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ORIENTATION PROGRAM FOR NEW MAJOR SUPERIORS



This week the Major Superiors of Oceania, New Zealand and Australia, Frs Lote Raiwalui, Merv Duffy and Gavin Foster, had a briefing session with

the GA. On the agenda of the three days Orientation Program was a zoom meeting with the Superior General, as well as sessions with the General Assistants, the General Bursar and the Secretary General. This morning they are also having a meeting with the full General Council. The time spent together was a good opportunity to reflect on their role and tasks as Major Superior and also to discuss challenges and opportunities of the Marist mission and life in, and administration of their units.

GENERAL FINANCE COMMITTEE



Today a meeting of the General Finance Committee is taking place at the General House. Its task is to *assist the superior general and his council in the administration of the finances of the Society at the general level*. More specifically, this means that they review the financial report on the general fund of the Society and make recommendations; give advice on the annual budget of the general administration; make recommendations about possible changes in the annual contribution expected from each province; give advice on the financial implications of projects foreseen by the superior general and his council and ensure that the practice of solidarity within the Society be maintained (DC2025, #80-82). The current members of the GFC are Frs Pat Brophy, Renivaldo da Silva, Joe Hindelang and Jimmy McElroy.

SCHOOL BOOKS FOR DAKAR



At the start of the 2026 academic year, textbooks, reference works, comic books, dictionaries and novels were sent from the Externat Saint-Joseph/La

Cordeille to the Marist school in Ndiakhirate, Dakar, Senegal. The donation was possible because of the wonderful synergy of many people involved in our Marist schools in France, but not only! Once the books were collected, the transport of the 805 kg parcel proved to be a challenge. The personnel of the school transported the shipment to the Toulon Navy Defense Base, where an amphibious helicopter carrier of the French Navy which was setting sail on a mission to Africa accepted to transport the cargo free of charge. The hope is that the books will arrive soon safe and well and that they will be well received by the children and teachers of the Institution Mariste Jean Claude Colin de Ndiakhirate.

STUDENT PRIESTS



Fr Joseph Adokpa from the District of Africa has joined the General House Community as a Student Priest. After his ordination in 2025, Joseph ministered in the Marist Parish of Ste Anne d'Obili in Yaoundé. He will now start studies in Formation at the Gregorian University. He joins Fr Mika Tuilau from the Province of Oceania who is also based at the General House while doing a residential training in Formation at St Anselm's.