



GREETINGS FROM PARIS!

In this time of COVID-19, which has impacted us for most of 2020, and at this time when the threat does not seem to be lessening, here is something positive.

A vaccine has been approved in the UK! Within 36 hours of this approval in mid-December, Peter Corcoran (Eng) from the Hull community and Michael Coleman and Noel Wynn from Blackburn were offered and willingly accepted to receive the vaccine. A benefit of those belonging to the over-80's Club!

These confreres are "trail-blazers" in the province, and more importantly, we have now a growing sense of protection both for the confreres involved, their communities and for people in general.

In this EuroInfo issue, you will find other good news to begin the New Year.

Our wish for our readers in 2021 is that it will be a year with a more optimistic outlook and not just 'business as usual' spilling over from 2020!

We wish you every blessing and joy in 2021!

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and Martin McAnaney
with Peter Corcoran*

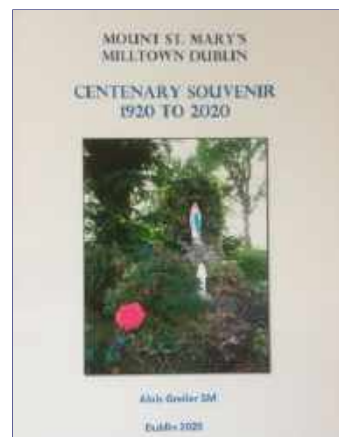
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100 YEARS OF MARIST PRESENCE IN MOUNT ST MARY'S, MILLTOWN, DUBLIN

After a century of presence in Mount Saint Mary's, the Marists in Ireland closed the doors of this important house. Mount St Mary's has served as a formation house, a base for local pastoral ministry, missionary work and community life.

Alois Greiler (Ger) has just published a centenary souvenir book. In it he has included some reminiscences of Marists past and present to give it a personal touch: "The Mount St Mary's Golden Jubilee book (1970) ended on an optimistic note. The 1980s did see the Marist formation house in Dublin full, active and promising. However, by the end of the 1980s change was in the air. The number of candidates began to drop, some chose another path, and Marist formation moved on to a more international level. Marist formation ceased in Milltown in 1992. The house became a residence for different priestly ministries, with non-Marists staying in the house while studying in Dublin. From 1920 to 2020 the campus had grown to a number of buildings finally too costly for too few residents...

Mount St. Mary's will always be a house of great importance for Marists from Ireland, England and many other countries who have done part of their formation there or worked as formators in Dublin... This centenary book tries to honour the story and the people and the place... Hopefully, it helps us to recall stories and to reflect on this very important example of formation in the Society of Mary." If you are interested in copies, please contact Fr David Corrigan, 78A Donore Avenue, Dublin 8, Ireland: (dcorrigan181@gmail.com).



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REFLECTION SHEETS ON THE THEME OF SOLIDARITY MINISTRY



The Provincial Solidarity Committee has prepared four reflection sheets for use by anyone interested in social justice ministry. Ivan Vodopivec (Eng), chairman of the committee, writes: "The pandemic has affected us all. As well as the loss of life and the number of people grieving, the pandemic has caused so much isolation, poverty and insecurity for many people throughout the world. We are

all too aware that in Pre-COVID years many people have had to live with this sense of isolation, vulnerability and desperation as a normal way of life..."

The sheets seek to encourage a broader Marist reflection on social justice ministry. The first sheet is available in different languages here:

EN <https://bit.ly/2KRFlDz> FR <https://bit.ly/3o6qgbH>
IT <https://bit.ly/2X2y15G> ES <https://bit.ly/2WYCTKh>
DE <https://bit.ly/2X3d0sA> NL <https://bit.ly/2L9tJrI>



PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE NEW YEAR 2021

Loving God, we are grateful you have been with us throughout this most difficult year. You carried us through the uncertainty of deep waters, through the flames of trials, and through the pain of cruel losses. Help us to keep our focus first on you this New Year. Forgive us for giving too much attention to things instead of people, for not turning to you first. Help us to identify again what is of true value in life. You came in the flesh to give us new life, peace, hope, and joy. May your power be made manifest in our weakness!



REFLECTING ON VOCATION FOSTERING MINISTRY - ZOOM MEETING, 10 DECEMBER

Ten confreres came together on Zoom to reflect on the meaning of vocation fostering in their countries. The 2017 General Chapter emphasised that this ministry is the responsibility of each Marist, therefore it is important for the province to develop a common understanding of the challenges which this ministry entails today. Some topics which arose during the conversation were: (i) the place of laity in the ministry, (ii) sharing the Marist vision of Church with another generation (iii) opening doors to reach potential candidates, (iv) the strength of personal and group conviction amongst Marists about the relevance of our vocation today, and (v) the means available to us to communicate the Marist vocation both by our way of living and use of promotional material. Our reflection will continue throughout the province of Europe in the coming year.



"LINK" – THE NEWSLETTER FROM THE EUROPEAN MARIST LAITY COORDINATION (EMLC)

The editorial team writes, "During the July Zoom meeting, the EMLC delegates had the pleasure of welcoming the new European Provincial Delegate for Marist Laity, Fr Antonio Airò (Italy). He has taken over the role from Fr Jan Hulshof. With Fr Antonio, we decided to continue publishing the newsletter that Fr Jan has produced for several years – thank you, Fr Jan for all you did for this Network. The new digital version of the letter will come out twice a year and will involve greater participation of the laity. Its purpose is to share information and resources among Marist Laity in Europe. It also seeks to become more effective in promoting fraternal communication between Marists, both lay and religious, in Europe – a task more necessary at this time when distance between us seems to have increased!" Link to the newsletter in English <https://bit.ly/385cTDp>, French <https://bit.ly/2JzZxW4>, Italian <https://bit.ly/38QTdSS> and Spanish <https://bit.ly/3aYc8xw>.