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Working towards a more Unified Structure

While acknowledging the different local realities, the 2025 General Chapter encouraged all units to start deepening collaboration, dialogue and cooperation and to develop scenarios for restructuring (GC2025, Statements and Decisions, #16-30). During the recent ARC meeting it emerged how in some groupings work is being done in specific fields to increase collaboration and exchange, while in other places more time may be needed. To further support the important and necessary work towards a more unified structure the Superior General has appointed a General Councillor to assist each of the groupings:

- Fr Aisake Vaisima: New Zealand / Asia
- Fr Juan Carlos Piña: Australia / Oceania
- Fr Albert Kabala: Europe / Canada / Africa
- Fr Tony Kennedy: US / Mexico / South America

Visitation of the Confreres in Spain

Fr Albert Kabala visited the confreres in Spain last week. He was welcomed in Madrid where the community is in a time of transition as the historic community house at "Olivos" is being sold, and confreres will soon join the communities in Léon and Sahagún. In Léon he met the confreres living in a diocesan residence for elderly priests where they continue living as a Marist community. He also visited the Omnes Gentes community in Sahagún, where the Marists have an Albergue to host pilgrims on the Camino, in collaboration with the sisters of the Benedictine monastery and lay volunteers.



The Sisters at the General House: Strengthening a longstanding collaboration



This week the General House Community welcomed Rev. Mother Maria del Carmen Sotelo Curiel MSCGpe, Mother General of the Congregation of Missioneras del Sagrado Corazón de Jesús y de Santa María de Guadalupe. The visit was an opportunity to spend time with the four MSCGpe Sisters who serve at the General House. The Sisters have been carrying out their mission for decades, contributing greatly to the community's life and hospitality in a spirit of service.

Mother Maria del Carmen also met with Fr. Declan Marmion to review and renew the agreement that governs the Sisters' ministry at the General House, reaffirming the mutual commitment between the two congregations over many years. The visit concluded with a shared lunch, marked by gratitude and friendship.

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