

# SMbulletin

Friday, 10 February 2023

## BEGINNING OF NOVITIATE 2023



On 2 February, celebrating the day of Consecrated Life, nine novices from different units of the Marist world began their novitiate in Eden, Davao, Philippines. In the morning, during a celebration of the Word, the novices were reminded that the novitiate time is a journey with Jesus in the style of Mary. They were invited to be always in discernment with Jesus, seeking to listen to his voice and put his word into practice. They were then joined by some confreres from the District of Asia for a festive lunch. In the evening, they celebrated the Eucharist together in unity with all religious in Davao. In the following days, the community started with a retreat on what each Marist is asked to be: a man of prayer, a man of the Church, a man of learning. All of this made the beginning of the novitiate a moment of grace for all.

## VISITATION OF AUSTRALIA

Frs John Larsen and Ben McKenna are carrying out the visitation of our confreres and works in the District of Australia. Last week they were in Brisbane, where they had the opportunity to have personal conversations with each of the confreres, a communal meeting, Eucharist and meal. This week they have moved to Sydney where they had meetings and interviews with the confreres and communities. On Thursday they listened to members of the Professional Standards Committee. In the coming week they will meet with members of the St Patrick's Community, attend a meeting with the District Superior and Council, and meet with key representatives of the Marist Mission Centre.



*the Montbel community in Hunters Hill, Sydney.*

## PREPARING FOR THE INTERNATIONAL GATHERING OF MARIST YOUTH



A few days ago, the representatives of the Marist branches and lay Marist met in Lisbon, in the Marist Brothers school of Carcavelos. The goal of this meeting was to continue the planning of the International Gathering of Marist Youth (IGMY) which will take place from July 26th to July 31st, 2023, prior to the World Youth Day (WYD). The meeting was an occasion to update the registered participants, the inputs, the planning of activities, the Marist festival, the budget, the facilities and other practical matters. For more information and registration, please contact Fr. Juan Carlos Piña [juancarlos.pina@maristsm.org](mailto:juancarlos.pina@maristsm.org).