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Friday, 14 June 2024

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Fr John Harhager is currently visiting communities in the Province of New Zealand. He will also be present at the provincial Chapter of New Zealand, which will take place next week.

Fr Ben McKenna is in Cameroon where the District of Africa has been holding its Assembly and District Chapter this week.

35 YEARS OF BALAY PASILUNGAN

The District of Asia celebrated the 35th anniversary of Balay Pasilungan, the Marist ministry offering shelter to street children in Davao. The month-long celebrations culminated in a feast and Thanksgiving Mass on 25 May, presided over by Fr Pat Devlin who is the founder of the Centre. Current director, Fr Gil Casio, expressed gratitude to confreres, donors and volunteers who have been contributing to the centre through the years, providing a safe place for children in need of protection.



MARIST COLLEGE ATLANTA IN ROME

On Sunday a delegation of Latin and Greek students and teachers from Marist School Atlanta was welcomed by the General House Community and they joined the Eucharistic Celebration presided over by Fr John Larsen. The friendly gathering was an occasion to share on the history and charism of the Society worldwide.



DISTRICT SUPERIOR APPOINTED

After a consultation among the members of the District of Africa, the Superior General has appointed Fr Martin Yao Simna as the new District Superior. Martin will succeed to Fr Albert Kabala, who has been the District Superior for two consecutive terms, on 1 October 2024. He is currently part of the Formation Team in the St Peter Chanel Seminary in Yaoundé, Cameroon.



TWO COMMITTEES

During the recent ARC meeting, it was recommended to establish two committees, one for Governance and one for Legislation, in preparation for the General Chapter. Last week the Superior General in Council has formally established both committees, with the following members:

The Governance Committee: to prepare possible scenarios to present to the General Chapter for the re-organising of the Society for better governance in the light of our rapidly changing demographics. Members are Frs Albert Kabala (chair), Larry Duffy, Kevin Medilo and David Sánchez.

The Legislative Committee: to go through the Society's current legislation, more specifically the Constitutions and the DC, and to suggest changes in the light of our new realities in order to simplify, update and clarify our legislation. Members are Frs Juan Carlos Piña (chair), Tony Kennedy, John Harhager, and Aisake Vaisima .