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Friday, 16 June 2023, Feast of the Sacred Heart

75 YEARS OF MARIST PRESENCE IN SENEGAL

The Marists of the District of Africa are celebrating 75 years of Marist presence in Senegal. On Thursday the Superior General has blessed the building of our new Marist community house, “Mary Queen of Peace”, in the rapidly growing suburb of Noflaye in Dakar. There will be three Marists living in this new community – Frs. Stev Youm, Kosema Masei and Roger Kasiama. They will minister in



the new Marist school which already has more than one thousand students enrolled. On Friday, there will be the official blessing and opening of the school dedicated to Father Jean-Claude Colin and on Sunday there will be a Eucharist in the Marist parish to give thanks to God for the 75 years of Marist mission in Senegal. The District is grateful for so much help and support from the wider Society of Mary to enable these new developments. Fr John will take also the opportunity to meet with the District Council of Africa, as they traveled to Dakar to attend the festivities for this important jubilee.

BUILDING A NEW CHURCH IN DAVAO



For several years the District of Asia has started collecting funds for the building of a new church in Matti, Davao, where the Marists minister. On 4 June, on the feast of the Holy Trinity, Fr Chris Ganzon, District Superior and Parish Priest, blessed the site. The parishioners, workers, the construction and finance committee and the operation team happily witnessed the festive celebration which marked the start of the project. This is the first Church to be constructed, in

a new and growing Parish, located in a poor area on the edges of the Diocese of Digos, to which the Marists are committed.

COLINIAN RENEWAL PROGRAM

This last week the Colinian Renewal Group in La Neylière have been integrating their life and Colinian Renewal experiences around four universal life themes linked with symbolic Marist moments: Call – Le Puy, Commitment – Fourvière, Tasting God – Cerdon, and Mission - Bugey & Oceania. Fr Ben McKenna, who is responsible for Ongoing Formation in the Society, traveled to La Neylière to give input on these themes.

