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MARIST FAMILY GATHERING



The Superiors General and Councilors of the four religious branches of the Marist Family are gathered for three days in Formia in the South of Italy. The theme of the gathering is: “The joys and challenges of Marist leadership in the Church and world of today”. The Superior General of the Marist Brothers, Br Ernesto Sánchez, will talk about his experience at the recent Synod on Synodality, and a discussion on the synod document on Religious Life and Leadership will take place. The gathering is an important moment of communication among the leadership teams of the four congregations and an opportunity to work more closely together on common challenges.

FORMATION IN SOUTH AMERICA

On 31 January the Formation House São Pedro Chanel in Belo Horizonte, Brazil, celebrated the opening of the new year with a Eucharist. There are two senior students from Peru: Victor Abel is doing his last year of philosophy at the Jesuit faculty of Philosophy and Eduardo who will start a pastoral experience in the Marist community of Guanambi. There also three new candidates, two from Brazil, Ermando and Ruan, and one from Peru, Ivan, who are starting their formation. The Formators of the community are Frs Denis Revi and Lauro da Silva.



CELEBRATING A NEW CHURCH



On the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple, Archbishop Chris Cardone OP of Honiara blessed and opened the newly built church of the Holy Name of Mary at Tanagai, Solomon Islands. The festive and colorful celebration was attended by a big crowd of faithful who all shared in the joy of the reopening of the church. Fr Jacob Aba, who is the Parish Priest and Sector Leader, expressed his gratitude to the Marist Mission Centre in Australia, benefactors, friends and Marist confreres for their financial support. Most of the funding, however, was sustained by the parishioners themselves.

LET US PRAY THAT OUR DECEASED CONFRERES MAY REST IN PEACE

P. Gerard A. M. Bruns
Oceania / Solomon Isl.
17.08.1932—27.12.2024

P. Xavier Béchetolle
Europe / France
08.04.1940—06.01.2025

P. Iowani Petero Waqairapoa
Oceania / Fiji
15.12.1978—07.01.2025