

SMBulletin

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MEETING WITH THE CONFRES OF THE OMNES GENTES MISSION IN PARRAMATTA



Frs Kevin Redmond (Australia), Floyd Gatana (Oceania), John Larsen (Superior General) and Kevin Medilo (Asia)

After completing the visitation in the District of Australia, Fr. John Larsen met with our *omnes gentes* community in Hunters Hill for one morning of prayer and conversation. This *omnes gentes* community is based in the diocese of Parramatta, Sydney. It is an international Marist mission community praying and working in parochial, pastoral and educational care, mostly among migrants. The time together began with an extended period of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament and concluded with a celebration of the Eucharist. The conversation centered around what “communion for mission” means in this particular context and, specifically, how our unique Marist charism shapes our life and mission in the local diocese. Overall, our confreres are very happy with the way the mission has begun and the direction it is taking, in spite of the many challenges of a new Marist venture.

VERGUET IN ENGLISH



The Marist Fathers Australian District has published an English translation of C. M. Léopold Verguet, *History of the First Catholic Mission in the Vicariate of Melanesia*, translated by Sr Marie Lamerand sm and laid out

in the style of the original by Fr Merv Duffy sm. The book is a history of the first Catholic mission to New Caledonia, New Hebrides and Solomon Islands beginning in 1844. The author was one of the French Marists on that mission between 1844 and 1848. The text follows the course of his journey from France with Bishops Epalle and Collomb and includes periods in New Holland and New Zealand.

The text is available [online](#) and is part of [Marist and Pacific Mission History library](#) managed by Fr Andrew Murray sm, who collects and creates electronic copies of publications on the Pacific mission from the four branches of the Marist Family and other professional authors.

EUROPEAN MARIST SCHOOLS

The annual meeting of the heads of Establishment of the Marist schools and others involved in education in Europe took place in Passau-Fürstzell, Germany. Organised by the Marist European Education Commission, it was an occasion to meet for directors of our schools in France, Ireland and Germany along with the Chaplaincy team from Notre Dame de France in London. The keynote speaker was Dr Anton Spreitzer, who spoke on *Contemporary Culture, Catholic Education and Evangelization—a Catholic Legacy*. Fr Alois Greiler sm spoke on *Chaplaincy in our schools today*. The conference was enhanced by the warm welcome from the *Maristengymnasium Fürstzell* and the entire school community.

