

# SMbulletin

Friday, 21 May 2021

## DISTRICT SUPERIOR FOR ASIA



After consultation of the members of the District, the Superior General has appointed Fr Chris Ganzon for another term of three years as the Major Superior of the District of Asia. His new term starts on 1 June 2021. Chris entered in the Society in 1997. Before being the District Superior, he was working as a formator, in campus ministry and in a Parish.

## CORRIGENDUM

In the SMbulletin of 7/5 we reported erroneously that the Pentecost icon had been made by Fr Ad Blommerde. He wrote to us: "In 1993 we started the "Upper Room Community" in Enschede. I had to leave to the Parish in Uithoorn. In gratitude for the many good things the Marists had done over the years, the parish gave me this icon for the new community. The icon was painted especially for this occasion by iconographer Mr. Daan Hensens."

## Year of Vocations

On 15 November the Marist Vocation Year will be launched. The *Think Tank for vocations* is preparing this year, and has now launched the logo. Central is the Marian monogram, referring both to Mary and to the Society. The letters are set in a circle, symbolizing the fullness of life. The vocations year is not only about seeking religious vocations but also enriching, encouraging and assisting both confreres and young people in their search for the fullness of life promised by the Lord.

The crescent moon, as in Patristic tradition, refers to the *mysterium lunae*: dying (waning), generating (waxing) and giving birth (full moon). Mary as the God-bearer is identified with the Church, called to be maternal and life-giving.



The crescent moon also represents a net, referring to our call to be fishers of people. The flame represents the Holy Spirit coming down on us.

## MARIST HISTORY AND SPIRITUALITY FOR THE GENERAL HOUSE STAFF



Monica Sebastiani, Sophie Janssens, Giovanni Manozzi, Girlie Verzo, Paolo Mancinelli, John Harhager, Aline Gamberale, Ronaldo Quindoza, Johanes Verzo and Gabriella Pierrelouis.

On Tuesday the members of the General House staff were present at their first class on Marist History and Spirituality. Some of the employees have been working many years in the General House, others have joined more recently. All were invited to this series of meetings led by Fr John Harhager, to enrich their familiarity with Marist history and spirituality. The initiative for the meetings was welcomed with enthusiasm and gratitude by all.