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ORIENTATION PROGRAM



From 28 October to 1 November an Orientation Program for new Major Superiors took place at the General House to help new Major Superiors in their new ministry. Frs Martin Simna (Af) and Tony Kennedy (S) met with the Superior General and with each of the General Councilors and had a final meeting on 1 November with the full General Council. Martin Simna took up his role on 1 October, while Tony Kennedy will begin his ministry on 1 February.

CANADA: THE PROVINCIAL CHAPTER AND A MEDAL FROM THE DIOCESE

The Canadian province held its provincial chapter from 20 to 25 October on the outskirts of Quebec City. Twenty confreres gathered, including Fr Juan Carlos Piña from the GA, to discuss several topics, mostly related to governance. Br. Mario Béland was elected as a delegate to the General Chapter. On 26 September, Institutes of Consecrated Life gathered to celebrate the 350th anniversary of the foundation of the Archdiocese of Québec. On this occasion, Mgr Marc Pelchat, auxiliary bishop of Québec, presented the medal of the Archdiocese to the Marist Fathers for their contribution to education in the diocese throughout the years.



75TH ANNIVERSARY OF MMC AUSTRALIA



On 7 November a celebration at Hunters Hill, Sydney, Australia marked the 75th anniversary of the Marist Mission Centre. The centre was established in 1949 by the Australian Marists to support the newly-formed Marist mission in Nara Prefecture, Japan, inspired by the late Fr Lionel Marsden SM, following his wartime experiences on the Thai-Burma railway. Later, the MMC has enlarged its support to many other mission areas, especially in Asia – Pacific, and many missionary projects, Marist and other, have benefited from its generous donations. In his letter of congratulations and appreciation for the MMC, the Superior General wrote: *“You have been faithful, generous and hard-working towards supporting the Marist mission – and other missionary works, too – for 75 years. Today we give thanks to God and to everyone involved for this faithfulness.”*

ACU GRADUATION

On 21 October Fr. Mikaele Tuimavave from Oceania (Samoa) graduated from the Australian Catholic University with a Master’s Degree in Educational Leadership. Mika was a former Principal of Chanel College and was also the Director of Catholic Education in Samoa. Pictured with him is Fr Patolo Matiasi, the Sector Leader of Samoa, who joined him for the celebration.

