.

It was also an opportunity to farewell the SMSM team who are preparing to participate in their General Chapter in September 2023. It was the first time the new team of the SM Sisters was able to participate.

JEAN COSTE PRIZE

On 25 May the 9th annual *Jean Coste Prize* took place at the University of Rome. In the spirit of late Jean Coste’s commitment to make history and archeology accessible for all, hundreds of children and youth, mainly from the periphery of Rome, had prepared projects on their area and were awarded for their work. A special thanksgiving went to Jean Coste’s former pupil, Ms Rita Pomponio, who has been working over the years to keep his heritage alive, spreading the knowledge about Jean Coste and the Marists. The project involves now also university students and professors who have a high esteem for his insights in Roman archeology. The Italian Minister of Culture was present along with the President of the university. Also, a delegation of Casa di Maria attended the meeting. Pictured here Fr Larry Duffy, Manu Botabua, Ms Rita Pomponio, Joseph Ondoua and Eduardo Limón.

