MARIST PROVINCE OF WEST AFRICA

RELIGIOUS CALENDAR JULY 2025

Pope's Intention

Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life, and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel

1st July	**Tuesday of the 13th week in Ordinary Time** **Psalms Week I** Saint Junipero Serra, Priest
Anniversaris	In 1899 departure of the first Brothers to Mexico In 1994, the massacre of Brothers Chris Mannion and Joseph Rushikajiki in Save-Rwanda.
Liturgy	Gn 19:15-29: Because of your crimes, I will crush you into the ground Mtt. 8:18-22: Jesus rebuked the winds and the seas and all was calm In 2002, Liberia became part of the Marist District of West Africa
Reflection	**BROTHERHOOD VOCATION IN AFRICA BY BR. VITUS OSUJI (2020)** To be a Brother in Africa is first to accept being a gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church and the world and then dispose oneself to be transformed by the grace of God to become a living witness of his merciful Love. Pg 4
Reminder	Republic Day in Ghana Beginning of Provincial Chapter-Mediterranea Province, Spain
Intentions	We pray for the brothers and workers in Liberia and Mexico. We give thanks for the witness of our brothers who were killed in Rwanda
2nd July	**Wednesday of the 13th week in Ordinary Time**
Liturgy	Gn 21:5, 8-20a Hagar and Ishmael, expelled for Sarah's sake, saved by the Lord. Matthew Mt 8:28-34. Jesus rebuked the winds and the seas, and all was calm.
Birthday	Brother Peter Awoh Acho (1974), from Cameroon
Reflection	**BROTHERHOOD VOCATION IN AFRICA BY BR. VITUS OSUJI (2020)** Religious Life, as a special vocation in the Church, starts when individual Christians embrace a style of life characterized by total separation from the world (Kanu, 2015). The primary intention of the Religious is to be devoted to prayer with the aim at achieving an unalloyed union with God.) pg 14
Intentions	For Br Peter Awoh, his family, his intentions, and his mission as a formator at MIC For the Marist community of Yassa- Cameroon.
3rd July	**Thursday of the 13th week in Ordinary Time** **Psalms Week I** **Saint Thomas, Apostle - Feast**
Liturgy	Ephesians 2:19-22: In Christ, you are no longer aliens, but citizens like us John 20:24-29: 'My Lord and my God!'
Reflection	**BROTHERHOOD VOCATION IN AFRICA BY BR. VITUS OSUJI (2020)**

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	The values of Religious Life are based on the God centered ideals, which attract the faithful and condition them to convert to God. This conversion requires love. Love presupposes selflessness, which is the only condition for theocentric self-transcendence. Page 20
Intentions	For those going through all forms of slavery in the countries where we work For all missionaries spreading the Good News of Christ.
4th July Friday of the 13th week in Ordinary Time Psalms Week I	
Liturgy	Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67: Chose a wife for my son Isaac Mt 9:9-13; It is not the healthy who need the doctor, but the sick
Reflection	**BROTHERHOOD VOCATION IN AFRICA BY BR. VITUS OSUJI (2020)** The Religious Brotherhood is a full-fledged and approved vocation in the Church. Prior to the evangelization of Africa, there existed Religious Congregations solely of Brothers. For instance, the De La Salle Brothers Congregation was founded around 1700 in France. The Marist Brothers of the Schools was founded in 1817, also in France. These Brothers lived in communities and worked for their upkeep as Christ and his twelve apostles did. Page 14
Intentions	For the spirit of sacrifice in our communities. For all non-believers, that they may be touched by the love and truth of Christ and come to know His peace.
5th July Saturday of the 13th week in Ordinary Time Psalms Week I	
Memorial	St Anthony Zaccharia, Priest; St Elizabeth of Portugal Blessed Virgin Mary.
Liturgy	Gn 27:1-5, 15-29: Jacob obtains Isaac's blessing by Fraud Mt 9:14-17: When the bridegroom is taken from them, then they will feast
Reflection	**BROTHERHOOD VOCATION IN AFRICA BY BR. VITUS OSUJI (2020)** The silence about the promotion of Religious Brothers' vocation in Africa has reached the stage to see it as an unconscious rejection of what is not worthwhile. Religious Brothers' lifestyle is incompatible with the African *status-conscious* mentality. Page 27
Intentions	For people who have been victims of sexual abuse For a better appreciation of the vocation of the religious Brother in the Church. Marist Saturday: In thanksgiving to Mary for the gift of our vocation
6th July 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Psalms Week II	
Memorial	St Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr (1890- 902)
Liturgy	Is 66:10-14: Towards Jerusalem I send flowing peace, like a river Gal 6:14-18: The Marks on my body are those of Jesus
Reflection	**BROTHERHOOD VOCATION IN AFRICA BY BR. VITUS OSUJI (2020)** **Religious Brotherhood is not a Surrogate Vocation**

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	Africa's belief and value systems encourage Priesthood vocation more than Religious Brotherhood vocation. Many young African men who aspire to Christian vocation other than marriage usually have Priesthood as their first choice. If by chance or evaluation they fail to secure admission into the seminary, they tend to resort to Religious Brotherhood vocation. Experience has shown that most of such aspirants take the Religious Brothers community as a centre of relief to absorb the shock of their disappointment. Page 58
Birthday	Br Cylas Yenwong Mbivnjo (1993) from Cameroon
Intentions	For the grace to value and take care of our vocation as Marist Brothers. For brother Cylas, family, personal intentions, and his community of Bafut.
7th July 14th Monday in Ordinary Time Psalms Week II	
Liturgy	Gen 28:10-22a Jacob's dream of the ladder at Bethel Mt 9:18-26: Your faith has restored you to health
Reflection	**BROTHERHOOD VOCATION IN AFRICA BY BR. VITUS OSUJI (2020)** As young African Religious vocation aspirants start to understand that Religious Brotherhood vocation is a complete vocation in itself, they will stop the trial-and-error attitude towards entrance into the Religious Brothers' Congregation, because it is not a transient vocation. Experience has also shown that candidates who are incapable of adapting in Religious vocation apply, voluntarily or at the direction of another person, with the mind that only common sense or personal interest is enough to be a Religious Brother. Page 58
Intentions	For the Ivorian people, our Brothers, and the works in that country, For the those sick in our families.. **First Monday:** For our dead relatives, brothers, and benefactors.
8th July Tuesday of the 14th week in Ordinary Time	
Liturgy	Gn 32:23-33: Jacob wrestles with God Mt 9:32-38 9:18-26: The harvest is rich but the laborers are few
Reflection	**BROTHERHOOD VOCATION IN AFRICA BY BR. VITUS OSUJI (2020)** The word Brother conveys a welcoming aura. John Paul II alluded to this aspect of the Religious Brothers' spirituality as the core of their vocation in the Church. In every age and situation, the Religious Brothers' way of life permeates the fabrics of the cultural milieu the Brothers find themselves.
Intentions	For our brothers and relatives who have gone before us For the sick and those taking care of them
9th July Wednesday of the 14th week in Ordinary Time Psalms Week II Saint Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs	

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Liturgy	Gen 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a: Joseph's Brothers in his power Mt 10:1-7: Go to the lost sheep of the House of Israel
Reflection	**BROTHERHOOD VOCATION IN AFRICA BY BR. VITUS OSUJI (2020)** Even though the Africans like the Religious Brothers as they like Jesus Christ, they do not want the Religious Brotherhood lifestyle and obligations permanently for their children. The same is their attitude towards Jesus Christ. They like him but do not want to identify strictly with him. They find joy in the crucified Christ but do not want to hang with him on the Cross. They would readily beg him to "leave their neighbourhood" (Mk. 5:17) as the people of Gerasene begged Jesus whom they accused of wasting their herd of pigs.
Intentions	For those who have lost their faith in Christ and for non-believers. For our brothers preparing for their perpetual vows. For the grace to be open to the promptings of the Holy Spirit
10th July	**Thursday of the 14th Week in Ordinary Time** **Psalms Week II**
Liturgy	Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5 Joseph reveals himself to his Brothers Mt 10:7-15: You received without charge: give without charge
Reflection	**BROTHERHOOD VOCATION IN AFRICA BY BR. VITUS OSUJI (2020)** ***Brotherhood Vocationis for Mature Minds*** Maslow (1954) gives a succinct description of a mature person; the summary of his ideas is as follows. A mature mind consists of stable self-identity, and the ability for self-transcendence. There is mature mind in mature people. Mature people are ever ready for generous and unconditional self-giving, and they have healthy confidence in receiving from others. They have a high or adequate self-esteem and they are content with what they have.
Reminder	**End** of Provincial Chapter-Mediterranea Province, Spain
Intentions	For all the schools in our province. For our brothers and their mission in Tatum.
11th July	**Friday of the 14th week in Ordinary Time** **Psalms Week II**
Memorial	Saint Benedict, Abbot
Liturgy	Gn 46:1-7, 28-30: " I can die, now that I have seen you alive" Mt 10:16-23: The spirit of your father will be speaking in you

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Reflection	**BROTHERHOOD VOCATION IN AFRICA BY BR. VITUS OSUJI (2020)** A mature person says *fiat* in all circumstances just like the Virgin Mary. Mature people who find themselves in a Gethsemane situation can say with Jesus, "My Father … if it is possible, let this cup pass me by. Nevertheless, let it be as you, not I, would have it" (Matt. 26:39). Africa does not seem to have reached the level of cognitive and faith development to let God be God. If Africa were a person, the possible conclusion would be she still lacks the qualities of a mature person.
Intentions	For the Buokrom community in Ghana. For Brother Provincial and his personal intentions
12th July	**Saturday of the 14th Week in Ordinary Time** **Psalms Week II**
Liturgy	Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a: " God has turned the evil you planned into good" Mt 10:24-33: The Spirit of your Father will be speaking in you
Reflection	**BROTHERHOOD VOCATION IN AFRICA BY BR. VITUS OSUJI (2020)** ***Brotherhood Vocation, Loved but not Wanted*** The word Brother conveys a welcoming aura. John Paul II alluded to this aspect of the Religious Brothers' spirituality as the core of their vocation in the Church. In every age and situation, the Religious Brothers' way of life permeates the fabrics of the cultural milieu the Brothers find themselves. People express how much they love Brothers and confidently find it easy to approach them for personal and family problems.
Intentions	For the community of Bouake, Ivory Coast. For families going through difficulties
13th July	**Sunday of the 15th week in Ordinary Time** **Psalms Week III**
Liturgy	Dt 30:10-14: The Law is not beyond your strength or beyond your reach Col 1:15-20: All things were created through Christ and for Christ Lk 10:25-37: The good Samaritan
Birthday	Brother Eric Kramo (1979) from Ghana
Reflection	**BROTHERHOOD VOCATION IN AFRICA BY BR. VITUS OSUJI (2020)** The Religious Brothers who understand their vocation exhibit obvious self-confidence. People who meet the Religious Brothers appreciate their family spirit, which is the principle of Christian living as was reflected in the early Christian community.
Intentions	For the brothers and works in Liberia. For Brother Eric Kramo, his family, his intentions and his Kwadaso Community.

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	For all those called to the consecrated life
14th July	**Monday of the 15th Week in Ordinary Time** **Psalms Week III**
Memorial	St Camillus (1550-1614) and St Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin
Liturgy	Ex 1:8-14, 22: The Egyptians force the sons of Israel into slavery Mt 10:34—11:1: It is not peace I have come to bring, but a sword.
Reflection	**BROTHERHOOD VOCATION IN AFRICA BY BR. VITUS OSUJI (2020)** All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they shared everything they had. With great power, the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and much grace was upon them all.
Intentions	For all our brothers working in difficult situations. For the provincial and his council.
15th July	**Tuesday of the 15th week in Ordinary Time** **Psalms Week III**
Memorial	of St Bonaventure, bishop and Doctor of the Church (1218-1274)
Liturgy	Ex 2:1-15a: Pharaoh's daughter finds Moses among the bulrushes Mt 11:20-24: It will not go as hard with Sodom on judgment Day as with you
Reflection	**BROTHERHOOD VOCATION IN AFRICA BY BR. VITUS OSUJI (2020)** Even though the Africans like the Religious Brothers as they like Jesus Christ, they do not want the Religious Brotherhood lifestyle and obligations permanently for their children. The same is their attitude towards Jesus Christ. They like him but do not want to identify strictly with him. They find joy in the crucified Christ but do not want to hang with him on the Cross. They would readily beg him to "leave their neighbourhood" (Mk. 5:17) as the people of Gerasene begged Jesus whom they accused of wasting their herd of pigs.
Intentions	For the brothers and works in Chad. For all bursars in our province.
16th July	**Wednesday of the 15th week in Ordinary Time** **Psalms Week III**
Memorial	Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Liturgy	Ex 3:1-6, 9-12: The burning bush Mt 11:25-27: You have hidden things from the wise and revealed them to little children

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Reflection	**BROTHERHOOD VOCATION IN AFRICA BY BR. VITUS OSUJI (2020)** Religious Brothers are a financial loss to a people who capitalize on material wealth and abundant children as reason for existence. Africans do not befriend the gods and spirits but need them. Africans befriend the Religious Brothers but do not need them; they do not like their lifestyle, which they see as abnormal. The Religious Brothers lifestyle is what it takes to imitate Jesus Christ.
Intentions	For all religious institutions caring for sick people For the brothers and works in Bafut, Cameroon
17th July Thursday of the 15th Week in Ordinary Time	**Psalms Week III**
Liturgy	Ex 3:13-20: God reveals his name to Moses Mt 11:28-30: My yoke is easy and my burden light
Reflection	**BROTHERHOOD VOCATION IN AFRICA BY BR. VITUS OSUJI (2020)** In Africa today, there is emphasis on material prosperity and the fruit of the womb motivated by self-centeredness that does not allow God to be God. Africans are truly religious, but they seem to listen to the word of God and hear only what satisfies their expectations, which in majority border around financial breakthrough, marriage and bearing children, in accordance with the cultural mind-set.
Intentions	For the students, lay teachers and other workers in our schools For the brothers and works in Korhogo, Ivory Coast.
18th July **Friday of the 15th Week in Ordinary Time**	**Psalms Week III**
Liturgy	Ex 11:10—12:14: The institution of the passover Mt 12:1-8: The Son of Man is the master of the Sabbath
Reflection	**BROTHERHOOD VOCATION IN AFRICA BY BR. VITUS OSUJI (2020)** The Religious Brothers do not possess anything on their own; therefore, they do not have the right to help their kin and kith as substantially as the culture demands. This is a challenge not only to the African Religious Brothers but also to the entire African populace. The cultural mind-set seems to influence the Africans unconsciously to the extent that they systematically fail to recognise with enthusiasm the Religious Brotherhood vocation.
Intentions	For the Community of Odeneho Kwadaso, Ghana. For political leaders in our countries.
19th July Saturday of the 15th Week in the Ordinary Time	**Psalms Week III**
Liturgy	Ex 12:37-42: The sons of Israel left Eggypt hurriedly by night Mt 12:14-21 : He cured them all but warned them not to make him kown

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Reflection	**BROTHERHOOD VOCATION IN AFRICA BY BR. VITUS OSUJI (2020)** To be a Brother in Africa is challenging but possible when the individual is personally and spiritually matured enough to resist the attraction of the modern world and the demands of the African culture. Neither academic qualification nor good will to serve the Lord, nor job excellence nor social recognition can sustain a person in the Religious Life; spirit of detachment and self-transcendent theocentric love only, can
Intentions	For the Community of Yassa, Cameroon. For the vocations directors in our province **Marist Saturday:** We offer special prayers to Mary for our vocation.
20th July Sunday of the 16th Week in Ordinary Time Psalms Week IV	
Liturgy	Gn 18:1-10a: " Next year your wife Sarah will have a son" Col 1:24-28: A mystery hidden for generations has been revealed to God's saints. Lk 10:38-42: Martha works; Mary listens
Reminder	Beginning of CSAC Budget Meeting in Nairobi
Reflection	**BROTHERHOOD VOCATION IN AFRICABY BR. VITUS OSUJI (2020)** Br. Vitus' testimony in this book is primarily to create awareness of the necessity of the Religious Brother's vocation in the Church, and to clarify that the Religious Brother's lifestyle is not foreign to the African culture, therefore, can sustain the spiritual quest of the young African men who want to consecrate their lives to God unconditionally. He invites all and sundry to appreciate and promote vocation to the Religious Brotherhood.
Intentions	For the Community of Ashalaja, Ghana. For the Brothers of the Mediterranea Province.
21st July Monday of the 16th Week in Ordinary Time Psalms Week IV	
Memorial	St Lawrence of Brindisi Priest; Doctor(1559-1619)
Liturgy	Ex 14:5-18: Pharaoh sets out in pursuit of the sons of Israel Mt 12:38-42: There is something greater than Solomon here
Anniversaries	In 1951, departure of the first Brothers for Japan where we have a community
Reflection	**BROTHERHOOD VOCATION IN AFRICA BY BR. VITUS OSUJI (2020)** Do Africans really believe that God can ask of a man his son for a sacrifice? From all indications, judging from the Africans' mentality, Religious Brothers are like sacrificial victims that God demands. It overwhelms Africans. That God sacrificed his only begotten Son to save humankind had been a nice story to the African faithful. Today the reality of the harsh truth dawns on them as they watch the Religious Brothers

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Intentions	For our family members, friends and relatives, and their intentions For the Marist Mission in Japan
22nd July, Tuesday of the 16th Week in Ordinary Time Psalms Week IV	
Memorial	St Mary Magdalen
Liturgy	Sg 3:1-4b "I found him whom my soul loves" Jn 20:1-2,11-18 " Mary, go and find the brothers and tell them"
Anniversaries	In 1816 Fr Champagnat was ordained priest In 2003, the opening of the 2nd District Chapter in Accra
Birthday	Brother Christian Mbam, (1945), former Master of Novices
Reflection	**BROTHERHOOD VOCATION IN AFRICA BY BR. VITUS OSUJI (2020)** **Brotherhood Vocation is Offering** What is the relationship between human sacrifice and Religious Brotherhood vocation in Africa? The key words so far are Religious Life, sacrifice, faith and fear of God or deity, devotion, obedience, love, and God's Providence. Traditionally Africans offer sacrifice to the deity. The Old Testament Jews offered God sacrifice. God continues to get sacrifice in the New Testament. All the sacrifices in all the cultures, both ancient and modern, involved offering human beings in one way or the other. For the Catholics, every Holy Mass is an offering of the Lamb of God, Jesus Christ.)
Intentions	For Br Christian, his family, personal intentions, and for his province That we may serve with love, humility, and a willing heart
23rd July Wednesday of the 16th Week in Ordinary Time Psalms Week IV	
Memorial	St Bridget of Sweden, Religious
Liturgy	Ex 16:1-5, 9-15: The Lord sends quails and manna from heaven Mt 13:1-9: A sower went out to sow
Birthday	Brother José María Romero, who worked in Côte d'Ivoire
Anniversaries	In 1816, the young Marist aspirants Marcellin Champagnat, Jean-Claude Colin, and others pledged to form a Marist Society at the Marian shrine of Fourvière. In 1938, the departure of the first Brothers for the Solomon Islands
Reflection	**BROTHERHOOD VOCATION IN AFRICA BY BR. VITUS OSUJI (2020)** **Brotherhood Vocation is Offering** In the Christian context, Religious Life is equal to offering a human person. It is an act of faith: faith on the part of the Church that admits the Religious Brother, faith on the part of the Religious that responds to God's invitation. If the Church in Africa has the faith to appreciate that God is worthy of an expensive sacrifice done out of sheer love of Him, Africans would, in faith, nurture and support vocations to Religious Brotherhood.

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Intentions	For Br Romero, his family, personal intentions and for his health. For the brothers in the Provincial House.
24th July Thursday of the 16th Week in the Ordinary Time Psalms Week IV	
Memorial	Saint Charbel Makhlouf, Priest
Liturgy	Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b: Moses speaks with God on Sinai Mt 13:10-17: Prophets and holy men longed to hear what you hear
Reflection	**BROTHERHOOD VOCATION IN AFRICA BY BR. VITUS OSUJI (2020)** **Brotherhood Vocation is Offering** The measurement of any genuine offering is the quality of the perseverance of the one who offers. Perseverance means "steady and continued action or belief, usually over a long period and especially despite difficulties or setbacks" (*Encarta Dictionary, Standard Edition*, 2005). Abraham persevered in his faith relationship with God. Christ persevered in his self-offering for human redemption. Africans, due to their belief system and concept of god, do not persevere in offering.
Intentions	For all the brothers in their ongoing formation and further studies. For all the formators at MIC.
25th July Friday of the 16th Week in Ordinary Time Psalms Week IV Feast of Saint James, Apostle	
Liturgy	2 Cor 4:7-15: "Such an overwhelming power comes from God, not from us." Mt 20:20-28: "Can you drink the cup that I am going to drink?"
Reflection	**BROTHERHOOD VOCATION IN AFRICA BY BR. VITUS OSUJI (2020)** **AFRICAN RELIGIOSITY (*African Faith)*** Prior to the advent of Christianity, Africans believed in the spirit world populated by gods, the dead ancestors and the supreme God. For them, the spiritual beings made things happen but were not friends. The relationship between the traditional Africans and the gods was that of mutual respect *("Let human beings not work against the spirit and let the spirit not work against human beings).* They have this unwritten norm in mind when making expensive sacrifices to their deity. Therefore, it seems they sacrificed not in faith but in fear, not in love but in justice.
Reminder	National feast of Spain, under the patronage of the Apostle St James End of CSAC Budget Meeting in Nairobi
Intentions	For the Spanish Brothers and their mission in that country. For the Marist Provinces of Europe.
26th July Saturday of the 16th Week in Ordinary Time Psalms Week IV	
Memorial	Ss Joachim and Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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Liturgy	Ex 24:3-8: This is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you Mt 13:24-30: Let them both grow till the harvest
Reflection	**BROTHERHOOD VOCATION IN AFRICA BY BR. VITUS OSUJI (2020)** Africans by nature do not cultivate where they would not reap. They 'do not dig a hole that has no game inside it.' When they give, they expect return. They live the golden rule to the letter. They do not lose in their act of charity and it must be reciprocal – equal share to each party. The principle falls short of Christian love. Africans give to the deity but expect abundant children and material prosperity to care for the children…….. With this attitude, they do not trust God fully. This may explain why the African Christians of today need miracle to confirm that God is actually doing his part.
Intentions	For the postulant master and his team in the postulancy. For local superiors and school heads **Marist Saturday:** We offer special prayers to Mary for our vocation.
27th July 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Psalms Week I	
Liturgy	Gn 18:20-32: Abraham negotiates with the Lord Col 2:12-14: Christ has brought you to life with him and forgiven us all our sins Lk 11:1-13: How to pray
Birthday	Kone Bruno (1985), from Ivory Coast. Brother Julián Inchusta (1931), worked in Equatorial Guinea.
Anniversaries	In 1939 Brother Lycarión was killed by the revolutionaries in Barcelona, Spain
Reflection	**BROTHERHOOD VOCATION IN AFRICA BY BR. VITUS OSUJI (2020)** ***African Faith is Self-centred*** Traditionally Africans did not offer human beings just because the deity demanded it. They offered human beings because they valued human life and thought the deity would value and accept the life of one person and spare the life of the rest of the people. One important fact about the human offering that traditional Africans made was that the Africans did not offer a person from their own ethnic group or even tribe, in most cases; they usually abducted people from other families, tribes or villages or clans, for sacrifice.
Intentions	In thanksgiving for the gift of Brothers Bruno and Julian to our Institute; we pray for their intentions and their communities For all those who work with the Marist Brothers.
28th July Monday of the 17th Week in Ordinary Time Psalms Week I	
Liturgy	Ex 32:15-24, 30-34: The golden calf Mt 13:31-35: The smallest of all seeds grows into the biggest shrub of all

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Reflection	**BROTHERHOOD VOCATION IN AFRICA BY BR. VITUS OSUJI (2020)** ***African Faith is Self-centred*** The African Commission on Human and People's Rights observes this trend: "Several cases of kidnapping and disappearance of persons are traced to the vicious schemes and activities of ritualists. In most cases, those targeted for ritual sacrifice are vulnerable members of the population — the poor, women, children, the aged and people with disabilities" (November 2010).
Intentions	For the abolition of human sacrifice and kidnapping in certain parts of Africa. That justice and peace mat prevail, and that those affected find healing and protection
29th July Tuesday of the 17th Week in Ordinary Time Psalms Week I	
Memorial	**Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus**
Liturgy	Ex 33:7-11: "They are a headstrong people; but forgive us our faults" John 11:19-27: I am the resurrection and the life
Anniversaries	In 1836, approval of the Society of Mary by Pope Gregory XVI. In 1937, first Marist foundation in the Netherlands, in the Province of North West Europe In 1991, Brother Moisés Cisneros was murdered in Guatemala.
Reflection	**BROTHERHOOD VOCATION IN AFRICA BY BR. VITUS OSUJI (2020)** ***Fear Inspires African Religiosity*** "Neurotic" fear and not by filial fear seems to drive the offering of traditional Africans. Neurotic fear arises from the sense of insecurity and distrust. Filial fear bases on love. The lyrics of most of the charismatic Christian songs of the African singers confirm the lack of sense of filial love in the Africans' religiosity. Africans approach their deity out of overpowering sense of insecurity and not out of affection to enjoy the deity's abiding presence. Consequently, the traditional Africans' and in their turn, the modern Africans' offering is conditional.
Intentions	For the grace to grow in unity and collaboration in our Province. For all our Aspirants and their parents.
30th July Wednesday of the 17th Week in Ordinary Time Psalms Week I	
Memorial	Saint Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church]
Liturgy	Ex 34:29-35: He sells everything he owns and buys the field Mt 13:44-46: He sells all he has and buys that field.

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Reflection	**BROTHERHOOD VOCATION IN AFRICA BY BR. VITUS OSUJI (2020)** ***Africans Believe in Life*** It seems that the Africans' believe in life is stronger than their faith in God because from the look of things, life is a proof that there is God. The faith of Africans seems not to have reached the point where compromising the value of procreation and preservation of life is possible. Africans' sense of self hinges on procreation and preservation of life. Obi (2015) makes a point related to this fact where he writes, "Africans have a sacred reverence for life, for it is believed to be the greatest of God's
Reminder	Beginning of Online **Provincial Council Meeting**: Third Quarterly Financial Report
Intentions	For all our Novices and their formators. For the grace of perseverance in our vocation
31st July Thursday of the 17th Week in Ordinary Time Psalms Week I	
Anniversaries	In 1963, the first Marist foundation in Puerto Rico, one of the countries of the Province of Central America
Liturgy	Ex 40:16-21, 34-38: The tabernacle is set up Mt 13:47-53: The fishermen collect the good fish and throw away those that are no us
Reflection	**BROTHERHOOD VOCATION IN AFRICA BY BR. VITUS OSUJI (2020)** The destiny of an African man is more of begetting children, especially sons that will replace him than eternal life in heaven. Each man must procreate for it is a debt to the community. Procreation must do with marriage and begetting children; preservation of life must do with providing material things needed to nurture the children. Not marrying is equal to planning the extinction of the community. Advising or encouraging able-bodied young men to remain unmarried, is 'madness' that is not easy to manage..
Reminder	End of Online Provincial Meeting: Third Quarterly Financial Report
Intentions	Thanksgiving for God's blessings during this month. For the success in the mission of all religious in the places where we work.