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GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

The end of 2020 and the beginning of 2021 were marked by the joy of the whole Society for two priestly ordinations, two first professions and the start of a new novitiate in Africa. You find below the reports on the celebrations.

This week the Superior General began his series of individual zoom meetings with each Major Superior, which are programmed for January and March. In February there will be a CLOC meeting.

ORDINATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD



On 29 December **Fr Floyd Gatana** (Oceania, Bougainville) was ordained to the priesthood in the cathedral of Hahela, Buka, Bougainville by Bishop Dariusz Kaluza. Floyd is appointed to the new “Omnes Gentes” mission which is due to start in the first half of 2021 in Marayong, located in the suburbs of Sydney, Australia. A few days later, on 2 January, the ordination of **Fr Stev Youssouph Youm** (Africa, Senegal) took place in the Marial Shrine of Popenguine in Dakar, Senegal. Stev was ordained by the Archbishop of Dakar, Bp. Benjamin Ndiaye. He is working in our Marist school in Ndiakhirate as vice-principal and is curate in the Marist parish.



FIRST PROFESSIONS

On 9 January Charles Sangul (Vanuatu) and Peter Carde Matakawara (Fiji) made their first vows to the Society of Mary in the International Novitiate “Cerdon”, Eden, Philippines. The newly professed are now staying in the District House of the district



of Asia. Peter is due to go back to Fiji to continue his philosophical studies, while Charles will stay in the Philippines for his pastoral experience.

NEW NOVICES IN YAOUNDÉ

On 31 December five postulants from Cameroon and Senegal arrived at the Novitiate “Cerdon” in Yaoundé, and began their new journey on 1 January with 3 days of retreat. On 8 January they made their rite of entry into the Novitiate in the presence of a good number of confreres. The new novices will form a second group, sharing the house with the group of 4 novices who began their novitiate in June.

