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MARIST STUDIES SUMMER PROGRAM



The 4th Marist Studies Summer Program is being held at Casa di Maria in Rome from 9 July to 1 August. There are 12 participants: 4 Marists Fathers, 2 Marist Missionary Sisters, a Marist Sister and 5 lay people, making 12 participants from 11 countries.

Fr Larry Duffy is the director of the course and some students of Casa di Maria are assisting him. The participants were welcomed by the Superior General who addressed them and presided at the

opening liturgy. On the rich program there are inputs on our Marist history and spirit, followed by discussions, and also visits to the places associated with Fr. Colin in Rome, as well as to the Marist General Archives at Monteverde. Each participant also has a personal study project which they will present at the end of the program.

PROVINCIAL OF NEW ZEALAND

The Superior General has confirmed the election of Fr Mervyn Duffy as the new Major Superior of the Province of New Zealand.

Merv, who has a doctorate in Dogmatic Theology from the Gregorian, is currently the Dean of “Te Kupenga” Catholic Theological College, Auckland, and has ministered many years in teaching, first at secondary school and later at university. Over the years he has also developed large interest in the early Marist Missionaries in the Pacific. Merv has many years of



experience on the Provincial Council and will also participate as a delegate in the upcoming General Chapter.

EPISCOPAL ORDINATION OF MONSIGNOR MIGUEL ÁNGEL CONTRERAS, SM



On 12 July the Episcopal Ordination of our confrere, Bp Miguel Ángel Contreras, SM, took place in Callao. He was ordained as Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Callao, becoming the first bishop appointed during the pontificate of Pope Leo XIV.

The ordination ceremony was presided over by the Bishop of Callao, Luis Alberto Barrera, MCCJ. The Apostolic Nuncio and the President of the

Peruvian Episcopal Conference concelebrated, along with ten other bishops.

The celebration was attended by approximately 600 people, including Fr Renivaldo Rodrigues de Souza, District Superior of South America, Fr Juan Carlos Piña, Link Person of the General Administration for South America, Marist confreres from the District and beyond, lay faithful, local clergy and members of the Marist family.