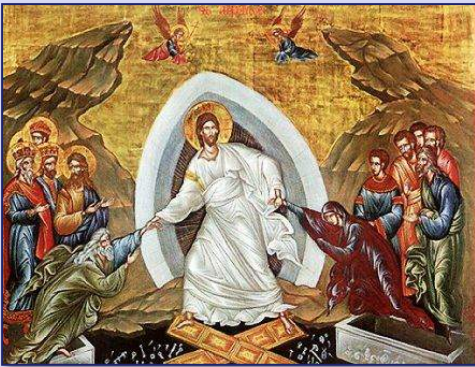


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HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

This year, Holy Week will begin in a very special way for all Marists, as all will be united in prayer for the start of the new Novitiate in the house of Cerdon, Eden, Philippines on 25 March.

We wish all our readers every blessing as they will celebrate the sacred mysteries of Holy Week, and we pray that the joy of Easter may reach all of you, including the many people whom you are serving and whom you are praying for. Happy Easter!!!

ECUMENICAL SEMINAR IN ASSISI

On 15 and 16 March Frs Donato Kivi and Ben McKenna (pictured here with Frs Joshtrom Kureethadam sdb - Salesian Pontifical University and Fr Roy Thomas svd, representing the USG) participated in an ecumenical seminar in Assisi, Italy, organized by the Laudato Si' Center in Assisi. The seminar fostered ecumenical dialogue, exploring the current state of the world (signs of the times), theological perspectives, and liturgical practices. The possibility to establish a common "Feast Day of Creation" for all Christians was explored. Fr Donato reported: *"As a member of the Marist Ecological Commission, engaging in dialogue with representatives from various Christian denominations and communions around the globe was truly inspiring. It affirmed the concerted effort by many Christians towards the care of our shared home – our planet"*.



MARIST LAITY COMMITMENT

On March 20, Mr Jack Ridout, of San Francisco, renewed his commitment for the next five years as a Lay Marist with promises of chastity, poverty and obedience. The Superior General, Fr. John Larsen, witnessed the commitment ceremony, along with two of the members of the San Francisco Marist Community, Frs Rene Iturbe and Al Puccinelli and with the Sisters who accompany the community. Jack expressed that he wishes to dedicate his life to the unique charism of the Society of Mary and to make this known by some kind of stated commitment.



BEGINNING OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR

A few weeks ago, the seminarians at Marist College have started their academic studies. At the beginning of the term, they visited the Provincial House, and later they were joined by some family members and were welcomed at Marist College by the Provincial, Fr Milikiade Rayalu. Their formators are Frs Xavier Sariman, Samuela Tukidia and Br. John Votaia.