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Dear Friends

The Marist Way



My sister, Nora and I (Anne Coghlan) along with my brother Myles, a Marist priest for 50 years, have recently returned from a pilgrimage to celebrate the 200th anniversary of The Fourviere Promise, made on 23rd July 1816. Fr Michael Coleman was our experienced and efficient leader; everything was on time, and nobody got lost!

Marists, Priests, Brothers, Sisters and the Marist Way of all nationalities, and international groups of young people all flocked to Fourviere to join the celebration. There was a great feeling of unity and belonging, highlighted by each person being given

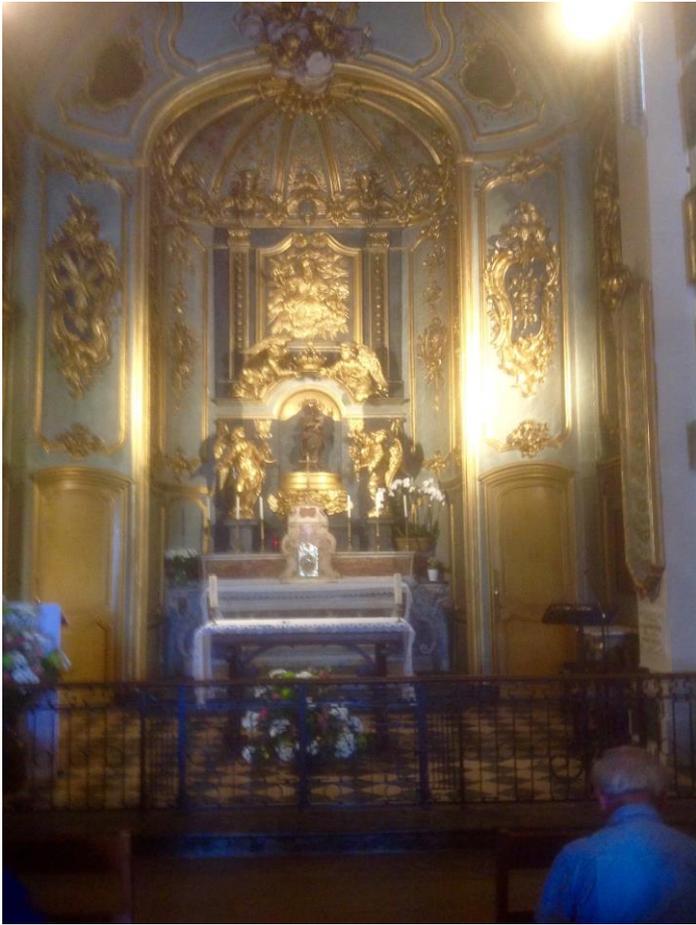
and wearing an azure blue scarf as they entered the magnificent Basilica. Nora and I felt most welcome by our fellow pilgrims who came from North, South, East and West and who were a diverse and friendly group. There were Marist



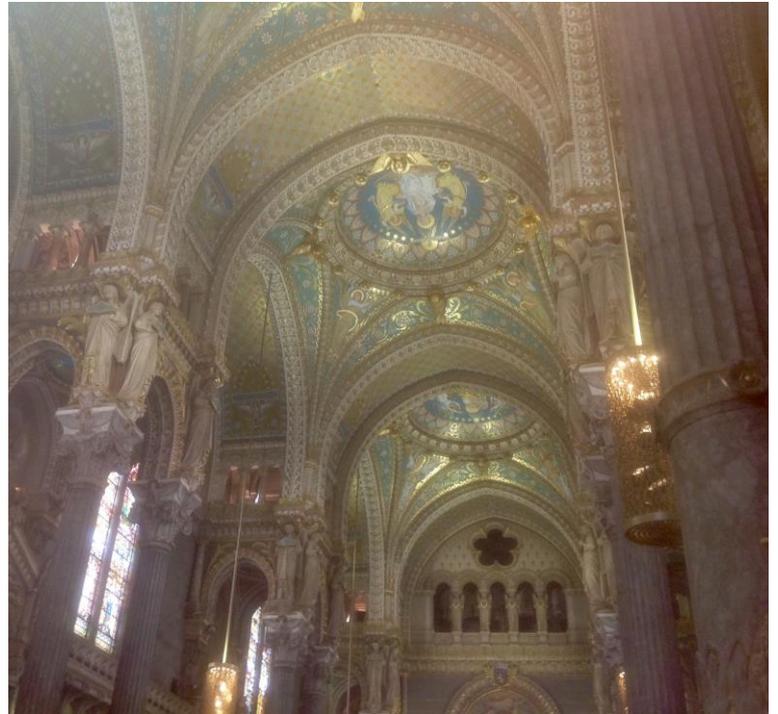
priests, sisters and lay people. (Nora and I are 'a Marist's sisters'!)

Knowing only a little of where we were going each day, Fr Michael's clear explanations and guidance informed us,





and I gradually learnt the Marist story. How brave, strong, courageous and selfless the early Marists were. Very humbling in this time of instant communication, fast travel, oh, yes, and paracetamol! We travelled in a comfortable coach expertly driven by Raymond who



described us as 'un groupe formidable'. We visited significant places in the Marist story.

Quiet sleepy villages, the peaceful country house at La Neyliere, where Colin lived for the last few years



of his life.



The tiny terraced house in Coutouvre where Marie Chavoin was born, and the sturdy 3 or 4 storey building in Jarnosse which she had built to house, educate and train girls to earn, a living. This is where she died. We met charming villagers, led by Maurice and Christine, keen for us to see their church and village, and they also provided a delicious lunch; so generous.



The pilgrimage was very rewarding. Really a rather comfortable one, staying in a comfortable hotel (which had been a Seminary previously), having daily Mass in beautiful places. Not much hardship there! However,

descending 'the hill' from Fourviere,...on foot had a touch of Pilgrimage about it. Ah well, I guess we had to struggle a little!

At 00.01 on Friday 1st July the Region of England of the Marist Fathers ceased to exist and we became part of the Province of Europe. Peter Corcoran moved to the administration in Hull and Noel Wynn moved here to Blackburn. We are now preparing for a Provincial Chapter which will be followed by a General Chapter in 2017. All will be. Well.

Saturday 2nd July saw the gathering of the Marist Day in Walsingham. It was a most pleasant gathering and the Marist Sisters had prepared the liturgy based on the Fourviere Promises. The weather was kind to us. Evening prayer was held in the church of the Annunciation and gave us great insights into the Fourviere Promises. Many thanks to all.

Over the last few years I have been experiencing all sorts of problems in producing the Newsletter. I have made a new arrangement which I hope solves the various problems. The next letter will be towards the end of October. In recent months I have lost the details of members of the Marist

Way who have died. Could I ask that each group send me a list, before the middle of October, of members who have died and I will include the in the next Newsletter. Apologies and any thanks.

On Wednesday 31st August I have an hospital appointment to determine a date for an operation to replace right knee. Obviously I will be out of action for some time. All my commitments will be covered and hopefully all will be well. The Porto / Compostela, the Holy Land, the various Walsingham / Thursford and Christmas in Lourdes pilgrimages will go ahead as planned. Details will depend on the date I am given but all will be well. Thank you for your understanding.

MARIST DAYS OF RECOLLECTION. Southern Day will be at Sunninghill on Saturday 10th September and will be given by Bishop Tom Burns SM. Contact Mary Hawes 0208 300 0521. The Northern day will be on Saturday 17th September at st Mary Magdalene, Cudworth and will be given by Fr Peter Corcoran SM. Contact Pam Kershaw 07867 505966. The days will start at 10.30am with coffee. Bring a packed meal. Hot drinks and soup will be provided.



In June I led a group to Rome. The theme for the Jubilee Year "Merciful like the Father" was well presented. The Holy Door was a wonderful occasion. The route began at the end of the Via Conciliazione and finished at the tomb of St Peter. Five prayerful stops were arranged and the whole experience reminded me of the breadth of the message "Merciful like the Father".
The JubileeYear continues.

Marist Liturgical Calendar and Mass Intentions 2016

Date	Feast or Celebration	Mass Intention
12 Sept	Holy Name of Mary. Patronal Feast	SM
24 Sept	First Professions. Belley 1836	SM
29 Sept	St Michael and the Archangels	

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