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Friday, 20 January 2023

START OF COLINIAN RENEWAL PROGRAM



Today seven confreres will gather at La Neylière to begin the Colinian Renewal 2023 program under the guidance of Frs Ray Chapman (Australia) and Donato Kivi (Fiji) (see picture). One participant will join them later in the course. Over the next five months they will spend time at La Neylière attending lectures, will have the opportunity to pray, contemplate, and reflect upon their lives as Marists, visit the places of Marist origins, participate in a 30 Ignatian-style retreat at Nemi, outside Rome, and undertake a 'Bugey camino' with the Superior General at the end of the renewal period.

In his message to the group, the Superior General assured them of being united in prayer and he wrote: "This journey of faith in the Marist Way will be a renewal not only for you but for all of us and for the people we serve. Thank you for agreeing to participate so that our Marist mission will be enriched by your commitment."

NEW PROVINCIAL



The members of the province of Oceania elected Fr Milikiade Rayalu as their provincial. Milikiade is from Fiji and is 62. After his ordination he did Parish work, and since 2004 he has been a formator. In 2018 he took up the role of provincial vicar, and administered the province immediately after Setefano Mataale's election as General Councilor.

OUTCOMES OF THE PROVINCIAL CHAPTER IN OCEANIA

The Oceania Chapter was closed with a thanksgiving Eucharist where the Chapter Delegates together recited the Commitment Statement of the Chapter. The Statement of Commitment acknowledged the spirit of Fr Founder in the work of the Chapter calling all to journey together synodally in detachment, discernment, and commitment to mission. It contains a solemn call to prayer and contemplation, community living, keeping alive the missionary attitude in ministries, ecological conversion, safeguarding culture, seriousness of vocation promotion and the Come and See program, and the support and animation of the Marist Laity. The Statement was ended with a challenge not to be overburdened with carrying on the works of those gone before us but detach ourselves and breathe anew the Spirit of God in Mary's Work in both the Province and the Society of Mary. After the closure of the Chapter the Superior General started his visitation of the Fiji sector.

LET US PRAY THAT OUR DECEASED CONFRERES MAY REST IN PEACE

P. Jan Giesselink

Europe / Nederland

10.04.1925—20.12.2022

P. John Crispin

New Zealand / Oceania

16.03.1942—27.12.2022

P. Joop Reurs

Europe / Nederland

30.08.1947—10.01.2023

P. Gerard Kuypers

Europe / Nederland

30.12.1930—15.01.2023