

## LA NEYLIÈRE AN ARRIVAL AND A DEPARTURE

### A DUTCHMAN LEAVES: JAN HULSHOF



After five and a half years with us, Father Jan Hulshof will be leaving us in February 2024 to return to his native country, the Netherlands. Still young at 82, Father Jan has left his mark on the life of La Neylière since his arrival in September 2018. A great intellectual, methodical and a lover of conversation, an evening pianist, a walker, he is always thirsty for new knowledge, which he happily shares with us. Along

with everybody, he has faced up to the time of Covid, which took the life of our confrere Father Paul Loubaresse. Jan says: *"Paul was a cheerful companion with whom I enjoyed walking in the mountains of the Haut-Lyonnais or visiting Fourvière and L'Hermitage. He was able to demonstrate his qualities as a good confrere, charming, attentive and generous with his time by helping me to get in touch with our Marist sources and our beautiful heritage"*. **Thank you, dear Jan!**

We will miss you, your confreres, and you will be missed by your many acquaintances and friends of Pomeys, Saint-Symphorien and the surrounding area, where you sowed Marist friendship and joy. There is a time to arrive and a time to leave. We wish you a good ministry where our superiors will assign you and a good time of rest among your family. **Goodbye, dear Jan!**

### A CANADIAN ARRIVES: RAYMOND PELLETIER

In September 2023, after a sabbatical in Quebec, my homeland, I joined Jean-Marie, Georges and Jan at the La Neylière community. I'm not as talented as my confreres, but I'll try to bring my little air of youth and Marist joy. 76 years old is a lot, but it's still not much. I am in the middle of my confreres. My religious life was spent mainly in Africa (Senegal and Cameroon) where I spent more than half my life in pastoral service in parishes, chaplaincy at the college in Dakar and in the formation of young Marists in Yaoundé. I even had a little experience as master of novices in Africa at the time of Covid (2020-2022). I'm happy to be back here, at La Neylière, where I did my novitiate 54 years ago, this blessed place where our founder, Father Jean-Claude Colin, lived his last years and where he rests in our beautiful oratory, beneath the great fresco dedicated to the Virgin Mary of Pentecost. I'm looking forward to the **jubilee year of 2025, the 150th anniversary of Jean-Claude Colin's death**, and I hope with all my heart that he will be beatified for this great event. This place is peaceful and conducive to action and contemplation. A place is available for another confrere. A great welcome awaits you.

*Raymond Pelletier, sm*

## DEAR MARIST FRIENDS

EuroInfo this month has a Lyon flavour, with news of comings and goings in the city centre and in La Neylière. In both places, changes are afoot that touch the lives of the confreres there. Major refurbishments are taking place in the building of Ste Foy and the confreres have decamped to a residence next to that of the Marist Sisters in the centre of the city.

In La Neylière, the Marist Fathers are moving to the second floor of the house, which is better adapted to their community life.

The confreres assure us of a warm welcome to visit both communities. By the time this EuroInfo is distributed I will have visited both places myself – but more of that next month...

*Kevin Duffy, sm*

## PRAYER INTENTION:

The communities of La Neylière and Lyon

## OBITUARY

Columban Hagen (DE)  
 17.01.2024

## FROM SAINTE-FOY-LÈS-LYON TO RUE SALA

**Pascal Boidin, sm** reports:

"The confrères are now based at 12 rue Sala, in Lyon city centre, between Place Bellecour and the train station Perrache. Five have moved there: Roger Lordong, Bernard Boisseau, Jean Chevillard, Paul Fontanier and Paul Souga, an African confrere on sabbatical.



Etienne Mansaly, a young Senegalese man, has also moved to rue Sala, where he provides services to the confreres in exchange for a low rent. Philippe and Michel Guerre are staying at the Domitys residence. Xavier Béchetoile is in a special facility.

I was able to spend a week with the community just after Christmas. The building on rue Sala belongs to the Œuvres Pontificales Missionnaires (OPM), whose offices are on the 1st floor. The top 3 floors are rented by the Marist community. The 3rd and 4th floors are each divided into three flats, and the 5th floor contains the common rooms, an oratory and a flat. The confreres are gradually getting used to their new environment. They live next door to the Marist Sisters, who regularly attend mass with us.

The house has guest rooms. We look forward to your visit. Please contact Madame Hugonnet, the house manager. Email: [amisdugrandroule@gmail.com](mailto:amisdugrandroule@gmail.com)"



## MINISTRY OF INTERCESSION



The Ministry of Intercession was an implementation of a statement from the Provincial Chapter 2017, and now that our Provincial Chapter will take place July 15th to 20th, 2024 we would like very much to know your experience of this ministry of prayer.

Please send us your opinions and feedback to this email: [provincialesecretary@maristeurope.eu](mailto:provincialesecretary@maristeurope.eu). Your input would be much appreciated.

*Des Hanrahan, sm  
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Odile de Villenaut*



## INTEGRAL ECOLOGY COURSE ONLINE IN ENGLISH

This is a special announcement, at the request of the Joint Pontifical Universities of Rome who are presenting for the first time their Integral Ecology Course online, in English. <https://jpiblog.maristsm.org/joint-diploma-in-integral-ecology-english>

You may like to do this program, or encourage others in your community or Institution to do so. I did it myself last year and found it very helpful. If you are registered then recorded sessions will likely be available online if the time difference is too great. You can enroll here: <https://immatricolazioni.unigre.it>

*Bernard McKenna, sm - Marist JPIC blog*