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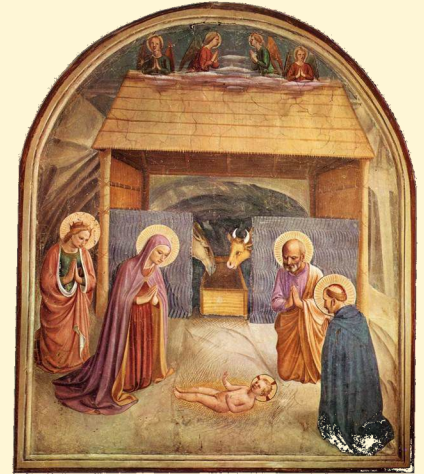
A Blessed Christmas and Best Wishes for a Happy New Year!

Dear Confreres,

Greetings from the General House. On behalf of the community here at Monteverde, I want to wish each of you a blessed and joyful Christmas.

I pray that the spirit of Mary be alive in each of us as we welcome the birth of our Saviour. May we be Marists of compassion and kindness towards all those we encounter in our lives and work.

Declan Marmion, S.M.



INTERRELIGIOUS ENCOUNTER

On 19 November, the Interreligious Leaders Encounter for Peace gathered Buddhist, Muslim, and Christian leaders from across Ranong Province for a morning of reflection and dialogue. The event aimed to deepen understanding between faiths and encourage practical ways of building harmony. The programme opened with an interreligious prayer which reminded everyone of the values held in common. After the words of welcome from Fr Larry Hermes Sabud s.m., three leaders shared reflections on the theme “Building Bridges of Hope Towards Lasting Peace: A Muslim, Buddhist, and Christian Perspective.” Participants continued the reflection in round-table discussions, and the morning ended with a Harmony Lunch where participants continued their conversations and deepened friendships formed during the event.



TOULON: BEATIFICATION OF JOËL ANGLÈS D'AURIAC

Joël Anglès d'Auriac was one of the 50 beatified martyrs in Paris last Saturday. He was a young man who lived through the anti-Christian Nazi persecution and was beheaded in December 1944. Joël was linked with the Marists, as he was a pupil of our Marist school in Toulon and also a scout. Over the years, for many generations, the Marists in France were closely associated with the scout movement. While some further historical research is ongoing, the beatification of Joël was much celebrated by the Marists. The confreres of the Toulon community were present at the thanksgiving Mass celebrated by the bishop in the local church on Sunday, as well as a delegation of staff and students from St Joseph La Cordeille.

**LET US PRAY THAT OUR DECEASED CONFRERES
MAY REST IN PEACE**

P. Bernhard Mersmann

Europe / Germany

08.05.1936—05.11.2025

P. Maxime Legros

Europe / France

14.03.1936—08.12.2025