

# SMbulletin

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## PRE-CAPITULAR COMMITTEE GATHERS IN ROME



From Monday to Wednesday the Pre-Capitular Committee held its first gathering at the General House in Rome, along with the two facilitators, Ms Frances Heery and Br Joe McKee fms. The members of the committee are Frs Kevin Duffy, John Hannan, Albert Kabala, Bernard McKenna, Juan-Carlos Piña and Kiade Rayalu. Fr Juan Carlos was elected Chair of the Committee and Ms Sophie

Janssens was asked to be the secretary. A lot of work had to be carried out, which meant that the days were very intense, but satisfaction was expressed for the many matters that could be attended to, such as:

- The organization of the pre-Chapter days
- The organization of the opening of the chapter and a draft schedule for the first days of the Chapter
- A follow up on the survey carried out by the pre-Chapter Committee
- The redaction of a prayer for the Chapter which will soon be distributed to all confreres.
- The Chapter Theme and Logo
- The presence of auxiliary staff and observers
- The setup of the venue and technical / logistic aspects
- The redaction and distribution of reports.
- Liturgy at the Chapter.

The committee will meet again by zoom for some follow up and will gather again in September.

## NOVITIATE ORIENTATION PROGRAM



At the International Novitiate, “Cerdon” in Eden, Davao, Philippines, eight young Marist candidates have arrived at the end of January to start their novitiate orientation program.

They come from Africa, Oceania, New Zealand and South America. The orientation program helps them to adjust to this new stage of formation, to begin to come to know each other and to become familiar with aspects of the Filipino culture while being hosted by committed Marist Families. The group is now staying at the RNDM Sisters' international formation house and will move to Cerdon on March 25 to begin their novitiate.

## MIGRANTS HOSTED AT THE GENERAL HOUSE

To respond to the call of the Holy Father, during the past years the General House community has been hosting several migrants. Currently there are two young men residing at the General House. Alaelain comes from Sudan and is studying Law with the purpose of going back to his home country and help his own people. Alan is a refugee from Syria who is now employed in a gelateria (Italian Ice Cream Shop), and is at the General House for two months while establishing his own accommodation. Both arrived in Rome with the program of “humanitarian corridors” of the Community of Sant’Egidio.