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Marist Brothers Province of West-Central Europe

News in Brief

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27-30 September

Schools in Germany



From 27 to 30 September, Hans Staudner and Johanna Aschenbrenner, coordinators of the German Marist schools, went to Mindelheim to see how to support Marist teams in the schools during this time of Covid-19 and also to consider future projects:

- videoconferencing to provide support;
- collaboration between the new youth centre, the Marist schools and the CMI;
- a film project on « Marists Yesterday and Today » to promote Marist values.

3 October

Fratelli Tutti! "All Brothers and Sisters"

On the eve of the feast of St Francis of Assisi, Pope Francis signed his new Encyclical Fratelli Tutti (All Brothers and Sisters). It is dedicated to fraternity and social friendship without borders. As Marists, it is an encouragement to us to live more and more our mission to serve the abandoned, the marginalized, the least...



The Encyclical can be down loaded in the three languages of our Province : $\overline{DE} \mid \overline{EN} \mid \overline{FR}$

5 October

Departure of Brother Jude Anani

Brother Jude Anani from the Province of Nigeria was welcomed into our Province, in the community of Kessel-Lo, to study theology and history at the Catholic University of Leuven



(KUL). His studies completed successfully, he was able to return to his home country on Monday, 5 October. He is very grateful to the Prov-

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ince for having given him this opportunity and he hopes to use his new skills in his missionary service to the young people of his country. He has been appointed as Assistant Director in the Marist school in Ire-Ekiti. We wish him every success in his mission!

7 October

New Constitutions



As previously announced by Brother Ernesto, Superior General, the new *Constitutions* and their *Statutes* were published on the Rome internet site on the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. The print edition will be available in January 2021. This document can be downloaded on the <u>site</u> in the 4 languages of the Institute. A German translation is being prepared.

11 October

The 100th Birthday of Br. Anton Alfons Haus



An exceptional event: a Marist Brother, originally from Germany, has celebrated his 100th birthday in the community of Recife in Brazil. Brother Anton was born on 11 October 1920 in Bischofsheim near Russelsheim, and pronounced his first vows on 31 July 1937. Under

the National Socialist regime, he, with other German Brothers, left the country for Brazil. He worked in education as a teacher and Head Teacher. For many years he has been well-known for making nativity scenes out of natural raw materials.

May God bless you, Brother Anton!

18-23 October

Ireland – Marist Week







As they do every year, the three Marist school in Ireland organised a "Marist Week". This year's theme highlighted one of the Marist values: **Presence**. Various activities filled the week: discovering Marcellin Champagnat for the youngest; breakfast; times for prayer and meditation every day; fund-raising; photography and poster competitions; presentations on mental health and on Marist values.

23 October

Inauguration in Furth

As we have already mentioned in a previous edition, new construction has been undertaken by the municipality of Furth on the land of the former community gardens. Several residential blocks have been built for families but there is



also a centre with a mini-brewery and the new distillery with a visitor and tasting area which may attract many tourists.



The inauguration and blessing of these new premises took place on 23 October in the presence of municipal representatives and members of the Marist community.



In 2021, the town of Furth will celebrate 400 years of brewing rights and the story continues...



24 October

Newsletter "Being Marist"



The 7th edition of the Newsletter of the Mission Council has just been published. In it can be found reflection on and reports of activities in recent months from all parts of our Marist Province. It also refers to the redesign of the Marist Education internet site: https://maristeu.com. On the home page it is possible to sign up to receive the quarterly Newsletter and previous issues can be found in the Ar-chives tab.

Congratulations to all the editors!

3 November

New Marist Volunteering Logo

The Department of Collaboration for Mission International (CMI) has just launched the International Volunteering logo. Through this "new identity", it seeks to promote Marist volunteering in the Marist Institute and to foster a culture of encoun-



ter and openness of mind and heart for the complete availability of all Marists.

The logo and an explanation can be downloaded from this <u>page</u> on the Rome website.