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THE SUPERIOR GENERAL ATTENDS USG MEETING IN ROME



Fr Declan Marmion has been participating this week in the Assembly of the Union of Superiors General (USG) in Rome. The theme of the assembly was “Connected Faith: living prayer in the digital age” and was attended by more than 160 Superior Generals. The assembly began on Wednesday with an audience with Pope Leo. The sessions then continued in *Sacrofano*, with moments of reflections, prayer and fraternal sharing. In his address to the participants, the Holy Father indicated three important fields to explore: the relationship with God, meeting our brothers and the engagement with the digital world.

The relationship with God is the most important thing to cultivate, the Pope underscored. This is why “prayer is fundamental in the life of every consecrated person. In prayer we bear witness to who we truly are: creatures in need of everything, abandoned to the provident and benevolent hands of the Creator”.

Talking about the importance of fraternity, the Pope said that “there is a real temptation to replace actual human relationships with mere virtual connections, precisely when what is needed is presence, patient and prolonged listening, and deep sharing of ideas and feelings.”

About technology Pope Leo said that “it would be shortsighted to ignore the extraordinary opportunities technology offers for communion and mission”, but at the same time caution is needed against “prioritising convenience and efficiency when pastoral care is at stake. We must resist the presumption that we are managers of multiple services”. To read the full speech of Pope Leo click [here](#).

YOUNG CONFRERES ORDAINED IN AFRICA

While we were caught up by a Summer break followed by the General Chapter, on 9 August, three young confreres were ordained to the priesthood in Yaoundé, Cameroon. Frs Godlove Ngwese Neme, Clovis Gwencho Nformenteng and Joël Sebastien Ebonto Eyango were ordained together in Nkolbisson by the Apostolic Nuncio, Mgr Bettencourt. In the meantime, the three of them have taken up their appointments: Godlove is ministering in our Marist school in Bujumbura, Burundi; Clovis is on mission in the Parish of Notre Dame de France in London and Joël Sebastien has been assigned to the Jean Claude Colin school in Dakar, Senegal.



A FAREWELL IN ASIA



This week the confreres of the District of Asia farewelled Fr. Pat Muckian, after 32 years of generous missionary service, especially in Mindanao. Fr. Pat served in the Marist missions in Diwalwal, Monkayo, Agdao, and later as a formator. His last assignment was in Digos City, where he ministered for 13 years at the Our Lady of Fatima Parish and where he was committed to prison ministry. As Pat returns to Ireland, the district honored him for his gentle, humble presence and for his missionary life and faithful witness over the years.