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Friday, 20 June 2025

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Fr John Larsen will be visiting Marist confreres in the Netherlands next week.

Fr John Harhager was at the MAP meeting earlier this week in Davao and is now carrying out the visitation of the International Novitiate.

Fr Pat Brophy attended the European administrator's meeting in Paris last week.

MAP MEETING

The Major Superiors and their vicars, from Australia, Asia, New Zealand and Oceania attended the 2025 MAP (Marist Asia-Pacific) meeting from 15 until 17 June. Fr John Harhager attended the meeting on behalf of the General Administration. The session was hosted by the District of Asia in the Eden Nature Park, just outside of Davao City, Philippines. The meeting provided an opportunity for the participants to share information on what is happening in their units and discuss other topics of interest such as initial formation, the upcoming general chapter, and the continuation of collaboration. One evening the participants were hosted by the novitiate community for a festive meal. Besides the warm welcome, everyone appreciated the opportunity at this MAP session to strengthen the bonds which hold the Society together within the region.



MARIST EDUCATORS CONFERENCE IN ATLANTA



Almost 50 teachers, administrators and board members from four Marist owned or sponsored schools in the U.S. gathered in Atlanta for a Marist Educators Conference. Bishop Joel Konzen SM gave the keynote address on the origin story of the Society of Mary. There were opportunities to share ideas on how to keep alive the Marist Way under lay leadership. The three days concluded with those present signing the Fourvière Pledge committing themselves to living and teaching the Marist charism at their schools.

THE BISHOP OF LEÓN VISITS THE MARIST ALBERGUE IN SAHAGÚN

The bishop of León, Mgr. Luis Angel de la Heras, recently visited our Marist Albergue on the Camino in Spain, where the members of the *Omnes Gentes* community welcomed him with a fraternal lunch. It was an opportunity for the bishop to become more familiar with the pastoral activities the community has been developing and offering to the many pilgrims joining the Albergue every day. Recently the community has also hosted three Franciscan Conventuals who are preparing the opening of their own Albergue in Astorga, a 100 km further on the road to Santiago, and who joined the community to learn from our Marist experience. It is encouraging for our community that more effort is being made on the Camino to reinforce the presence of the Church.

