



SM bulletin



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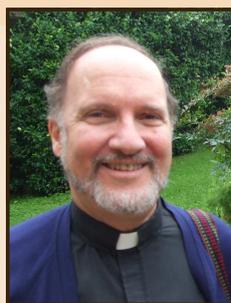
Fr John Hannan is continuing his visitation of the region of Ireland.

Fr Kevin Duffy is in La Neylière for meetings and final preparations for the Colinian Renewal Program which begins in January.

Fr Lote Raiwalui has completed a visit to the district of Asia, and was present this week at the conclusion of the *Spirituality and Lifestyle program* in Sydney, Australia. He will now have some vacation in Fiji.

Please note that for the last few weeks the SMbulletin has been appearing in Italian. We remind you that all translations of the SMbulletin can be viewed and downloaded from the members sections on www.maristsm.org.

New Provincial Elected in the USA



This week the members of the province of the USA elected Fr Paul Frechette to be their next provincial and the superior general has confirmed him in that role. Fr Paul was general assistant from 2001 to 2009, and has been part of the provincial council in the past few years. He will succeed Fr Ted Keating, who has generously served the USA province as major superior for two consecutive terms. Paul Frechette will take up his role on 1 July 2015.

Ordination to the Priesthood in Oceania

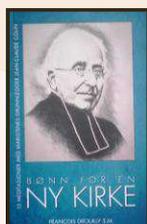
On 6 December Fr Samuel Maetera was ordained to the priesthood in Honiara, Solomon Islands, by bishop Adrian Smith. Samuel started his studies in Bomana, PNG in 2005 and did his novitiate in Tutu. After his profession in 2007 he continued his seminary studies in New Zealand. As a deacon he has been serving for two years in the parish of Dala, Solomon Islands.



USG Meeting

The *Union of Superiors General* (USG) meets twice a year. At the recent November meeting there was something remarkably different happening. The President, Fr Adolfo Nicolas s.j., in his opening remarks spoke reflecting the advice of Pope Francis to the Synod members last month when he invited them to "*speak clearly and with humility*". Fr general said that he had rarely heard such invigorating conversation in a large body as he did at this USG meeting, a wide array of exciting views were voiced and dynamic ways of approaching the issues coming from the Synod were spoken assuredly and with hope – "So much is possible through greater openness to the Holy Spirit at work in our Church today. We have such an extraordinary witness given us in the leadership of Pope Francis."

Translations of 15 Days of Prayer with Jean-Claude Colin



Recently Fr Drouilly's book "15 jours de prière avec Jean-Claude Colin" has been translated in Norwegian, "*Bønn for en ny Kirke— 15 meditasjoner med maristenes grunnlegger Jean-Claude Colin*", and in Dutch "*Onzichtbaar kiemt het zaad*", on the initiative of the European province. The book is already available in English and a Portuguese and a Spanish translation are being worked on.