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Friday, 11 February 2022

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

The General Administration has been focusing on plenary council meetings in the past weeks. They had three days away for evaluation and team building.

They participated in the Marist Vocations Webinar which was conducted by the Vocations Committee and attended by about 80 Marists.

From 5 until 7 February, they were in Orvieto for a workshop led by Jesuit Fr Danny Huang SJ, to reflect on the future of Marist mission worldwide. Fr Danny is a leading missiologist at the Gregorian university.

Last Tuesday morning the members of the GA participated in the Marist Family *Laudato Si'* Webinar together with about 60 participants from the Marist branches. It was hosted by the Marist Brothers with the theme exploring ways of engaging with the *Laudato Si'* Action Platform.

Also on Tuesday the CLOC XII online meeting took place between the Major Superiors and the GA. A special welcome was given to Fr Joaquín Fernández, who is the new District Superior of Mexico.

During their February plenary meetings, the General Council will

- start preparations for both the Council of the Society (October 2022) and for the venue for the General Chapter (2025),
- have discussions on the Omnes Gentes missions and possible scenarios for future government, the formation directory, a review of the GA portfolios, and financial matters,
- consider having another Colinian Renewal program (2023), a Vocations workshop (2022) and ways of Marist presence during the next World Youth Day to be held in Lisbon, Portugal in 2023,
- form a new commission focusing on a Marist response to the reality of migration.



GENERAL BURSAR



The Superior General has appointed Fr John Harhager for a second term as General Bursar. He and his council expressed their gratitude for John's service as Bursar since the last General Chapter.

LAUDATO SI' WEBINAR

The Marist Family *Laudato Si'* Group held their second annual webinar on 8 February. It was attended by 65 members of all branches of the Marist Family, including Marist laity. The presentation was given by Br Alberto Parise MCCJ, on the *Laudato Si'* Action Platform. He talked on how communities and congregations may sign up, make a commitment, develop their plan, and evaluate it annually. The Links for the Presentation may be found [here](#), in the *Laudato Si'* section of our website.