

# SMbulletin

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## APPOINTMENTS IN THE INTERNATIONAL NOVITIATE

The Superior General has appointed Fr Xavier Sariman as Novice Master for the next International Novitiate and Fr Thilo Saft as *socius*.



Xavier is from Papua New Guinea and is a member of the Province of Oceania. He was ordained in 2016. Xavier has graduated with a Licence in Fundamental Theology from the Gregorian and has undergone Formation Training in Dublin, in Ireland. He is presently the Rector of Marist College in Suva, Fiji.

Thilo comes from Germany and is a member of the Province of Europe. He was ordained in 2015. After several years of pastoral work in Germany he studied formation at the Gregorian University in Rome for two years and since then has been a member of the formation team in Yaounde in Cameroon.

Fr Pat Devlin will remain on the Formation Team of the Novitiate.

The next Novitiate will start on 25 March 2025 in Davao, Philippines with 8 novices coming from Africa, South America, New Zealand and Oceania.

In his letter to the Major Superiors, Fr John Larsen expressed our deep gratitude to the outgoing members of the Formation Team, who are completing their term, Frs David Sánchez (NM) and Sione Hamala (*socius*), for the generous and faithful contribution they have been making to the Society's international formation.

## AUDIENCE WITH POPE FRANCIS



This Jubilee Year is also the 10th Anniversary of the publication of the Encyclical *Laudato Si'*. Our General Administration is working closely with the international

bodies of the USG / UISG (Union of Superiors General), and with the *Laudato Si'* Movement, to promote ways to implement the recommendations coming from the encyclical within our congregations and beyond.

As a result of their work, the *Laudato Si'* movements have formulated recently some very concrete recommendations to the Church authorities on possible ways to celebrate and preserve the Mystery of Creation in Christ. The recommendations have been signed by over 1000 congregations and associations and were consigned to Pope Francis last week. Fr Ben McKenna, who is responsible for JPIC in the GA, and who has been working within the commission, was a member of the delegation meeting the Pope.

## YOUTH GATHERING IN TURKEY

During the last week of January, Fr. Arnaldo da Silva and Sr. Juliana Tuluono smsm, from our "Omnes Gentes" Community in Samsun, Turkey, participated in the Youth Camp of the Vicariate of Anatolia with some young people from Samsun. The meeting took place in the city of Iskenderun, the episcopal seat of the Vicariate of Anatolia. The theme of the meeting was the same as that of the Jubilee Year: "Pilgrims of Hope". From its foundation last year, the Marist community in Samsun has been developing a youth ministry for some young people from Samsun with regular meetings and activities. Participating in the diocesan program has been very enriching for all.

