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Dear Friends

Sunday 1st September was a significant day for Marists in the Hallam Diocese because it was the day on which the Sisters officially ended their work in St Pauls Parish, Grimethorpe and the Fathers ended their work in St Oswalds, Sheffield. We thank God for all the good achieved in both places over the years and Bishop John Rawsthorne, at the closing mass in Sheffield, expressed his deep appreciation for the work done by the Marists in both parishes. This is the end of an era. On Saturday 21st September seventy people attended the Day of Recollection in Sidcup, the parish the Marist Father left a year ago, and this marked the beginning of an era. Many thanks to all who contributed

VISIT TO PASSAU

On 2nd September, Sarah and I, with 32 others, joined Frs Coleman and Wynn on a visit to Bavaria. We sailed from Hull to Rotterdam, then journeyed by coach (driven superbly well by David) through Holland and Germany to Passau, a town where the rivers Danube, Inn and Ilse meet. Passau itself is a beautiful baroque town, full of history and steeped in Catholic practice and tradition. We stayed at the very modern, purpose-built "Haus Mariahilf" - the diocesan retreat house - where we were welcomed very warmly and fed most royally and where we were able to worship in its beautiful chapel.



Using Haus Mariahilf as a base, we were able to visit Altotting, which houses the major Marian shrine in Germany, Marktl, the birthplace of Pope Benedict XVI, St Michael's Abbey in Reichenberg, Austria and the Marist house in Furstenzell. In each of these places we were allowed to celebrate Holy Mass.

Also, we were treated to an organ recital and river trip in Passau and, thanks to the good offices of Fr Alois, the local Marist priest, to a very good table at the Passau Beer Festival! On the return journey we drove alongside the Rhine (past the Lorelei) and stayed one night in Kamp-Bornhoffen, where we celebrated Mass at the local shrine to Our Lady of Sorrows.

Sarah and I were the newcomers in a group who had obviously travelled together many times before, but we were made very welcome and acquired lots of new friends. We were blessed with glorious weather throughout our stay and can't wait for news of next year's excursion! To be in the company of fellow-Catholics, journeying to an area where Catholicism is the norm, was a blessing in itself. Many thanks to Fr Michael and everyone who helped organize an adventure that refreshed the body, heart and soul.

Deacon Peter Hunt

Marist Liturgical Calendar and Mass Intentions 2013

Date	Feast or Celebration	Mass Intention
18 th Oct	St Luke. Evangelist	
28 th Oct	Ss Simon and Jude. Apostles	

M. Coleman SM, Marist Way Regional Animator

YEAR OF THE FOUNDER

Week 37 'God willed that the Society be born at a time of pride and unbelief. That is why he willed it to be born small and humble. If we have come thus far, it is because we have been small, because of our simplicity.' (FS 87:9)

Week 38 'Yes, someone who makes his confession with sincerity is not far from conversion. For myself, I am a Roman, and in the confessional I follow the same approach as they, the Romans do. I am very fond of those principles: "All for souls" and "Salvation before law".' (FS 95:3)

Week 39 'A society too has its own spirit. Given by whom? Clearly, by God if the same spirit is found enshrined in the Rule. It is only in keeping to this spirit that we shall do good. If we do not keep it, we may create a stir and win the admiration of men, but we shall not do all the good that God requires of us.' (FS 102:3)

Week 40 'A priest, especially a religious priest, who feels no need to study will be held responsible for it, and will have a lot to answer for on Judgment Day.' (FS 102:6)

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. According to an account by fifteenth-century Dominican, Alan de la Roch, Mary appeared to St. Dominic in 1206 after he had been praying and doing severe penances because of his lack of success in combating the Albigensian heresy. Mary praised him for his valiant fight against the heretics and then gave him the Rosary as a mighty weapon, explained its uses and efficacy, and told him to preach it to others.

"Since the prayers of the Rosary come from such excellent sources — from Our Lord Himself, from inspired Scripture, and from the Church — it is not surprising that the Rosary is so dear to our Blessed Mother and so powerful with heaven.

"If we consider the power of the Rosary as seen in its effects, we find a great abundance of proofs of its wonderful value. Many are the favors granted to private individuals through its devout recitation: there are few devoted users of the Rosary who cannot testify to experiencing its power in their own lives. If we turn to history, we see many great triumphs of the Rosary. Pope Pius V attributed the great defeat of the Turkish fleet on the first Sunday of October, 1571, to the fact that at the same time the Rosary confraternities at Rome and elsewhere were holding their processions. Accordingly, he ordered a commemoration of the Rosary to be made on that day.