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THE SUPERIOR GENERAL ON VISITATION IN ASIA



Last week the Superior General was warmly welcomed in the Philippines, as he began his visitation of the District of Asia and the International Novitiate. In Davao, Philippines, he visited the district house and [Balay Pasilungan](#), the shelter for street children, as well as the Marist Brothers and Marist Sisters. Fr Declan also visited the two formation programmes: the Aspirancy programme of the District of Asia and the International Novitiate in Eden, where he met

both the newly-arrived incoming novices, their formators, and the current novices, who are preparing to make their first profession next month. He also went to Digos, to visit the parish where a new church is under construction. Speaking individually with the confreres gave him a valuable insight into the work being done and how much the Marists are appreciated in their various ministries.

This week he travelled to Thailand. He visited the [Marist Asia Foundation](#) and the Marist Harmony Centre in Ranong and is attending the celebrations for the 20th anniversary of our Marist presence in Ranong. The visit will conclude with a two-day District Assembly in Thailand. Fr Declan is due to be back in Rome next week.

BEGINNING OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR IN SUVA

Formators and students from the Marist College Community in Suva passed time together in reflection and sharing on holiday pastoral experience & vocation promotion, and made preparations for the academic year ahead. They also spent time at Dawasamu, the Marist ecological project in Suva, where they helped cleaning the gardens and had time for a break together.

On 16th February they inaugurated the beginning of the academic year at the Pacific Regional Seminary with the celebration of the Eucharist led by Archbishop Peter Loy Chong.

This year there will be 130 seminarians at PRS, coming from all regions of the Pacific. Among them there are twelve Marist candidates, coming from Fiji, Bougainville and the Solomon Islands. The rector of PRS is Fr 'Okusitino Ulupano sm, and Fr Gerard Hall sm from the District of Australia is on the academic staff for 2 terms this year. The formators at Marist College are Frs Sipiliano Faka'osi (Superior), Samuela Tukidia and Bernard McKenna.



MEMORIALE 2026

Memoriale 2026 was shipped to the units this week. Several confreres, especially Fr Carlo Maria Schianchi, the General Archivist, and Fr Alois Greiler, as well as Ms Elizabeth Charlton, the New Zealand province archivist, have contributed with their research and precision work to make the Memoriale more accurate and consistent. For those who wish to bring mistakes or updates under our attention, please write to secretariat@maristsm.org.