

SMBulletin

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PROVINCIAL CHAPTER IN MEXICO

This week the Provincial Chapter of Mexico takes place in Tepoztlán, 100 km south of Mexico City. The Superior General addressed the gathered confreres through a video message, encouraging them to follow the path of communion for mission, communion with God and communion of life in small, prayerful communities among the poor. The theme of the Chapter is “Walking together into the boldness of the Spirit”. During the chapter the delegates had a video conference with representatives of the Marist Laity. Fr Pedro Alarcón is the president of the Chapter and Fr Juan Carlos Piña is representing the General Administration.



FIRST PROFESSIONS IN CAMEROUN

At the conclusion of the African District Chapter, four young Africans from Cameroun and Togo have made their first religious profession. The Superior General, Fr John Larsen, received the vows of



Godlove, Clovis, Joseph and Sébastien in the church of St Anne d’OBili. Their novice master, Fr Raymond Pelletier, writes: “it was a moment of intense joy for their family and for the whole community. My only wish is that they will be good Marist religious. May the Virgin Mary accompany them in their gift to the Lord”.

OUTCOMES OF THE AFRICAN DISTRICT CHAPTER

During their chapter the confreres of the District of Africa prayed and reflected on how to be a servant Church in the image of Mary, focusing on Const. 217, 218 and 228. The presence of many young confreres in the District was joyfully noted, and an important topic on the agenda was the clarification of the District’s ongoing vocational policy. The chapter stressed the importance of our Marist identity reflected in all ministries, the importance of collaboration with other units, and branches of the Marist Family, including the Marist Laity, and the challenge of harmonizing cultural differences within the District. The statutes were revised and will be submitted to the General Council for approval.

