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GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

The General House has been in lock down since last week as some members of the community had tested positive for Covid-19. As there had been contact with members of the Novitiate community most of the arriving novices were quarantined in Casa di Maria. The GA administrative staff have been working remotely and the domestic staff remain at home. Fortunately, the spread of the virus has quickly been contained thanks to vaccination and strict quarantine procedures. The hope is that the work and life will return to normal on Monday.

Before the outbreak, the members of the General Administration had started their plenary session with a retreat in Assisi. During the quarantine they have continued working on many topics. The main ones were: the approval of budgets for 2022, several appointments, the report on the visitation and chapter in Canada, further studies of young ordained Marists, the *Omnes Gentes* missions, the Colin Cause.

PRE-NOVITIATE PROGRAM STARTS IN ROME



Between 4 and 13 November 11 young people from the provinces of Oceania (Manuele, Mosese, Milio, Jamie, Hansford and Zulu), New Zealand (Tom and Joseph) and Mexico (David, Eduardo, and Bani) have arrived in Rome to start their orientation program for the novitiate. Due to emerging health issues and to protect the students, all formators and students have been in quarantine, but on 18 November the community was finally able to come together to begin their journey. During the next few weeks, they will be immersed in the Italian and Marist culture and a series of activities guided by confreres and members of the Marist family have been prepared. These activities will help them to strengthen interpersonal relationships, to form a community, and to prepare everyone's hearts to begin the novitiate on 6 January 2022.

A SHORT LIFE OF JEAN-CLAUDE COLIN

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