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ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD IN SUVA



On 12th September during a celebration at the Sacred Heart Cathedral in Suva, Fiji, Fr Peter Carde Matarawawa was ordained to the Priesthood by the Archbishop of Suva, Peter Loy Chong DD. The Marist parish of the Holy Eucharist looked after the liturgy, with the students of Marist College, Suva, assisting in the singing. It was a beautiful celebration that was well attended by confreres and fellow priests of the archdiocese, as well as many families, friends, and parishioners.

Peter's First Mass was held on Sunday in his village on the island of Levuka, Ovalau, Fiji. Peter has been appointed to the community in the Tutu Rural Training Centre, Taveuni, Fiji, and will be ministering at the neighboring Marist parish of the Holy Cross, Wairiki, Taveuni.

INTERNATIONAL MARIST YOUTH MEETING 2027 IN SEOUL



From 29th July to 2nd August 2027, prior to World Youth Day, an International Marist Youth Meeting (IMYM) will take place in Seoul, South Korea. The gathering is organised by the four religious branches of the Marist Family and offers a space where young Marists can share their experiences, celebrate their identity, and renew their commitment to living the Marist spirit through service, communion, and mission.

Building on the previous encounters and formation, the IMYM 2027 in Seoul will have as a theme "Becoming Home". The logo, rather than depicting a literal house, portrays home as a journey, a continuous path of growth, encounter, and transformation. Inspired by Jesus' call to remain strong amid difficulties, we are encouraged to become builders of communities where people feel valued, supported, and connected. "Becoming Home" goes beyond simply finding a place of belonging; it is about creating spaces where relationships are strengthened, spirituality is nurtured, and each person is given the opportunity to discover their identity and purpose.

It is expected that there will be ca. 100 participants aged 18 years and above with a strong Marist connection. Some young people have already registered to participate, for information please contact [Fr Juan Carlos Piña](#).

PAX CHRISTI NONVIOLENCE CONFERENCE



From 2nd to 12th September, at the invitation of the General Administration, Frs Lewis Kum and Godlove Ngwese participated in a conference organised by the Pax Christi Catholic Institute for Nonviolence. The conference took place at the Pontifical University of Saint Bonaventure (Seraphicum) in Rome under the theme: "Harvesting the rich experience of active Nonviolence to guide the Church and the world". The training equipped them with effective strategies to transform conflict situations nonviolently. They also learned about nonviolent communication, mediation, civil resistance, restorative cycles and trauma healing. The generosity of the US province made this possible.