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MARIST LIFE IN ENGLAND

Last week Frs John Larsen and Juan Carlos Piña visited the confreres in England. They were hosted by the community of Notre Dame de France in London, which after severe confinement rules has resumed the many ministries with vibrance. NDF is a Catholic reference point in London for the French speaking community. Frs John and Juan Carlos had meetings with our confreres, with the staff and volunteers involved in the activities of the Parish, including the ND Refugee Centre, sandwich service and evangelization/ catechesis programs. The ministry is particularly enriched by the presence of the SSM sisters and lay Marists. An encounter took place also with a group of young adults who shared on the challenges of Christian life in a big frenetic city such as London.

For one day they joined the Marist confreres who were holding their National Assembly in Hull. During a fraternal meeting, Fr John spoke to them about the situation of the SM worldwide, the International Omnes Gentes Mission Communities, International Formation and Vocations.

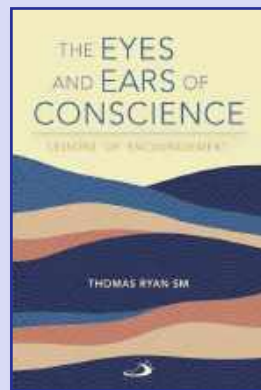


MARIST LAITY MEETING, NOUMEA

A few weeks ago, in the context of the Marist Vocation Year, the Marist Laity Board in New Caledonia organised a Marist Spirituality Day in the St Therese Church in Noumea. Almost 70 people attended the meeting which was led by confreres Bernard Gidrol and François Grossin. It was the first meeting in a series, aiming to promote a better understanding of the Marist spirituality.



THE EYES AND EARS OF CONSCIENCE



Our Confrere Tom Ryan has recently published *The Eyes and Ears of Conscience – Lessons of Encouragement*. In the introduction to the book we read: “The wide domain of human experience is a mixture of good and evil, light and darkness, or, in religious terms, grace and sin. (...) It is the God-given ability to steer a course in our moral life, one that guides us in our judgements and decisions. Conscience not only urges us to avoid evil but helps us to recognise opportunities for goodness, justice, compassion and love.” The book is published by St Pauls Publications Australia and is available [online](https://www.maristsm.org).