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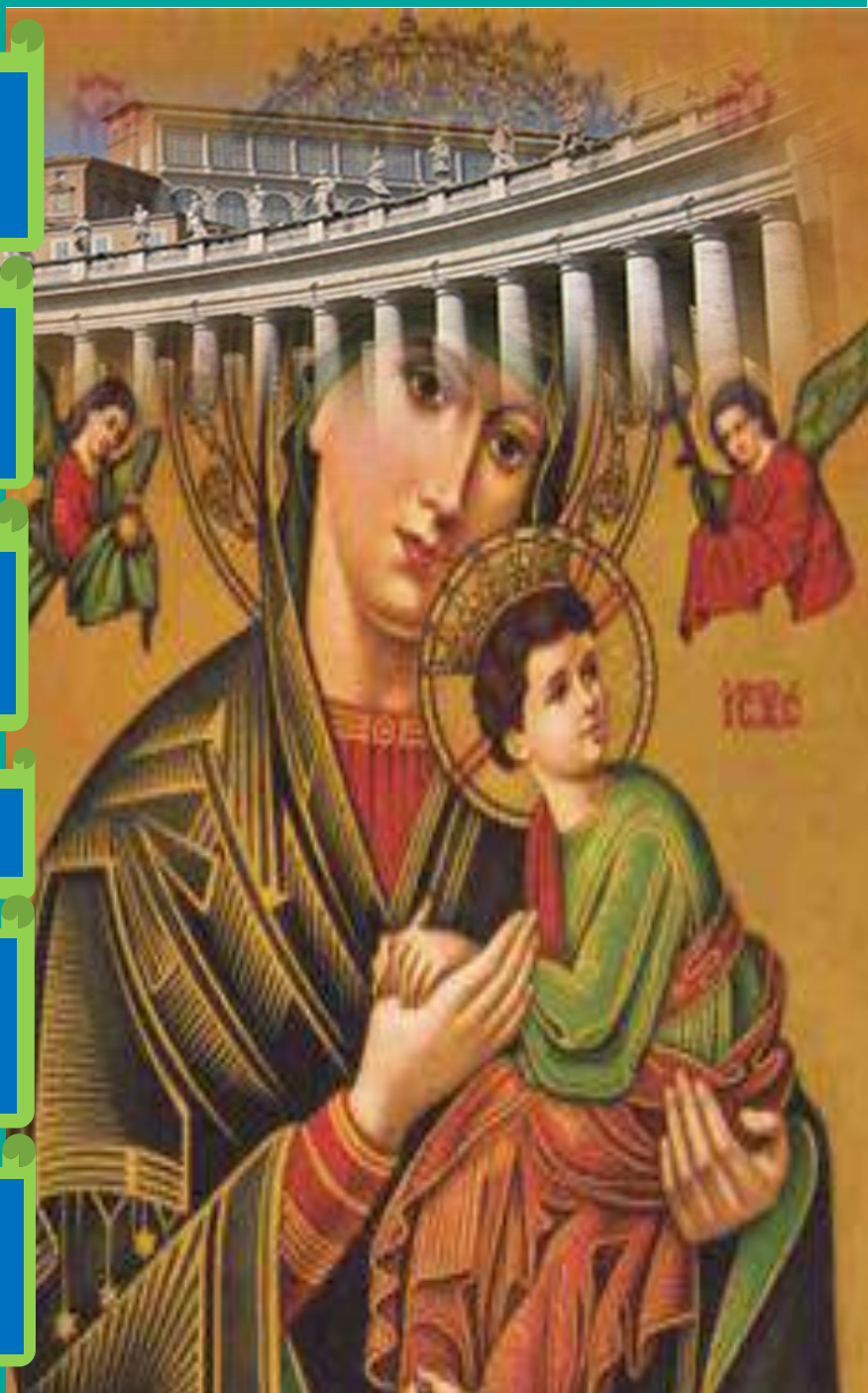
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# Editorial

Hello everyone

I am Fr. Pat Breeze from New Zealand and I arrived in Rome in late January to be the new superior of Casa di Maria. I have a background in youth and college ministry, parish ministry, and formation ministry both in New Zealand and internationally.

I have received a great welcome since arriving here at Casa di Maria. To be in a large, young, and culturally diverse community is a great blessing. My first task was to learn everyone's names and where they are from. As we have just had another six joining us from the novitiate, I have still more people to get to know.

Being in a community of young Marists, 'part from making me aware of how old I am, has made me realize that the Society has a great future. There is a spirit of faith and joy which permeates our daily lives along with an excitement about what the future holds.

I have also experienced a lot of practical help and support since arriving. Whether it be how things work in the house, where to buy things, to showing me how the local transport works, everyone has been very helpful.

It has been a blessing for me to be involved in formation ministry over the years, and I look forward to my time here as a way in which I can continue to contribute to the mission of the Society.

- Fr. Pat Breeze SM



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*The out-going superior Fr Albert Kabal and the incoming superior Fr Pat Breeze, with Daniella on her birthday.*

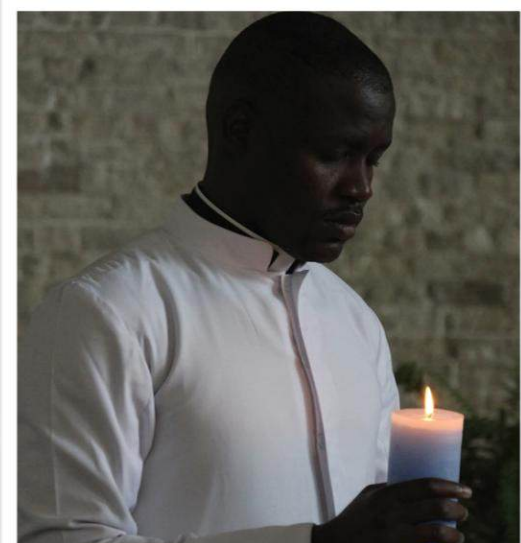


# PERPETUAL PROFESSION

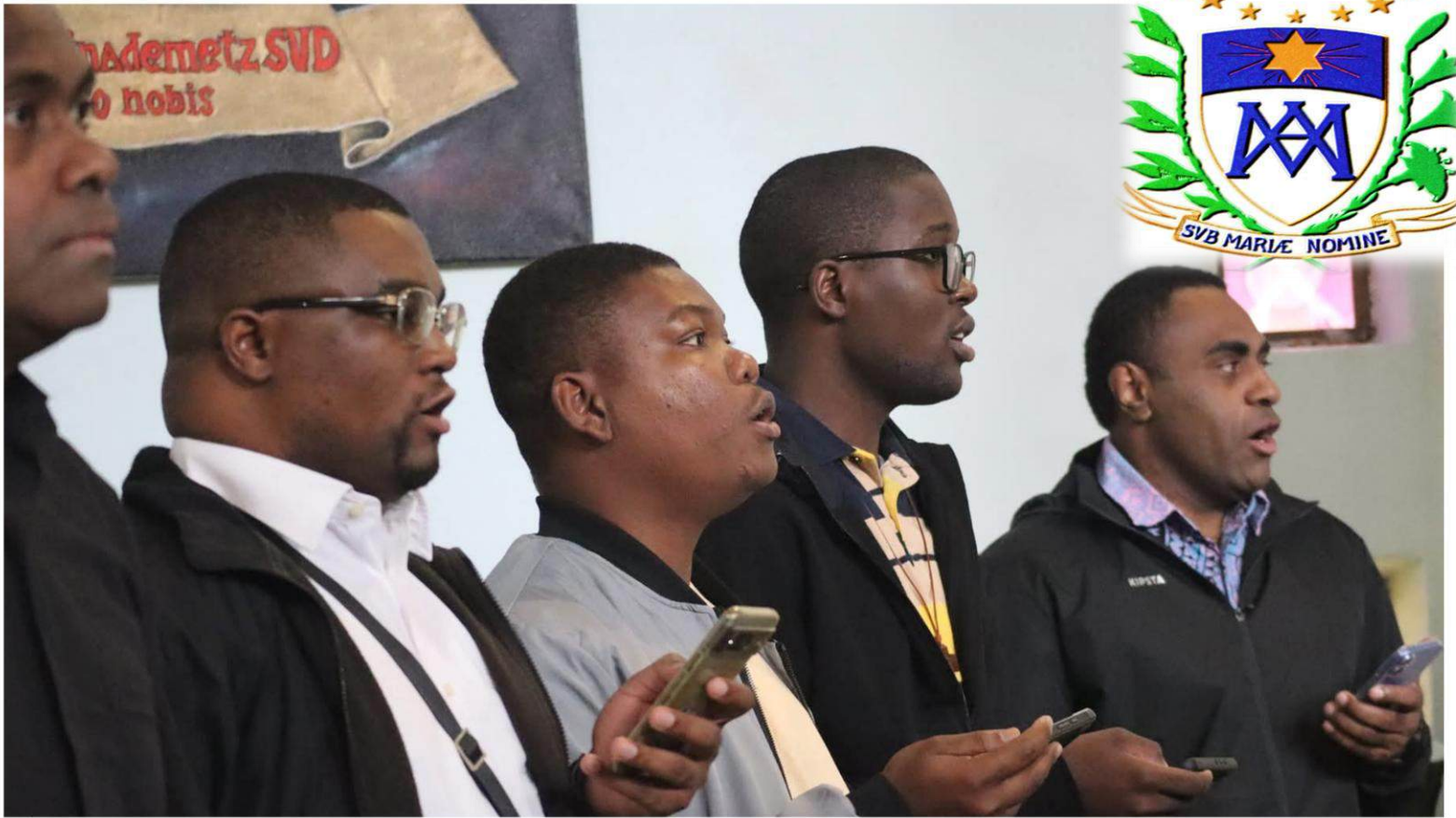


**Perpetual profession for me means taking full responsibility and committing myself to follow the footsteps of Fr Jean Claude Colin our founder. And also living a religious life that is centered in prayer. This is by emulating the virtues of our loving Mother, living her life above all in humility, obedience, self-denial, mutual charity, and the love of God.**

*- Lesley Kinani*



**"...Strengthen, O Lord, the work which you have begun. Mary, loving mother, I am yours: through the power of your intercession keep me unto life everlasting." (Constitutions #70)**

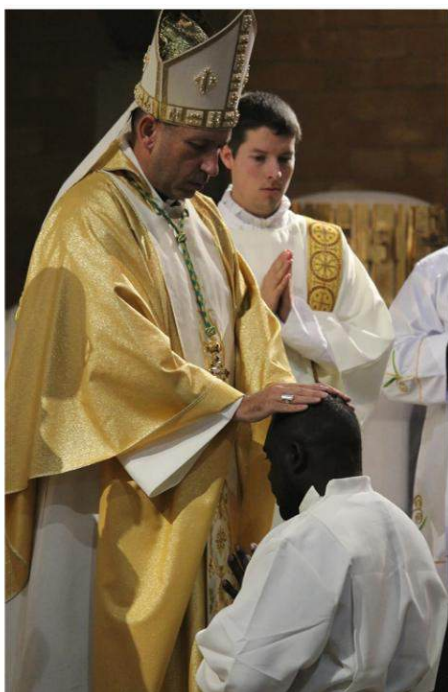


# DIACONATE ORDINATION



- Being a deacon primarily is to place myself at the service of the Church. This is in all aspects of church life for her members, particularly in the sacraments and being a right-hand man for the priests. More importantly, given my unique identity as 'Herald of the Gospel'. Being a deacon is a call to the contemplation of the life of Jesus in the Scriptures and to proclaim Him not only in words but in deeds as well.

- Peter Carde Matarawa





*Group photos with the confreres, sisters, families, and friends*

# CHRISTMAS BREAK





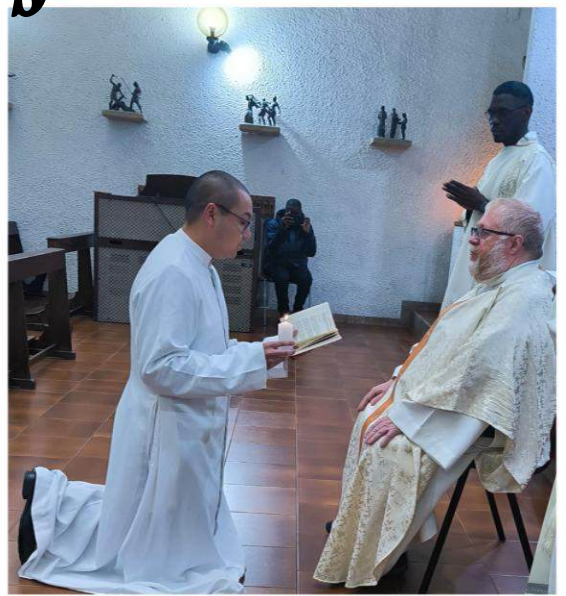
**We are called to celebrate “the joy of Christmas” as a “feast of faith, charity and hope”, where the birth of Jesus is a source of light in the darkness of the world.**

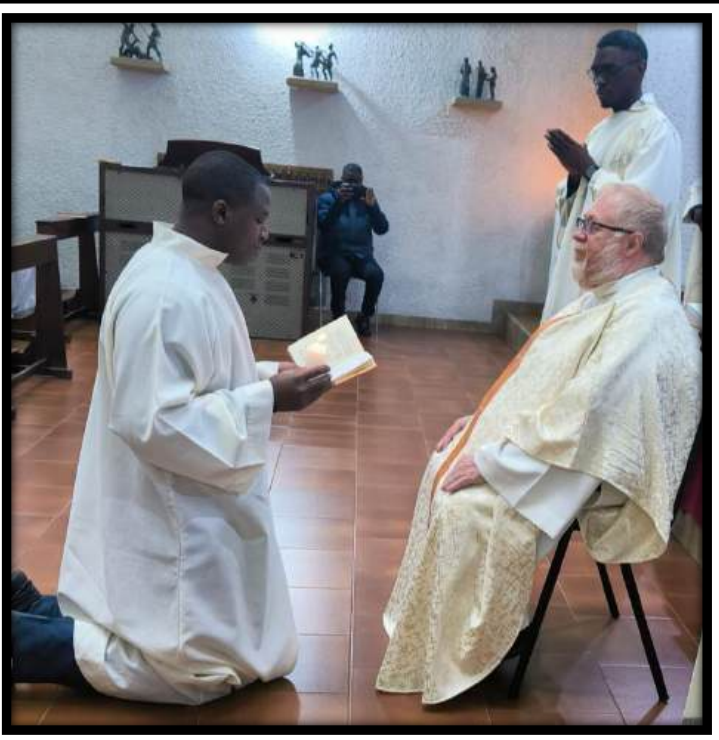
**-Leo XIV**





# ***RENEWAL OF VOWS***





# SUMMER PASTORAL PLACEMENTS 2025





**Pastoral life is not manual, but rather a daily offering; it is not a desk job, but rather a “Eucharistic adventure”.**

**(Pope Francis)**



# Community Life



***A Marist does not act in isolation. By his vocation he has a responsibility to see that his actions taken individually and with his brothers help communion for mission. (Constitution # 115)***





*Visit to the cemetery*  
**All soul's day**



# Studies



*"Marists belong to a Society with a worldwide mission and take a keen interest in its life and progress throughout the world."*

*(Constitution #127)*





# New members in the Society of Maria



*First Profession*  
Marist International Novitiate, Davao, Philippines



**“Mary’s role was to give flesh to the Word”. What was Mary’s role is exactly that of the Marist today – to continue “to give flesh to the Word”, that is to give Christ to the world. (Kevin Maher sm)**



# Welcome to Rome



**In brotherly love, Marists strengthen the bonds of friendship by the frank exchange of hopes and concerns. They avoid all that provokes disharmony and envy. They ensure that their diversity enriches the community rather than create discord and division. (Constitution #224)**



# Tour around Rome

