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FIRST PROFESSIONS

On 5 January in the Marist Parish in Castiglion Fiorentino, six novices made their commitment to the Society by professing their vows. Hansford Mane (Solomon Islands), Manuele Botabua (Fiji), Zulu Serop (Papua New Guinea), Eduardo Gutierrez and David Vences (Mexico) and Joseph Mijares (New Zealand) pronounced their vows in front of Fr John Harhager, representing the Superior General. It was a very lively celebration where confreres, Marist Sisters, Marist Missionary Sisters and lay people shared in the joy of the newly professed. After the celebration, the parish community welcomed everyone to the parish hall for a festive lunch which was a moment of grace for all. In the evening of the same day, the newly professed went to their new community, Casa di Maria, in Rome.



ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE

On Saturday, 7 January, Christian Ngoura (Cameroon) was ordained to the diaconate in Rome. The ordaining bishop was Cardinal Ladaria, Prefect of the Dicastery of the Doctrine of the Faith. After the celebration an international buffet meal was offered at Casa di Maria, shared in joy with the many friends who were present. Christian studied Philosophy in Cameroon and did his novitiate in the Philippines. He is now in his fourth year of studies in Rome, specializing in youth and vocations ministry at the Salesianum.



CHAPTERS IN ASIA AND OCEANIA



The Oceania Provincial Chapter began on 7 January with the theme “Journeying together synodally in detachment, discernment, and commitment to mission”. There are 19 capitulants and 3 observers, including the Superior General, Fr John Larsen, and the outgoing Provincial, Fr Setefano Mataele, who was elected to the General Council. The Chapter will end on 17 January.

On 9 January the members of the District of Asia gathered for their District Chapter. The theme is: “Animated by the Spirit with the Vision of Mary, to be present in the world today and looking forward to the future with hope”. Fr Ben McKenna, the link person from the GA is present and the chapter is facilitated by a member of the Marist Laity, Ms Agnes Reyes.

