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General Administration

Fr Juan Carlos Piña travelled to the Pacific last week. He is visiting Suva and the sectors of Samoa and Tonga and will come back to Rome in the beginning of December.

Fr Tony Kennedy has arrived in Yaoundé. He is carrying out a two-week visitation of the confreres in Cameroon.

Fr Pat Brophy, accompanied by Mr Giovanni Manozzi, the GA CFO, will depart next week for Australia and New Zealand where they will have some financial meetings.

Marists Celebrating Fr Colin's Life and Charism



To begin the "Founder's Week", the students and staff of **Notre Dame Preparatory School in Pontiac** came together for a Mass presided over by Fr Jim Strasz. He shared the story and significance of Fr. Jean-Claude Colin, whose vision and legacy continue to shape Marist schools around the world. Besides remembering the Marist history, "Founder's Week" wants to challenge the school community about the meaning of being Marists today: living the Gospel in Mary's way through humility, compassion, service and respect for the dignity of every person, and put those values into action in the classrooms and in the wider community.



Lay Marists in the Diocese of Uvira, Democratic Republic of Congo gathered on 15 November to celebrate the 151st anniversary of the death of Fr Colin. The day was marked by a time of reflection on his spiritual legacy, followed by a fraternal meal. The group was established in Uvira in 1993 by Father Alain Forissier. The community has about fifty members in the parishes of Kavimvira and Kasenga.



The students of St Peter Chanel Formation House in Davao, Philippines commemorated the death anniversary of our Founder, starting with a prayer during which Fr. Lauro Arcede, a member of the Colin Cause Network, gave a moving testimony on how Fr. Colin inspired him to live a heroic life. Afterwards, the aspirants received the Colin calendar and at evening dinner conversations continued reflecting on Fr. Colin's life.



Members of 'Aux Sources de l'Avenir', a course for Marist laity in France, met on 15 November in the Marist chapel at Fourvière. There was a time of prayer and reflection on the meaning on this symbolic place, where the first Marists committed themselves to founding 'the Most Pious Congregation of the Marists'. It was an occasion to give thanks for what Jean-Claude Colin has given to the Church, to the world, and to all, who choose to live the Gospel in the way of Mary. The prayer was followed by a session on the encyclical "Magnifica Humanitas".