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“VOIR ENSEMBLE”

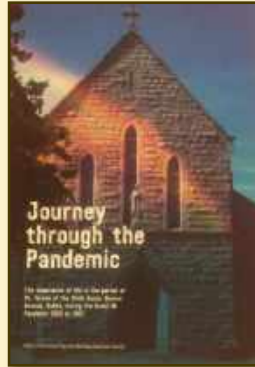
A group of 25 pilgrims from France visited the General House. They were members of "Voir Ensemble" ("Look together"), a French Catholic organisation for people with blindness or low vision "who want to journey together to live the joy of the Gospel in fraternity".

They were accompanied by our French confrere, Fr Roger Lordong, who has been their national chaplain for many years. They celebrated the eucharist in the General House Chapel, joined the community for a festive lunch and the Superior General spoke to them about the history and mission of the Society.

The following day they had a private audience with Pope Francis, who encouraged them "to see with the heart, because to see with the heart is to see the world and our brothers and sisters through God's eyes".



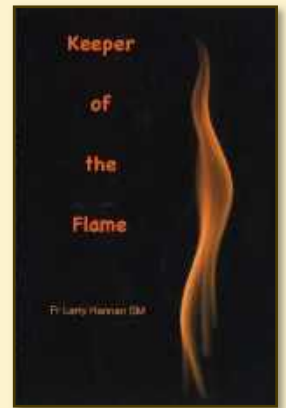
TWO PUBLICATIONS IN IRELAND



The Marist parish of St. Teresa of the Child Jesus, Donore Avenue, Dublin, produced a book about their experience of the pandemic with a foreword by Dermot Farrell, Archbishop of Dublin: *Journey through the Pandemic*. The editorial team put together a social chronicle of how the parish responded to the pastoral

challenges. The book reports also experiences of the parishioners, including prayers and poems.

Another recent publication in Ireland, *Keeper of the Flame*, highlights the life of our Irish confrere, Fr Larry Hannan (1922-2015), who spent 67 years of his life in Fiji. In 1990, whilst on sabbatical leave, Fr Larry wrote a journal. His brother has now assembled it in book form, including also several tributes in an appendix, giving witness of Larry's loving presence among Gods people.



CELEBRATION AT FRANCO INGLÉS

On 11 February, the Marist school in Mexico City, *Santa María*, known as *Franco-Inglés*, celebrated its 116th anniversary. The celebration took place in the school chapel and was presided over by district superior Fr Joaquín Fernández. The school management, some staff and the choir were present and the other members of the school community joined by zoom with more than 670 connections. It was a special celebration of thanksgiving for surviving the crisis of Covid-19. Mexico has been severely affected by the pandemic and the economic consequences have caused the permanent closure of some schools. But in the first week of March, after a long period of distance learning, all students and teachers will be present again at our Marist school.