



GREETINGS FROM PARIS!

Endings make way for new beginnings! This is the ordinary rhythm of life and can be expected on our journey. While doors close in one place, they open in another to show that the mission continues albeit in a different form. Both are to be celebrated.

As our school in Rome closes its doors, we give thanks for the generations of Marists and lay people who served the education ministry there. And yet, the Marist contribution to the mission of the Church continues with new beginnings, as Sahagún reopens, a new pilgrimage route is started and the Ministry of Intercession is relaunched in the province.

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PRAYER INTENTION

Because you shared with us our humanity and our world, we thank you Lord, for the gift of your Incarnation. You are our beginning and our end. We



continue your work of salvation for your praise and glory and the renewal of the creation in which we live.
Amen

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ISTITUTO SAN GIOVANNI EVANGELISTA (ISGE), FINAL GRADUATION CELEBRATION, ROME, 8 JUNE 2021



The Marist secondary school (ISGE) opened its doors in 1949. Since then, the school has provided education in Rome in accordance with the Marist tradition. Recently, it said farewell to its last group of students to graduate.

Fr Antonio Airò (It), the Marist of reference for the school, expressed the sense of gratitude of the Marist Fathers for the opportunity given to many generations of Marists to make a contribution to the ministry inspired by the Gospel and Marist values: "We have put our passion, our empathy, our conviction about this mission, at the service of the education community." He paid tribute to those wonderful teachers and pupils who have worked and studied there and praised the dedication and professionalism of Professor Elena Schirano who has served as the school principal for the last 8 years.



In her address on the occasion of the final celebrations, Professor Elena compared the approach to education at ISGE to the planting of seeds. "The Marist Fathers were a bit like farmers, who prepare the soil (the time of discernment), sow the seeds (the time of formation), wait (the time of waiting, of reflection), hope for good weather (the time of trust in God), hard work (the time of activity), reap the fruits (the time of harvest). And then comes the time of thanksgiving." For the texts of these presentations and many letters of appreciation from pupils and staff, both past and present, follow this link to the Marist Education Blog (in Italian, French and English): <https://bit.ly/EducationISGE>.



BEING
MARY'S
PRESENCE
IN THE
WORLD



THE SAHAGÚN HOSTEL REOPENS! SAHAGUN, SPAIN

The COVID pandemic has had a devastating impact on us all in terms of loss of loved ones and the routines of human life that maintain our wellbeing. In Spain, the Camino de Santiago, normally packed with pilgrims, was closed for six months. As many countries now begin to ease travel restrictions, including Spain, the doors are open again to welcome pilgrims. However, things have changed.



According to Angel Anton (Spa) from the Marist community at Sahagún, "Because of COVID restrictions, our capacity has been reduced to a maximum of 29 people per day instead of 40. In May, we welcomed 140 pilgrims from more than 30 nations, mostly from Europe. This is approximately 15% of those we hosted in the same month in 2019. In June, the daily average was ten people.

We offer pilgrims a scaled-down version of the specific activities characteristic of our hostel, a Christian Welcome - the pilgrim's coffee, the mass and blessing, and the shared dinner. It is only natural that the health restrictions continue to have an impact on our activities. We are hopeful that as the pandemic situation improves, we will return to the normality for which we long at all levels and parts of life."



DEVELOPING THE MINISTRY OF INTERCESSION IN THE EUROPEAN PROVINCE

Myles Moriarty SM (Eng) died on the 20th of February 2020, aged 88 years, after a full life as a Marist – teaching in England and then in Samoa, until ill health forced him to return home to England. For several years he was chaplain to a retreat house run by religious sisters. Eventually he returned to the community of Blackburn, his home town, where he continued his ministry of accompaniment, celebrating Mass at a local convent, as well as providing individual retreats for some of his confrères. Although retired from active ministry, Myles felt strongly that Marists his age should continue to walk with confreres still involved in active ministry. He proposed to the 2017 Provincial Chapter that the Provincial may appoint confreres to be directly associated through prayer and intercession with a Marist pastoral activity.

The Chapter accepted the proposal of this Ministry of Intercession as part of the Work of Mary. Bridges of prayer and solidarity were built across the province and beyond in the wider Marist world just as Jesus sends out his disciples two by two (Luke 10: 1), intending them to bless and encourage one another. Des Hanrahan (Eng), coordinator of the ministry, writes, "Our thanks go to Marists in Europe who have accepted an appointment to the Ministry, as Intercessors and as Prayer Companions, ensuring that the Work of Mary continues to be supported by a constant network of prayer". Volunteers for an appointment to this ministry are welcome - des.hanrahan@gmail.com.

"MARISTES EN EDUCATION" WALK, JUNE 12

The "Maristes en Education" group of the Marist school in Bury-Rosaire undertook a short pilgrimage linking places of Marist interest in the area. Agnès et Blandine, members of this Marist laity group, write: "There were about thirty of us carrying in our hearts the intentions of the educational community under the gaze of Mary, as we linked our Marist schools. We walked along the path that unites our campuses, through our grounds, our roads and paths, from the Collège du Rosaire in St Leu la Forêt, on to the high school in Bury and finally to Bury-Sup in Margency. We stopped for prayer at the Maison St Joseph, the place where the Marist sisters established the first school in the Val d'Oise region." For the full article in French click here:

<https://bit.ly/maristeduc>

