

Marist Brothers Province of West-Central Europe

News in Brief

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1 December

CMI - Marist Advent Calendar



From 1 to 24 December, at the initiative of Cmi Mindelheim, young people collaborated to create an online Marist Advent calendar Congratulations for

United Nations

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with recorded messages. such creativity!

It is possible to see it again it on this link.

5 December

The UN and the Institute - Volunteering

December 5 was declared the International Day of Volunteering by the United Nations in 1985. On

this occasion, we would like to thank and congratulate all the Volunteers who generously give of themselves in our Province and our Marist Institute.

"We take this opportunity to express our deepest

gratitude to all of you Brothers and lay people of all ages and backgrounds, who participate or have participated in volunteering initiatives at all levels of the Marist Institute: at the inter-provincial or provincial level, in schools, universities, social centres, in communities or in any other Marist work, as well as in organisations which collaborate with the Marist Institute, whether at a church or civic level."

You can read the Institute's message from this

10 December

link and visit the dedicated UN site.

Solidarity Teams

On 9 and 10 December, 31 Solidarity representatives from 24 administrative sections participated in the first round of regional meetings organised by the Solidarity Secretariat: a way to live this sense of belonging to our large global Marist fam-

ily, to work in networks and to encourage each other to develop solidarity with the poorest.

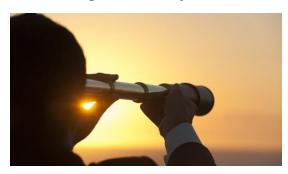


Jasmine Nimar (Germany) represented our Province. In order to pursue her studies, she has asked to end her mandate. We thank her for her involvement in our Province.

More information on this link .

15 December

Discussing the Future of the Province



At the start of December, about fifteen Brothers of the Province, invited by the Provincial Council, met online, first in groups according to language



and then, on December 15, they all came together for a joint meeting, guided by Paul Cummings of the Kinharvie Institute. The aim was to start thinking about the future of our Province of West Central Europe. In the coming months, in-depth discernment will be offered to all the Brothers and to their lay colleagues.

18 December

"Being Marist" No. 8



For Christmas, the Mission Council of the Province provided us with the 8th edition of the "Being Marist" newsletter. In it you will find items on: the Advent period lived in schools; actions of solidarity undertaken; the program of young Marist leaders; and what has been put in place to support all the participants in the mission of our Province... Congratulations on this issue filled with life and hope!

Find this issue on <u>https://maristeu.com</u> where it is available to download. You can also view previous issues and subscribe for free to receive future editions.

2 January

204th anniversary of the Institute

On 2 January, 1817, the first Marist community was born in La Valla. 204 years later, the great Marist family continues to inspire the lives of hundreds of thousands of young people throughout the world. This has been widely shared on social media. And a reminder has been shared on the Institute's web <u>page</u>.

January 2nd saw the conclusion of the journey, started on 6 June 2020, which was proposed to



the Brothers in order to deepen our study of our new Rule of Life "Wherever you go". This document is today's call to live out our identity and our mission as Brothers in today's world.

2021

St Patrick's Blessing

And to accompany our new year, let us be inspired by this blessing attributed to St Patrick and interpreted by more than 300 Christian churches and organizations in Ireland. Just click on the image to see the video.



"Be Thou My Vision" is a hymn written more than 1000 years ago. It reminds us of the One to whom we must turn in this time of pandemic, whose presence is our light, the source of our wisdom, in whom we find our treasure and where we find victory.



Don't forget to send us your local news. Thank you!!