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THE CHURCH AT THE SERVICE OF THE FAITH AND PEOPLE OF OCEANIA



For four hundred years now, since 1622, the Church's missionary activity has been directed by the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples, or "Propaganda Fide"¹.

The 400th anniversary was marked in Rome this week with a conference at the Dicastery's own university, the "Urbaniana". Since Marists were entrusted in 1836 with the mission in vast areas of the Pacific we have

always enjoyed a special relationship with the Dicastery.

For this reason Fr. Donato Kivi from Oceania was invited as one of the 24 key note speakers at the Conference. His talk was entitled: "The Church at the service of Faith and the Peoples of Oceania". The conference was well attended by missiologists and members of the curia and there was wide support also from the Marists based in Rome and beyond.

¹ Because of the reform of the Curia earlier this year, Pope Francis subsumed the Congregation to the new "Dicastery for Evangelization"



DISTRICT SUPERIOR OF AUSTRALIA

After having consulted the members of the District of Australia, the Superior General has appointed Fr Tony Corcoran as the District Superior for a term of three years. Tony has been the Major Superior since 2019, and has led the province in its transition to a district. The Superior General thanked him for generously accepting to continue leading the newly erected district.

REORGANISATION OF THE GENERAL FINANCE OFFICE

The General Finance Office has been in a process of reorganizing itself so that it is well prepared for the present and future needs of the Society of Mary. On the one hand, we were sorry that Paolo Mancinelli, after twenty-six years, has left the office with our thanks for his years of service. On the other hand, we are pleased to announce that Pat Brophy has been assigned to the General House in early 2023 to prepare to become the next bursar general in 2025. He and the Province of New Zealand have generously agreed to this important service for the international Society.

