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Friday, 17 December 2021

We wish you a Happy Christmas!
May the birth of the Lord bring love
and light in the life of all!



FAREWELL TO THE MARISTS IN DESSAU

During a celebration in the Trinity church, with bishop Gerhard Feige from the diocese of Magdeburg and former bishop Leo Nowak, and in the presence of a large number of faithful, our confreres from the community in Dessau, Germany, were farewelled. The community in Dessau was a fruit of the unification of Germany in 1989, when the Superior General at that time, Fr John Jago, encouraged the German Marists to establish a community in the former DDR. All branches of the Marist Family were present in the Dessau area and in the course of time a lively group of lay Marists was formed. In 29 years many Marists have ministered in Dessau and left an important heritage to the local Church.



VOCATIONS PROMOTION IN EUROPE



A few days after the launching of the Marist Vocation year, the European province organised a colloquium on Marist Vocations in La Neylière. 20 enthusiast participants from the Marist Family in Europe gathered for two days to reflect on how to promote Marist vocations and how to create a culture of vocations. The workshop was led by Fr Pascal Boidin and Mr Etienne Séguier.

ANOTHER MARIST TURNS 100!



On 28 November, a celebration took place in Paris, France, with Fr Bernard de Verneuil for his 100th birthday. A mass of thanksgiving was celebrated in the presence of the provincial of Europe, Fr Martin McAnaney, several confreres, family and friends. The eucharist was followed by a festive aperitif and lunch. At the request of the Superior General, he was also conferred with a special Papal Blessing. After his profession in 1940, Bernard ministered in several Marist schools in France and in a French parish in Mexico. When he returned to France in 1988, he worked for the “Centre de documentation Mariste” in Paris until his retirement in 2004.