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PRE-CAPITULAR COMMITTEE

The Superior General in Council has appointed the members of the Pre-Capitular Committee. They are Frs Kevin Duffy (Provincial of Europe), John Hannan (Former Superior General), Albert Kabala (in-coming Superior of Casa di Maria), Ben McKenna (General Assistant), Juan Carlos Piña (General Assistant) and Milikiade Rayalu (Provincial of Oceania). Their first meeting will take place at the General House in Rome, from 17 to 19 February, along with the two facilitators. The duty of the Pre-Capitular committee is “to draw up a provisional agenda for the opening days of the chapter and to make whatever other immediate preparations are necessary” (DC #51).



PLANS FOR MARIST EDUCATION IN AFRICA AND SOUTH AMERICA

In recent weeks the Superior General in Council has encouraged both to the district of South America and the District of Africa to go ahead with the planning of a Marist school.

The District of South America wishes to establish a Marist school in Guanambi, where the District started a new mission last year. In the area there is currently no Catholic School and the recent district chapter decided to elaborate an education plan to offer quality education, committed to evangelization, valuing Catholic formation based on our Marist charism.

For the District of Africa approval was given to the establishment in 2026 of a Marist secondary school in Bambili, Bamenda, in the North-West of Cameroun, providing secondary education for ca. 600 children. The school will reinforce the Marist presence in the area, where the district has been present with a parish ministry for more than 25 years.

COUNCIL OF THE PROVINCE IN EUROPE

The Province of Europe has held its “Council of the Province” in La Neylière, on 29 and 30 October. Fourteen representatives from all regions of Europe gathered for this meeting devoted to the Marist ministries in parishes and places of worship throughout Europe. It was an opportunity to hear of a huge variety of activities in these ministries and of shared Marist values and approaches. Fr Declan Marmion gave a theological presentation on synodality and Fr Jean-Marie Bloqueau gave a challenging personal account of issues raised in ministries in the province. Among other things the COP confirmed the choice of being always an open, welcoming and merciful church, of the importance of lay involvement and of continuing to work closely together with the district of Africa. Representatives from all regions were given an icon of Mary, Star of Evangelisation.

