

SMBulletin

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LEADERSHIP TEAMS OF MARIST FAMILY GATHER IN ROME



On Saturday 12 February the Superiors General and their Councilors met at the Marist Brothers Generalate in Rome, for their annual gathering. The group reflected on the challenges for the Marist Family and its contribution towards the Call to synodality

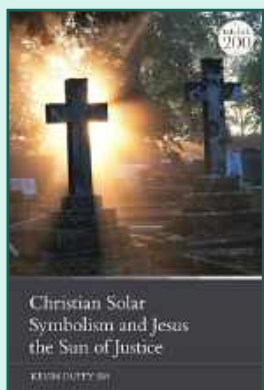
from Pope Francis. After the sharing they celebrated the Eucharist, led by Fr John Larsen, which was followed by a festive meal. The gathering was also an opportunity to farewell the Marist Sisters, who will have their General Chapter in May, and as a consequence will have a new leadership team.

REINVIGORATING CONSECRATED LIFE IN THE DIOCESE OF CALLAO

Recently Bishop Luis Alberto Barrera Pacheco, M.C.C.I, of the Diocese of Callao, Peru, has appointed our confrere, Fr. Miguel Angel Contreras as Episcopal Vicar for Consecrated Life in the Diocese of Callao. Miguel has been asked to re-establish links and walk together with the other consecrated men and women within the Diocese. One of his tasks is to reinvigorate and encourage the presence and richness of Consecrated Life in the diocese. Currently there are 45 religious communities who carry out their mission over a wide range of ministries: education, catechesis, parish ministry, medicine, migrants, shelters, etc. There are also two monasteries of contemplative life. Next week a meeting has been convoked on Consecrated Life: priests, religious men and women and also the leaders of lay movements will be meeting to elaborate their common pastoral plan for an outgoing and missionary Church.



CHRISTIAN SOLAR SYMBOLISM AND JESUS THE SUN OF JUSTICE



Fr Kevin Duffy, the provincial elect of Europe, has published “Christian Solar Symbolism and Jesus the Sun of Justice”. This pioneering study of Christian sun symbolism describes how biblical light motifs were taken up with energy in the early Church. Kevin Duffy argues that, living in a world of 24/7 illumination, we need to reconnect with the sun and its light to appreciate the meaning of light in the Bible and Christian tradition. In this accessible work, the author suggests that we rebalance a spiritual symbolism that has over-emphasized darkness and cloud at the expense of light and sun. He proposes a creative retrieval of the traditional title of Christ as the Sun of Justice. The book can be purchased [here](#).