



Marist Brothers Province of West-Central Europe

# News in Brief

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## 1 July

### *Appointment: Br. Pol Grégoire*



On 1<sup>st</sup> July, Brother Pol Grégoire, a member of the Fraternité Notre-Dame de l'Esperance in Malmedy, was appointed to the community of Genval Marie-Médiatrice.

## 3 July

### *Approval of constitutions*



On 3<sup>rd</sup> July, the Superior General, Brother Ernesto Sánchez, announced the Vatican's approval of the New Constitutions of the Marist Brothers. We can read his message in four languages on this [page](#).

## 16 July

### *Visit of Brother Fabien*

After completing his studies in psychology at the Grégorienne in Rome, Brother Fabien Bulaimu Poyo of DRC was unable to board the flight to Kigali because of the pandemic and found himself stranded in transit at Brussels airport. He was welcomed for almost a month by the community of Linthout. This allowed him to take some rest, visit some communities and talk

to former missionaries from Congo/Zaire, Rwanda, Kenya and Cameroon. He was also able to discover some cultural sites, such as the giant's tomb, near Bouillon (pictured). He was able to return to Kigali (Rwanda) on 14 August, where he was appointed Master of Novices.



## 17 - 19 July

### *Week-end CMI Mindelheim*

Last March, German volunteers who had gone abroad had to return home earlier because of



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the pandemic. They had been provided with virtual support. Now they were able to meet for a weekend to deepen their commitment.

## 24 July

### *Leerhuis Westerhelling - Nijmegen*



After the mandatory lockdown period, the activities of the Stiltehuis (House of Silence) were able to resume with the reception of young adults, from 24 to 26 July and the 35 years and over, from 31 July to 2 August. The distancing and hygiene measures were of course respected.

### *In memory of Brother Norbert Simms*

The *Herald*, in its July 24 edition, printed an [article](#) by M. Willy Slavin, in which he remembers the commitment of Brother Norbert Simms (21.04.20) during the Biafra war in Nigeria.



## 24 - 29 July

### *Pilgrimage of CMI to N-D of the Hermitage*

Although it was decided not to send young Marist volunteers abroad this year, 7 new candidates and 2 new staff members went on pilgrimage to Our Lady of the Hermitage, accompanied by the CMI Mindelheim team.

This experience reinforced their sense of belonging to the Marist family and encouraged them to engage locally.



## 13 August

### *Video of Plymouth*

Recently, Nazareth House in Plymouth, where Brother Robert Lee lives in retirement, made a beautiful video clip with staff and residents. The images accompany the song "Hear our Prayer". Brother Robert appears with the sign "Justice". See it on Youtube.



Nazareth House - Hear Our Prayer

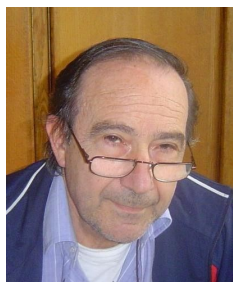
## 14 August

### *Departure and arrival*

On the same day, they were both at Zaventem airport, without being able to meet. Brother Fabien of DRC, was on his way to Rwanda, and Brother Marino Primiceri was returning from Tanzania where he has been a missionary for ten years.



Brother Marino had to postpone his trip because of a motorcycle accident in March as well as the cancellation of flights to Europe. Upon



his arrival, he was welcomed by the Brothers of the community of Kessel-Lo where he quarantined for 14 days. On 29<sup>th</sup> August, he was able to return to the community of Linthout. He still has to undergo medical checks before joining his family in Italy.

## 15 August

### *Departure of Brother Jean-Baptiste*

On the day of the Assumption, the patron saint's feast of the Marist family, Brother Jean-Baptiste of Madagascar was able to be repatriated to his country of origin after a 6-month stay in the community of Genval. He had come to Belgium for a three-month sabbatical and found himself confined to Genval, with no means of returning because of the pandemic. He is very grateful to the Brothers of Genval for the beautiful experience he has had among them.

## 22 and 27 August

### *Jubilees in Germany*

On Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> August, in the Studienkirche in Mindelheim, Brother Ewald Frank celebrated his golden jubilee of Marist religious life, in the presence of his colleagues, family and friends. Brother Robert Thunus, Provincial, was invited to give the homily and to speak about the significance of religious consecration.



On Thursday, August 27, at the closing Eucharist of the Marist retreat in Furth, Brother Bernhard Seigel celebrated his silver jubilee of religious life. Brothers from Mindelheim, Cham and Recklinghausen were also present.



We extend our sincere congratulations to Brothers Ewald and Bernhard.

## 30 August

### *Mindelheim - Farewell Ceremony*

On Sunday, August 30, a small party was organized for the departure of Jasmin Nimar (CMI) and her friend Felix (volunteer). Both leave in September for Glasgow to continue their studies. After a moment of prayer in the new chapel, the many friends present shared the meal and a social gathering, while respecting the sanitary measures. We wish Jasmin and Felix a good experience!



***To all, we wish a good start to the new year and a resumption of activities in good conditions.***

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