



“To be more closely united, work more creatively, and act in greater solidarity we form one province beyond national limitations...”

## GREETINGS FROM PARIS!

For 10 days this month the leaders of all the units in the Marist world gathered in La Neylière for their annual meeting and while there, they included some elements of Marist pilgrimage. A group of teachers from Ireland completed another type of pilgrimage but in a Celtic context. Younger Marists in Italy came together to share about their Marist journey. Plans advance for the solidarity colloquium to take place March 2016. Of course a great source of celebration this month was the ordination to the diaconate of Daniel Fernandez (Esp).

Joaquín Fernández and Martin McAnaney

## Solidarity committee meeting, Paris, 7-8 October 2015

Amongst other things, the committee considered responses sent to the provincial as part of the review of the vow of poverty. High on their agenda also was organising the forthcoming colloquium, first announced in June entitled, **In the face of “the globalisation of indifference” today, is there still a place for mercy?** The event is planned for La Neylière, 28 – 30 March 2016, and it is one of the ways the province is marking the Church’s Jubilee Year of Mercy 2015-2016. The success of the colloquium depends on the range of people who participate. The publicity flyer states that people who might benefit from participating would be Marists, their partners in action for social justice, and all “people of good will”. A description of the colloquium can be found by following these links. More detailed information will be available in the coming weeks.

Leaflet: <http://bit.ly/solidcoll> Poster: <http://bit.ly/1MsljmF>

## Daniel Fernández’s ordination as deacon, Alcalá, Spain, 24 October

Daniel and 3 seminarians from the diocese were ordained by the Bishop of Alcalá de Henares, Juan Antonio Reig Pla, in a solemn and beautiful celebration in the



cathedral. For the event, his family and many friends were joined by lay Marists and Marist Brothers from Spain, and confreres from Madrid, Malgrat, London and Paris. Daniel will exercise his diaconate in the Marist parish of Colsada and the local hospital.



## Prayer intention

The Society of Mary is celebrating the Year of the Fourvière Pledge and the European province is using the occasion to focus on fostering vocations. In anticipation of the forthcoming November feasts of All Saints and All Souls, we turn our thoughts to those people who have gone before us on the path of life, especially those who have nourished our faith. We pray that all of us may be filled with the graces of joy, peace and the certainty of God’s love, and that we may give witness to the fruits of God’s presence in our lives to future generations. May the Lord reward with eternal life those people who have generously given of themselves in the consecrated religious life, and especially those Marists who have walked the path of discipleship in the manner of Mary.

## ARC meeting 2015, La Neylière, France, 30 September – 10 October

Hubert Bonnet-Eymard writes: “The meeting of provincials with the superior general and his team, enabled me to step back from the usual concerns of Europe and to see the broader perspective. This better perspective with its inevitable tension between the local and the global, did not come easy to me but I believe it was beneficial. I became aware again of the need to look at the decisions we have to take today, from the perspective of 2020 or 2025. Change is difficult but again, it is beneficial. Finally, I really appreciated these days in La Neylière, on the one hand because I became aware that the confreres felt themselves at home, and above all because the place was experienced by everyone as a source of inspiration”.

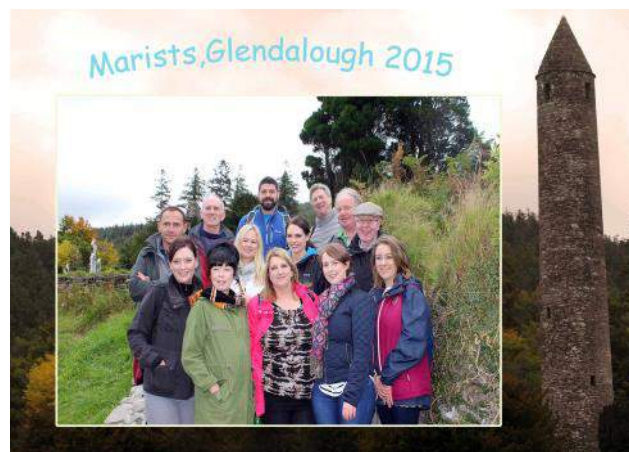


### Obituary

Denis Green (Ire)	06.10.2015
John Mulligan (Ire)	17.10.2015

## Marist Education Authority pilgrimage to Glendalough, Wicklow, Ireland, 10 October

On a pilgrimage, the purpose of the journey is not reaching the destination but the journey itself - each step along the way can lead to looking upon life's experiences with new eyes. A group of 13 from the three Marist schools travelled to the ancient Celtic monastic site of Glendalough ([bit.ly/GlendaloughMEA2](http://bit.ly/GlendaloughMEA2)) and made a guided pilgrimage in the hills which surround its ruins. This was followed by a reflection on selected texts from *Evangelii Gaudium*, to look again at the potential for their schools to become a “school of joy”. Of course it was also an opportunity to socialise in a place of great natural beauty.



## Gathering of younger Marists, Moncalieri, Italy, 12 October



The first meeting of younger Italian Marists, (those less than 60!), took place this month. It was the initiative of one of the participants, Mario Castellucci, the Italian regional superior. The aim was to enable the confreres to share about life - their challenges, aspirations, motivation etc. Fabio Veglia, a professor of clinical psychology at Turin University, facilitated the sharing. They appreciated the opportunity so much they have already planned a second meeting.

One participant reported that it was probably the first time the group was able to share not what they do, but rather who they are, at this phase of life and on their Marist journey.