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RETREATS IN THE US AND IN EUROPE

Recently, 27 members of the USA Province gathered for the annual retreat at a Carmelite Spiritual Center near Chicago. The retreat director was Marist Sister Linda Sevcik, SM with the theme *Signs of Hope*. Evenings included a memorial service for the members of the Province who died this past year, a reconciliation service, an update on the Marist Family and a celebration of jubilees. Recordings of the talks were made available to Marists who were unable to attend in person.



This week 18 Marist confreres from seven European countries are on retreat at La Neylière, enjoying somewhat cooler summer weather than most other areas of the continent, as well as twice-daily inspiring reflections, led by an Italian Camillian Father, Arnaldo Pangrazzi. The main theme is “Hope” and how dealing positively with changes in the world and in our personal lives bring us together and lead us to God. The hospitality, family (Marist) atmosphere and delicious meals all add to the blessing of being present together.

APPOINTMENTS



The Superior General has appointed Fr Thilo Saft (Europe / Germany) to the Formation House of the District of Africa in Yaounde, Cameroun, for two years, as from September 2023. Thilo has been studying Formation at the Gregorian University in Rome, and was part of the Formation team of Casa di Maria in the past year.

The Superior General has appointed Fr Lauro da Silva (South America / Brazil) to the formation team of Casa di Maria for the next academic year. Lauro is studying Fundamental Theology at the Gregorian University.

MARIST STUDIES SUMMER SCHOOL



The 2nd Marist Studies Summer School began in Rome on Monday and will continue until 11 August. The Roman temperature on Tuesday reached to 41°C, so it really is a summer school! There are 4 Marist priests participating: Frs Sipi Faka'osi (Tonga), Dennis Levi (Solomon Islands), Paul Molbwet (Vanuatu) and Thilo Saft (Germany); one Marist Sister, Sr Antoinette Bayagi (Gambia); and two lay people from the USA: Mr Mike Coveny from our Marist School in Atlanta and Ms Susan Illis, the provincial archivist of the USA Province. Fr Larry Duffy is the director. On Tuesday Fr John Larsen guided a Reflection Day. Activities on the program include an introduction to the great variety of Marist Resources, several themes to be presented, a visit to the general archives, and personal research and writing.