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Friday, 22 November 2019

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Next week Fr John Larsen departs from Rome to visit Cameroun, where he will be present at the priestly ordination of our confrere Kenneth Akua.

Frs John Harhager and Ben McKenna are still in their home countries, the USA and Australia.

Fr Juan Carlos Piña has participated this week in the meeting of the Council of the Province in Paris.

BISHOPS FROM THE PACIFIC AND NEW ZEALAND AT THE GENERAL HOUSE

On the occasion of the recent ad limina visits of the bishops from the Episcopal Conference of the Pacific in September, and of the New Zealand Bishops Conference in October, besides meeting with the Pope and with the various Vatican congregations and dicasteries, the bishops of both regions also visited our General House. They were warmly welcomed by the General House community and other guests with a friendly meal, and it was on both occasions an opportunity to share about common work and concerns and to deepen our relationships with these local Churches which are dear to the whole Society. Among the Oceania Bishops were Marist bishops Michel Calvet (Archbishop of Noumea), Jean Bosco Baremes (bishop of Port Vila), Paul Donoghue (bishop of Rarotonga) and Susitino Sionepoe (bishop of Wallis et Futuna). Among the New Zealand bishops was Paul Martin (bishop of Christchurch).



EUROPEAN COUNCIL OF THE PROVINCE

The topic of the Council of the Province in Europe was “Called to serve: Here I am Lord (Is: 6.8). How do I understand this common call today in my circumstances?”. It was an opportunity for the participating confreres to reflect on their Marist service within the Church, and also to pray, to catch up and to fraternize. The Council of the Province is a consultative body. Its purpose is to enhance the quality of discernment and consultation, and to facilitate broader ownership of decisions.

