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FR MIGUEL ANGEL CONTRERAS S.M. APPOINTED AUXILIARY BISHOP OF CALLAO

The Holy Father has appointed the Fr. Miguel Ángel Contreras Llajaruna as Auxiliary Bishop of Callao, Peru, assigning him the titular see of Babra. Miguel is currently the District Superior of South America. He is 45 and started his Marist formation in the seminary of Sullana, Peru. He was ordained in 2008 and he has been ministering as Parish Priest and in Education. In 2021 he was appointed episcopal vicar for Consecrated Life in the diocese of Callao. Miguel is the first bishop appointed by Pope Leo XIV.



THE SUPERIOR GENERAL ON VISITATION IN GERMANY



Last week the Superior General, Fr. John Larsen, and the Assistant for Europe, Fr. Juan Carlos Pina, visited the three Marist communities in Germany. The community in Passau has confreres involved in several ministries, including pastoral care of one of the churches and the a telephone counselling service in collaboration with a large team of volunteers. In Passau they also visited the local Bishop. Near Passau there is a residence for senior

Marists at Fürstzell which is situated next to the school that was once staffed by Marists and remains very Marist in character. Frs. John and Juan Carlos also met the staff of the school and attended a concert put on by the students. There is another residence for senior Marists in the north of Germany, at Meppen. What was once the minor seminary for Marists is now a large diocesan school. There are several confreres in these communities who were once on mission in Dessau, the former Eastern Germany. Over the years, many confreres in Germany have served generously in the wider Society, and also nowadays they are still missionaries at heart.



TONGAN PILGRIMS AT THE GENERAL HOUSE

Over ninety Tongan pilgrims from New Zealand, Australia, and Tonga traveled to Rome to take part in the Jubilee Year celebrations. One of the groups was warmly hosted by the Marist Fathers and SMSM Sisters at the General House. Like Mary with the early disciples, they gathered in the community chapel for adoration, praying for the conclave in which Card. Mafi was participating, and they celebrated the Eucharist with Fr Setefano Mataele. They also visited the catacombs in the Marist garden, offering prayers for all deceased Marists and sisters who faithfully served in Oceania.