

# SMBulletin

Friday, 17 April 2026

## GENERAL COUNCIL IN PLENARY SESSION



The General Council is holding a two-week plenary session to continue conversations on the Chapter Statements and Decisions. This week they focused on discussions and planning in the fields of Safeguarding, Initial and Ongoing Formation, La Neylière, Education, Communications, Colin's Cause, Finance, Legislation, Marist Mission Today (including Laity), and Vocations Promotion. The

leading question for each of these fields is how the General Administration can guide and support the Society worldwide to live and implement the Chapter decisions. Next week they will continue their meetings looking at some outstanding topics and start remote preparations for the ARC meeting in Rome next September/October.

## MARIST DAYS



In March Marist Days were celebrated in our Marist schools north of Paris: Bury and Le Rosaire. After Easter similar days took place in the three Marist schools in Toulon: Cours Fénelon, Institution Sainte Marie, and Externat Saint Joseph la Cordeille. An enthusiastic team with

members of the Marist Family gave testimony to hundreds of children and teenagers about their vocation and the Marist mission around the world. Reactions were very positive: the speakers were encouraged by the attentive listening and openness, and many students and teachers were moved by the testimonies about Marist life in different realities of today's world, in the footsteps of Fr Colin. The members of the team were Frs Jimmy McElroy, Rafael Ramila, Constant Amoussouga, Christian Ngoura and Mika Tuilau, two Marist Missionary Sisters, Angela and Hélène, and Sr Teri O'Brien sm.

## CHANEL COLLEGE IN SAMOA

Recently the Province of Oceania took back the responsibility for Chanel College in Samoa. The school was founded by the New Zealand Marists in 1962 and was later handed over to Oceania in the 1980's. Over the years the confreres ministering in the school have shaped generations of students academically and spiritually. The school came under the responsibility of the diocese a few years ago, and the news of the return of the Marist Fathers has been warmly welcomed by the local community. During Lent a recollection took place for the year 9 and 10 classes, based on the Holy Father's Lenten message "Listening and Fasting".



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

P. David Wilson

Australia

10.08.1936—26.02.2026

P. Gaston Lessard

Canada

26.05.1930—28.03.2026

P. Alfred Rösener

South America

07.08.1946—09.04.2026