

# SMbulletin

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## FIRST PROFESSIONS



On 2 February, Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, our Brothers Alban Hinnoumabou (Benin), Pascal Ndikumana (Burundi), Marc-Fidele Tay (Togo) and Lachie Bartlett (New Zealand), made their first vows in the Society of Mary, received by Fr Chris Ganzon, who had been delegated by the Superior General. The celebration took place in the chapel of the International Novitiate "Cerdon" in Eden, Davao, Philippines, together with a group of friends and representatives of the four branches of the Marist family. It was a joyful celebration, on the feast which celebrates religious life internationally.

Alban, Pascal and Marc-Fidele have now arrived at Casa di Maria in Rome to start the next stage of their Marist Formation. They will be joined this May by Lachie, who will first spend a few months in New Zealand.

## THE SUPERIOR GENERAL IN AUSTRALIA

Before his arrival in New Zealand for the visitation of the province, Fr John Larsen has spent some days in Australia. In Marayong, Sydney, he visited the confreres of the Omnes Gentes community (see picture), as well as the local bishop, Mgr. Long Van Nguyen, to discuss future plans for the Marist mission and community. He met also with the confreres of St. Pat's in Sydney, at Hunters Hill, and with the District Superior Fr Tony Corcoran and visited Fr. Paul Sullivan at the Marist Mission Centre.



## APPOINTMENTS IN ASIA AND MARAYONG



After consultation and with the support of his confreres in the district, the Superior General in Council has appointed Fr Kevin Medilo as the new District Superior of Asia, from 1 June 2024. He will succeed Fr Chris Ganzon who has been the district superior

for two terms. Kevin is currently the superior and Parish Priest of the Omnes Gentes community in Marayong, Australia.

The Superior General has also appointed Fr Lauro Arcede from the District of Asia to the community in Marayong, from 1 September 2024 for 3 years. Lauro is currently the superior of the Marist formation house of the District in Davao, Philippines.

