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GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Fr John Larsen has recovered this week from his Covid infection. He and Fr Juan Carlos Piña will be in England on visitation next week. The CLOC meetings between the General Administration and the Major Superiors continue this month in another format which groups the units into regions. “Eurafrica” took place last week, while the meetings of “MAP” and “the America’s” will take place over ten days.

MARIST SISTERS, BEARERS OF HOPE

We join the Marist Sisters in thanksgiving for their new General Leadership Team, elected during their 30th General Chapter at Nemi (Rome).



Sr Sylvette Mané, Superior General, (Senegal) is pictured here with the new elected Councilors, Srs Silvia Sanz de Diego (Spain), Mari Aranda Sánchez-Lara (Mexico) and Kate McPhee (Australia). The theme of their General Chapter is “Crossing Thresholds, Bearers of Hope”.

PREPARING FOR COLINIAN RENEWAL

Fr Ray Chapman (Australia), who has conducted the previous Colinian Renewal Program in 2020 in La Neylière, was in Rome for the past two weeks. He took the opportunity to meet with members of the General Council, to start preparing the next Program to take place in La Neylière from 20 January until 29 June 2023. The program will include also a 30 day retreat in Nemi (Rome). The GA and Major Superiors are currently finalizing the list of participants.

NEWS FROM ASIA

During Holy Week and Easter Frs. Juan Carlos Piña and David Sánchez visited the Philippines and Thailand. In Ranong, Thailand, they had the opportunity to meet the staff who are working with our confreres in the Marist Mission. They also visited the Harmony Center, which is still in its final stage of construction. It will be a place where leaders from different religions in the area can gather to strengthen links and to discuss about items of common concern.

In Davao, they visited the ten college students who are interested in becoming Marists and are living in the formation house. In the same compound the district has recently built a new chapel (see picture) which was blessed on 21 March by the Archbishop of Davao, Mgr. Romulo Valles.

They also visited the International Novitiate site which is currently being used for retreats while the novitiate is in Italy. A new building has been constructed with a classroom and rooms for the formators and for visitors.

