

SMBulletin

Friday, 10 January 2025

BR LUIS CARLOS GUTIÉRREZ FMS, R.I.P.



All Marists are united in prayer with the Marist Brothers as they mourn the loss of Br. Luis Carlos Gutiérrez fms, their Vicar General. Brother Luis Carlos, who was 57, died suddenly on 3 January while visiting his family in Spain. His funeral took place on 8 January. With Brother Luis Carlos, the Marist Brothers lose a dear confrere, gifted with many talents and much loved. Fr John Larsen expressed our deepest sympathy to Br Ernesto Sánchez, Superior General of the Brothers, in name of the whole Society of Mary.

ORDINATION IN BOUGAINVILLE

On Thursday, 9 January, in the Cathedral of Our Lady of Assumption in Buka, Bougainville, Fr Cameron Mota s.m. was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Dariusz Piotr Kaluza, Bishop of the diocese of Bougainville.

Cameron was born in Bougainville and joined the Society after a *Come and See* program in Hahela. He undertook his novitiate in Davao, Philippines, and continued his studies in Marist College Suva and in Rome at the Angelicum. After his ordination to the Diaconate in May, 2024, he has been visiting communities and helping out in parishes around Fiji. He is pictured here with Fr Xavier Sariman, Superior of Marist College, Suva.



SPIRITUAL DIRECTION WORKSHOP

Last week the students of Casa di Maria received three days of training in Spiritual Direction. Frequently, young priests are asked to be spiritual directors but they receive no training in this ministry during their academic studies. For this reason, the formators believed it would be helpful for them to have a workshop on the subject, considered from different angles, theoretical and practical. The speakers were Sr Eleanor Campion O.C.S.O. and Frs Paddy O'Hare, Larry Duffy, Albert Kabala and Roque Rebito. On Saturday, they had a time of reflection with Fr John Larsen, followed by a liturgy in which 13 of our seminarians renewed their vows before the Superior General.



“EL RECUERDO DE DIOS”



Fr Jaime Pérez Martínez from the District of Mexico has recently published a book “El Recuerdo de Dios” (In English: *The Remembrance of God*).

The work takes its inspiration from the manuscripts of Yohannan of Dalyatha, a mystical monk of the Syriac-Eastern Church. Yohannan lived around 690-780 in what is now Northern Iraq, and helps us to focus on the recurring verb of “Remembering”. God, in fact, is “the great Archivist”, the gentle *Rememberer* who never forgets his Covenant with us in our history. Those interested in the book can contact Jaime by [email](mailto:jaime@maristsm.org).