# SMbulletin

Friday, 20 May 2022

#### **MARIST COMMISSION FOR MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES**



In the light of the global phenomenon of migration, and in line with the priorities set by "Laudato Si" and the directives of the last General Chapter, the Superior General has established a Marist Commission for Migrants and Refugees. A commission for Ecology and one for Inter-Religious Dialogue have already been established and are functioning. The members of the new commission are Frs Damien Diouf (chair), Frank Bird, Riccardo

Navarrete, Michael Ryan, Br Ivan Vodopivec and Fr Stev Youm.

The overall goals of the three Commissions are the same as for the other Marist commissions:

- To strive for a higher level of professionalism in missionary involvement;
- To contribute to your locality by offering on-going formation, education, seminars and awareness-raising exercises;
- To contribute to living our Marist missionary vocation more authentically.

Fr Ben McKenna will be the link person with the GA. Their first meeting will take place on 28 May.

### MARIST YOUTH GATHERING IN LISBON, 2023



The representatives of the branches of the Marist Family have begun the preparations for the Marist Youth Gathering in Lisbon 2023. The Marist Youth Gathering takes place traditionally in the days preceding the International World Youth Day convoked by the Pope. Similar to the

happening in Guatemala in 2019, the Marist Family leaders have expressed the desire to organise an international encounter to gather young people connected to our Marist family to celebrate life, to pray, to reflect and to share faith and culture. The Marist Gathering will take place in the same spirit as the WYD, which has as theme: "Mary arose and went with haste". The link person for the SM is Fr Juan Carlos Piña.

## GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Fr John Larsen returns from England today and will be holding CLOC meetings with the Major Superiors of MAP and the Americas. He will also attend the annual meeting of the Union of Superiors General which will take place next week in the outskirts of Rome. Frs John Harhager and Pat Devlin have been on retreat this week.

#### LET US PRAY THAT OUR DECEASED CONFRERES MAY REST IN PEACE

P. Jean Vienne
Mexico
18.09.1945—23.04.2022

**P. Egidio Buccelletti** Italia 31.08.1933—29.04.2022

P. Bernard de Verneuil France 28.11.1921—16.05.2022