



SM bulletin

Friday, 21 November 2014

General Administration

This week the Superior General in council gave the *nihil obstat* to five candidates whose names came forward from the first round of the USA provincial elections. The provincial elect should be named before Christmas.

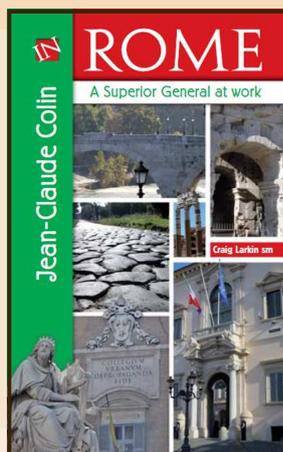
Other items on the agenda were mainly related to formation, and Fr Kevin Duffy gave a first report on his recent visit to the district of Africa which was focused on further elaboration of the school project in Dakar.

Fr Lote Raiwalui will start his visitation of the district of Asia next week.

Fr Alejandro Muñoz attended the European Education Forum in Toulon and is now in Paris where he will be present at the European Council of the Province.

The **Kalendarium for 2015** is ready and is sent out together with this SMbulletin for local distribution.

Jean-Claude Colin in Rome

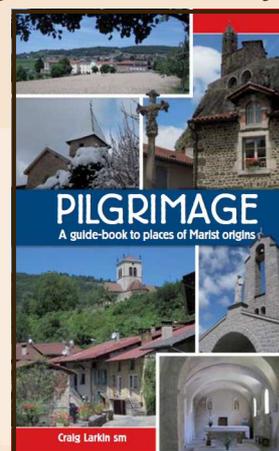


After "Pilgrimage, a guide-book to places of Marist origins", Fr Craig Larkin (Z) has now published a second illustrated book in the steps of our Founder: "Colin in Rome, a Superior General at work". The book proposes 4 pilgrimages through the streets of ancient Rome, each of them following the significant places Fr Colin visited during his 5 journeys to Rome.

Fr Craig said: "One thing that has really struck me as I've worked through the two pilgrimage books - something I hadn't really expected - was that by following Jean-Claude Colin's life in this way I got a good insight into Jean-Claude Colin as "a man who allowed himself to be transformed

by God". He was truly remarkable, when you consider his origins, and then how he allowed himself to be changed, and to grow and to be expanded by all the experiences that God invited him to take up. Temperamentally, he could have withdrawn from such challenges, but he allowed the transformation to take place. So I've grown to see him with great admiration; and he's a model for all of us his followers to allow whatever there is in our human qualities to be transformed."

Both books will be distributed to the units next week, each community will receive a copy.



European Education Forum

From 17 to 19 November the fourth Educational Forum of the Province of Europe took place in Toulon, with the theme "Marist Tradition and Education for Freedom of Thought". Two hundred collaborators from different levels of all the European educational establishments attended the meeting:



teachers, chaplains, representatives from different organisations connected to the schools, students and many Marist confreres. For first time also a parallel forum of young people took place. Its conclusions were presented at the main forum on the last day, and it proved to be a very successful initiative.