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APPOINTMENT TO TURKEY



Fr David Sánchez (Mexico), has been appointed to the International Omnes Gentes Community in Turkey as from 1 July, 2025. David has been the Society's Novice Master over the past three years.

The hope is that he will join the community in Samsun as soon as visa-requirements allow and start studying Turkish. From its founding in 2023, the community in Turkey has integrated well into the local, largely-muslim context and is gradually broadening its missionary outreach among both local Turkish people, migrants and students.

MARIST ATHLETES

Four seminarians from Casa di Maria, Lachie Bartlett (NZ), Eduardo Limon Gutiérrez (Mexico), David Emmanuel Vences Romero (Mexico)



and Joseph Mijares (NZ), along with Fr Ricardo Navarrete (Asia / Mexico) who is undertaking studies in Rome this year, participated in and completed the Rome Marathon last Sunday. It was the 30th anniversary of the event with a record attendance of 28.000 registered runners for the main race. The 42km route passed by the world's greatest and historical monuments of the Eternal City.

“GENTLEMAN JOE”



Fr Joseph Buckley with Pope John XXIII

Ms Susan Illis, the archivist of the Province of the United States, attended the Marist Studies Summer Program in Rome in 2023. She has been researching our former Superior General, Fr. Joseph Buckley sm and has written a 24-page article which was

published in the *US Catholic Historian*: “Gentleman Joe: Marist Father Joseph Buckley’s World War II Chaplaincy and his service to the Worldwide Church”. She points to some features of Fr Buckley’s life, noting especially his work as a seminary professor after his doctorate in Rome, his service as an army chaplain during W.W.II where in the Philippines he oversaw the construction of many village chapels, his work in leadership with the Marists in America and in the whole Society. As Superior General (1961 -1969) he was invited to participate in Vatican II where he made a number of notable interventions.

PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS WITH THE PROVINCE OF EUROPE

On Tuesday, 25 March, the Feast of the Annunciation, the provincial and councilors of the Marist Province of Europe will be gathered at *La Neylière*. On that occasion an online event will take place to pray for Marist Vocations. The Provincial of Europe, Fr Kevin Duffy, has invited all European friends and collaborators and confreres worldwide to join in this special Prayer, which will take only 15 minutes. It will start at 6.30 pm CET.

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