

SMBulletin

Friday, 25 October 2024

ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE

Sunday 20 October was a very joyful afternoon as six confreres, Joseph (Af), Clovis (Af), Joel (Af), Godlove (Af), Charles (O) and Hemi (Z), were ordained to the diaconate. They were ordained by our Marist Archbishop of Wellington, Paul Martin, in the Marist parish of S^{ta} Francesca Cabrini in Rome. A large crowd attended and came to the reception afterwards. As well finishing their studies this year, the deacons will work as deacons in local parishes and in Casa di Maria.



MARIST CHARISM AND CULTURE GROUP

The *Marist Culture and Charism Educators* group from Australia recently made a Pilgrimage to France to the Marist Places of Origin, where they were accompanied by Fr Jimmy McElroy and Sr Teri O'Brien sm. They completed their pilgrimage by celebrating a Eucharist at our General House in Rome, after which they took in the view Rome from the terrace, followed by sharing a morning tea with members of the General House Community.

MAP MEETING

The MAP leaders from Asia, Australia, Oceania and New Zealand met this week in Auckland, New Zealand. The Unit Leaders and their vicars discussed matters of mutual interest and concern including International Formation, The General Chapter, Confreres working in other units and in *Omnes Gentes* communities and The Jubilee Year 2025. During the week they visited Whanau Maria, the centre where Logos and Marist Laity work together. MAP leaders will again meet next year in June.



AN AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO MARIST EDUCATION



The Marist Brothers School Authority in Australia (MSA), has recently awarded Fr Gavin Foster for his “Outstanding Contribution to Marist Education”. Gavin has been the Chaplain at the St Joseph’s College of the Marist Brothers in Sydney for ten years. Mr Michael Blake, the headmaster, highlighted Gavin’s talent for “bringing the Gospel alive in ways that are relevant, accessible and compelling, while he personifies everything that a Marist priest should be – his humility, his love of young people, his sense of family, his selflessness and his ever-ready care of those most in need.” Gavin’s ministry is not confined to its 1100 students (600 of whom are boarders), but reaches out also to members of staff and their families, parents, former students – effectively a “parish” of many thousands.