

SMBulletin

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CANADA VISITATION AND CHAPTER



In Canada Fr Albert Kabala received a warm welcome while being on visitation. He took time to meet individually with each confrere and he visited the various ministries in which they are involved. He also participated in the Provincial Council. The highlight of his stay was the convening of the Extraordinary Provincial Chapter, on June 3rd, which led to

the adoption of new draft statutes in preparation for the Province's transition to a District. Finally, the visit was marked by the celebration of Fr. Michel Bouffard's 50th anniversary of priesthood.

SUPPORT FROM YOUTH IN NORWAY FOR OUR MARIST SCHOOL IN BURUNDI

The Marists in Norway have always worked closely with the National Catholic Youth Association (NUK), in which confreres have been ministering as chaplains. With this year's national fundraising campaign, the NUK decided to support our Marist school in Kinanira, Burundi. Individual youth groups throughout the country were invited to find creative ways to raise funds, which they did with enthusiasm. More than 450.000 Norwegian crowns were raised and recently the NUK representatives officially presented a check to the Marist community in Norway who have transferred the money to our confreres in Burundi.



OCEANIA COUNCIL OF THE PROVINCE



Last week all the Sector Delegates from the eight sectors of the Province of Oceania gathered in Suva, Fiji with the Provincial and councilors for a Council of the Province.

Each delegate presented a report on their country, and on the Marist communities and mission. Common to all the sharing was the experience of some difficulties because of the rise in the cost of living which is affecting all countries in Oceania, due to the hike in fuel prices. The COP reflected also on the implementation of the Chapter Statements and Decisions, especially on the call to form communities in which all confreres can be supported and where community life can be lived fully. Attention was given to the connectedness of the Province to the worldwide Society, with several confreres – including formators - working outside the province. This calls the province to enable some of the confreres to engage in further training and to prioritise some of the existing ministries. Other items on the agenda were placements for the young priests finishing studies in Rome, the challenges in the field of JPIC, Vocations promotion and remote preparations for the Provincial Chapter in January 2027.