

# SMbulletin

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## 20 YEARS OF MARIST MISSION IN RANONG AND DISTRICT ASSEMBLY

The confreres of the District of Asia and the Superior General, Fr Declan Marmion, gathered in Thailand to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of Marist presence and mission in Ranong. Bishop Paolo Trairong of the Diocese of Surat Thani opened the two-day celebration with a Eucharist, commending the Marists for “journeying and supporting with those in need: poor migrants, those in need of education and health. Like Mary at the Visitation, she did not come for honor but for service”.

The Ranong Celebrations were followed by an assembly of the district of Asia to reflect on their shared mission, strengthen collaboration, discern future priorities for Marist life and ministry in Asia and to foster fraternity.

The celebrations and assembly were held in the presence of the Superior General. Fr Frank Bird of the New Zealand Province attended as an observer, supporting collaboration between the two units.



## DC2025

Following the decisions on Marist legislation at the General Chapter, the new *Decreta Capitularia* have been redacted in English, French and Spanish.

All confreres will receive an electronic version of the DC through their Major Superior, while a limited supply of printed booklets will be sent to the units for use in the local administration.

You will notice the introduction of an article on Safeguarding (#42), and also on the Society’s Endowment Funds for Formation and Mission (#85 and #86). You can find a detailed overview of these and other changes in the *Chapter Statements and Decisions*.

To give the DC a more accurate structure, some articles have been shifted and regrouped with others, which means that some of the numbering has changed. To help you find your way, a more detailed table of contents was created, and the electronic version is searchable on keywords. For these reasons, the conversion table and Index at the end are not included anymore.

## A RETREAT FOR THE ALUMNI OF MARIST SCHOOL ATLANTA

Marist School in Atlanta, USA, was founded in 1901, and has over 10,000 graduates (alumni). In addition to regular meetings, service projects, socials and fund raising opportunities, the school also sponsors spiritual activities to keep the *Marist Way* alive and to remind graduates that they are called to live the values of the Society of Mary. On Ash Wednesday alumni gathered at school for a Lenten Retreat, centered on “Living Our Faith in Contemporary Society”. It was an opportunity to pause, pray, and reflect on how the Marist spirit continues to shape their lives beyond graduation.

The evening included an Ash Wednesday prayer led by Fr. Mark Kenney, who is the alumni chaplain, followed by dinner and guided small-group conversation rooted in faith, service, and purposeful leadership.

