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To be more closely united, work more creatively, and act in greater solidarity we form one province beyond national limitations...

SOLIDARITY VISIT, PASSAU, GERMANY, MAY 2018



Mr Jean-Claude Boidin, and the Marist confrere Jean-Bernard Jolly (Fr), members of the Provincial Solidarity committee were welcomed for two days by the Marist community in Passau (Ger). The purpose of these visits is to support people engaged in diverse works of solidarity, and in addition to build networks with other Marists engaged in similar works. The members of the community are involved in multiple activities, and Jean-Claude and Jean-Bernard were able to sample only some of them. The main components of ministry in Passau are a telephone crisis line service (bit.ly/TeleFonPassau), city centre evangelisation (bit.ly/VotivKirPassau), support for refugees, and chaplaincy service to the Marist Fürstenzell high school (mgf.de/MGF). These along with other

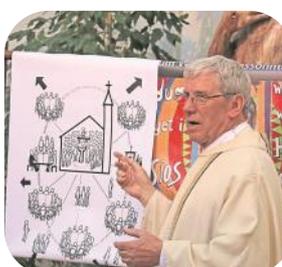


elements, give rise to creative activities undertaken in collaboration with others and inspired by the Marist spirit. The community does not see any separation between social and pastoral action. Both have the power to touch the inner dimension of the person. With this spirit, the community collaborates closely with the activities of the Diocese of Passau through chaplaincy services to a neighbouring prison and a local children's hospital. The diocesan Caritas organisation supports refugees although their flow through Passau has now almost ceased. Young Eritrean Christians have chosen the Marist church as their place of worship and meeting. Passau's local population is 50,000 and it is also home to a further 20,000 students attending its university from around Germany and overseas. The Marist community works alongside the diocese in their outreach to students. Even Bavaria experiences advancing secularism. The community see themselves as a Marist presence accompanying people respectfully and gently, far from a more forceful form of evangelisation. You can read a more detailed account by following the link: EN bit.ly/solPassEN • FR bit.ly/solPassFR.

GREETINGS FROM PARIS!

While most of us have been enjoying a summer break, the wheels of the province continue to turn. We hear news of the interesting and challenging mission in Passau, Germany, as experienced by those who visited the community there. Familiar names have left the provincial administration and new ones are welcomed. We thank all those who contributed material.

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CHANGES IN PERSONNEL IN THE PARIS PROVINCIAL ADMINISTRATION:

Donald Lillistone: In 2014, Donald joined the provincial administration as Provincial Education Deputy to assist in animating the ministry of education. Donald was steeped in Marist values, had a solid competence in the field of education, was skilled in working with people, not to mention his excellent knowledge of the French language. The province is enormously grateful to him and we wish him every blessing and happiness in his retirement.



Frank Dowling: The province is pleased that Frank accepted the appointment as Provincial Education Deputy effective from 1 September 2018. He has a long and varied experience of Marist education in Ireland and overseas through his involvement in the activities of the Marist Education Network. Entrusting this mission to Frank is a sign of the province's support for the Marist educational mission in Europe. He is welcome to the administration.



Joaquín Fernández: With typical generosity, Joaquin has taken up a new appointment in the Society of Mary as a member of the novitiate team in Davao, the Philippines. Ever since the European province was established in 2008, he made himself available for various roles, among them vicar provincial and as provincial for a year. In the role of provincial bursar, he supervised the greater harmonisation of accounts from the various countries. You have seen his name attached to every edition of this publication as co-editor since 2008. The province thanks him for his inspirational availability to the mission. The province wishes him every blessing in this new phase of his Marist life.



Jimmy McElroy: Two years ago, Jimmy joined the Marist community in La Neylière, coming from Dundalk, Ireland. This year he accepted the take on the role of provincial bursar in the administration while continuing to reside in La Neylière. He brings to the role years of experience as a local bursar in many communities, as well Mission Procurator in Ireland. He is welcome to the provincial administration.



Bertrand La Clavière: The new role of Finance and Administration Manager was developed to ensure the further development of provincial financial systems and the administration in the provincial office in Paris. He brings to the role extensive experience of international commercial organisations. His personal and professional skills will contribute much to the work of the provincial administration.



PRAYER INTENTION

On the occasion of the World Meeting of Families 2018, Dublin, Ireland (21-26 August). God, our Father, we are one family in the Spirit of your love. Protect all families with your loving care, especially the ones we carry in our hearts. Increase our faith, strengthen our hope, keep us safe in your love. Make us always grateful for the gift of life that we share, through Christ our Lord, Amen.

OBITUARY

Reg Riley (Eng), 06.08.2018
Benno (Josef) Engraf (Ger), 15.08.2018
Pierre Chabanet (Fr), 17.08.2018