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PERPETUAL PROFESSIONS



At the beginning of their fourth year in Rome the seminarians make their perpetual profession in the Society of Mary. On Saturday 28th September many members of the Marist family, some parishioners from Santa Francesca Cabrini parish and other friends were blessed to celebrate this happy occasion with Hemi Ropata

(Z), Joel Ebonto Eyango (Af), Joseph Adjokpa (Af), Godlove Ngwese (Af), Clovis Nformenteng (Af), and Charles Sangul (O). They are pictured here, from left to right, along with their formators and the Superior General: Frs Tony Kennedy, John Larsen, Larry Duffy and Roque Rebito. Over the summer they completed the full Ignatian spiritual exercises: some in Spain and others in France, and then spent a month with the community at La Neylière visiting some of the Marist places and studying our constitutions and spirituality. They appreciated the opportunity to walk up the stairs to Fourvière as many Marists have done before them.

These young men will be ordained to the diaconate on Sunday 20th October by Archbishop Paul Martin sm, please keep them in your prayers.

ASSEMBLY AND CHAPTER IN AUSTRALIA

Thirty members of the District of Australia gathered from October 8 to 11. Also present were Fr Setefano Mataele from the GA, and Fr Lote Raiwalui, the Vicar Provincial of Oceania, an invited observer. Through a synodal process the confreres reviewed the implementation of the decisions of the last Provincial Chapter, and considered future directions and policies. A result of the fraternal meeting was a freeing from being overly concerned about our diminishment, ageing, the departures from significant ministries. It proved to be an invitation to be content at finding God in the reality of the present moment - moving ahead in hope and bearing the compassionate love of God wherever we find ourselves.

An afternoon Chapter of Election elected Frs Gerard Hall and Kevin Redmond as delegates to the 2025 General Chapter.



MARAYONG COMMUNITY

Fr Setefano Mataele, GA link person for the *Omnes Gentes* Communities, has carried out a visitation of the community in Marayong, Sydney, Australia. He gave some input to the community on the Constitutions, specifically Const. 114-116. The discussion highlighted the importance of daily conversion, emphasizing scripture reading, spiritual reading, regular confession, and the grace received from serving others. Amongst other things there was a focus on balancing personal spiritual development with community responsibilities, and the significance of dedicating personal time for spiritual exercises while actively engaging in community life.

The community in Marayong is currently composed by Frs Kevin Redmond (S) and Floyd Gatana (O). They will soon be joined by Fr Lauro Arcede (As).