

SMBulletin

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A MINIVAN FOR THE FORMATION HOUSE IN YAOUNDE



The St Peter Chanel formation community in Yaounde, Cameroon recently received a new Toyota minivan. The van will help the community (ca. 25 postulants, 3 formators) for their transport to the market, as well as for outings for pastoral care, pilgrimages, holidays or other community outings. The purchase of the van was possible thanks to the generous support of “Aid to the Church in Need”.

TWO PUBLICATIONS

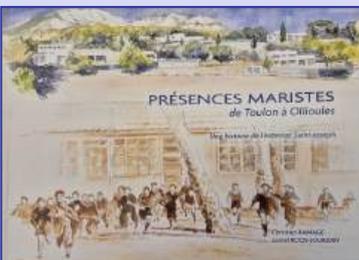
Two recent publications highlight our missions in Europe:



Mittendrin, und doch verborgen, in English “Right in the middle and yet hidden” is a book about the telephone counselling service “Telefonseelsorge” in Passau.

It was founded 50 years ago by the diocese, and the Marists

played a key role in its further development from 1979. The book talks about the important contribution the service made over the years. Nowadays, the ministry is guided by Fr Ludger Werner, and thanks to 90 committed and enthusiastic volunteers, the service is available 24h a day, 7 days a week.



Présences Maristes de Toulon à Ollioules tells the story of the « externat Saint Joseph », the Marist school founded in 1856 in Toulon (with 4 students!) and transferred 60 years

ago to Ollioules, in the West of Toulon.

The beautifully illustrated publication, under the redaction of Christian Ramage and Lionel Roos-Jourdan, wants to be a “family album of a community”, telling “both the history and the stories of the school”. The authors are former students of the school and members of “Maristes en éducation”.

LITERARY PRIZE IN LA NEYLIÈRE

Every two years, the *Com'MonLy* media library network of the Monts du Lyonnais community of municipalities organizes a literary prize on a theme related to a continent or country. For its fifth edition, the prize focused on Oceania.

On 27 February, the Oceania Museum of La Neylière welcomed between 150 and 200 people from across the region to hear the results of the prize. Through a series of workshops, from Māori music and songs to museum tours and treasure hunts, the visitors discovered Oceania. It was a joyful and fruitful result of a close collaboration between the Neylière volunteer network (Les Amis de la Neylière, the Oceania Museum animation group, Neylière-Avenir, the Marist community) and the network of volunteers and professionals from the Municipality (libraries and music schools). The prize was awarded to *The White Girl* by Tony Birch, a popular Australian author of Aboriginal origin.

