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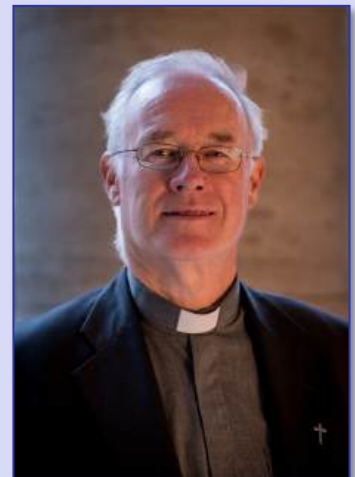
DISTRICT SUPERIOR FOR AUSTRALIA



After consulting the members of the District of Australia, the Superior General has appointed Fr Gavin Foster as the District Superior of Australia. He is succeeding Fr Tony Kennedy, who is now in Rome as a member of the General Council.

Gavin is originally from New Zealand and for many years he was ministering in the District of Asia. In more recent years, he has been the Chaplain of St Joseph's College of the Marist Brothers in Hunters Hill. Gavin will take up his role on 1 February 2026. Until then, Fr Peter McMurrich, the District Vicar, will be the contact person for the District.

SUPERIOR GENERAL'S PORTRAIT



The official portraits of the Superior General have been printed and a supply is being distributed to the units.

CONFRERES IN TÜRKİYE PARTICIPATE IN THE CELEBRATION WITH POPE LEO



Our Marist confreres from the Samsun Omnes Gentes community travelled to Istanbul to be present at the celebration with Pope Leo. Fr Donato Kivi, superior of the community, reports:

The visitation of Pope Leo to Türkiye was a truly grace-filled occasion for our small but vibrant parish community. From our parish in Samsun, 21 parishioners travelled together by bus, joining our neighbouring community from Trabzon. These two communities experienced the visit as a moment of deep communion and renewal. The Pope's words reminded us that we are literally serving in the very land where the first generations of Christians lived and where they were first called Christians. The Holy Father urged us not to be discouraged by our small numbers, but to recognise in them the strength of authentic Christian witness—just as the early Church flourished from humble beginnings. A moment of special pride for our parish came during the Closing Mass, as Sr. Juliana Mikaele, SMSM, who is a member from our community proclaimed the Second Reading.

ORDINATION IN VANUATU



On Saturday, 6 December, Fr Charles Sangul was ordained to the priesthood in Vanuatu. The ceremony took place in the cathedral of Port Vila, Vanuatu and the ordaining Bishop was Rd. John Bosco Baremes SM. Charles' first mass took place on Sunday in his home Parish, St Joseph in Pentecost (see picture). He is appointed to the Marist Community of Port Orly in Santo, where he will serve in the Parish.