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Friday, 17 October 2025

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

It was a joy for all at the General House this week to welcome the Superior General, Fr Declan Marmion. In the next weeks he will travel between Rome and Ireland. Along with Juan Carlos Piña and Albert Kabala, the General Councilors who are already present in Rome, and with the General Bursar, he held a General Council to look at some initial planning and to discuss several upcoming appointments, admittance of candidates to Novitiate and some financial matters.

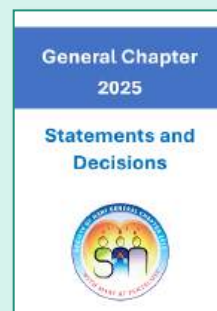
Frs Tony Kennedy and Aisake Vaisima are currently in Australia where they have a small break while organizing their visa. They will probably arrive at Monteverde later in November.

THANK YOU AND FARE-WELL !!!

This week the outgoing Superior General, Fr John Larsen, and his councillors, Frs John Harhager, Setefano Mataele, Ben McKenna and Juan Carlos Piña presided over a celebration of the Eucharist in the General House Chapel with the members of the staff, confreres of the General House community and the Formators of Casa di Maria to mark the end of their term. The Mass was followed by a festive lunch, which was a fraternal occasion to express gratitude for their work over the past 8 years and to fare-well those who are departing.



2025 CHAPTER STATEMENTS & DECISIONS



The final texts and outcomes of the General Chapter have been collated in the “2025 Chapter Statements and Decisions”. Thanks to the efficient work of the General Chapter Redaction

Committee, composed of Frs Kevin Duffy, Joe Hindelang and Tony Kennedy, and of the confreres who have been doing the revision of the translated texts in French and in Spanish, the PDF version is being sent out today to the Major Superiors for distribution among the confreres. The Superior General is encouraging all units to hold local assemblies to share and discuss the *Chapter Statements and Decisions* and to create ways to implement them throughout the Marist world.

150TH ANNIVERSARY OF FR COLIN'S DEATH

In Europe a coordination team is preparing with joy to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Fr Colin's passing into eternal life on 15 November: 30 short videos, listening to voices of Marists from around the world. They are witnesses that Fr Colin's thoughts are still alive and relevant in our world today. The videos are published daily on social media, on the European website (www.maristeurope.eu/colin150) and on YouTube (www.youtube.com/@societyofmaryeurope/shorts). Provinces, communities and all are invited to share these so it may reach the wider world. You can sign up to receive a weekly email leading up to the feast day. To register: communications@maristeurope.eu. A Novena is available in 7 languages with prayers and reflections from 6 November (maristeurope.eu/novena150colin). “Pray it, live it and share it!”