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## RETREAT, ASSEMBLY AND CHAPTER IN THE US

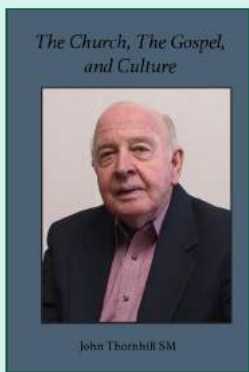


The confreres of the USA Province had a retreat led by Fr Alois Greiler (Europe) from 24 to 26 June, attended by 31 members. This was followed by a Province Assembly, facilitated by former Congregational Leader Sr. Georgeanne Marie Donovan, SMSM. The purpose of the Assembly was to surface issues for the Chapter which then met from 28 to 30 June, with 14 delegates along with Fr Ben McKenna, the link person from the GA.

The Chapter focused on ways to simplify as the

Province moves into the future. While the delegates voted to remain a Province, they stressed the importance of taking the next few years to prepare for fewer and older Marists in the future. Reflecting the spirit of hope of the Province membership, the Chapter stressed the importance of faithfully and prayerfully living our Marist lives and serving God's people with the help of our lay co-workers. In addition to Provincial Fr Joe Hindelang, the Chapter elected Frs Jim Duffy and Joe Hurtuk as delegates to the General Chapter in 2025.

## “THE CHURCH, THE GOSPEL AND CULTURE”



Late confrere, Fr John Thornhill (Australia, 1929 - 2019) was a Theologian, the first Australian and Marist to be a member of the International Theological Commission. He was known and loved for his dedication to the Church, his gentleness and kindness, and his zeal for the Gospel. Apart from his several

books, John contributed many articles to theological debate. Some of his work has been gathered in the recently published “The Church, the Gospel and Culture”. The editor of the book is Fr Tom Ryan (Australia) and it has been published by ATF press. The essays collected bear witness to key concerns of John's theological and pastoral work: the centrality of Jesus and his Gospel, the proclamation of the good news, to Christian faith, ecumenism, the centrality of Scripture to Christian faith and much more.

The book can be purchased from the [ATF website](#).

## RETREAT, ASSEMBLY AND CHAPTER IN ASIA

The District of Asia held a prayerful and fruitful District Retreat, Extraordinary Chapter, and Assembly in the Trappist Monastery in the Central Philippines from July 3rd to 9th.

During the retreat Deacon Delfin, a Trappist monk, encouraged the Marists to live out their Marist vocation and ministry with one heart and one mind for the mission in the spirit of Pentecost with Mary. The Chapter elected Fr Lionel Mechavez to join Fr Kevin Medilo (District Superior) at the General Chapter.

