



SM bulletin



Friday, 6 March 2015

General Administration

At this week's council meeting the general bursar, Fr Paul Cooney, reported on the meeting of the regional bursars of Europe, which he attended in Paris last week.

Fr Larry Duffy is visiting some communities in New Zealand after attending the combined New Zealand-Australian councils' meeting in Wellington.

Combined New Zealand-Australian Councils' Meeting



Back row: David Kennerley, Paul Martin - Middle row: Gerard Hall, Bob Barber, Larry Duffy, Merv Duffy, Paul Mahony - Front row: Chris Martin, Neil Vaney, Peter McMurrich, Kevin Stewart

The Provincial Councils of Australia and New Zealand met for two days in Wellington and discussed the issue of reconfiguration in response to the urgings of the General Administration. They looked at small collaborative projects, the priority ministries of both provinces and the way ahead to uniting as a single province, and the issues around it not having been achieved previously. A working party will be set up to provide concrete proposals to be discussed by the Councils again in September. The aim is to have proposals for reconfiguration for both Provincial Chapters in 2016.

Social Justice at Marist School in Malgrat



At the Marist school in Malgrat (Spain) special attention is given to issues relating to social justice. Fr Toño Fernández offers a weekly Solidarity workshop in which 50 teenagers participate. It is designed to give both personal training in social justice matters and to contribute to the Spanish Church's campaign against hunger and poverty, *Manos Unidas*, which uses some of the produced material at the national level. Recently the students submitted some of their work for a national competition and film festival. You can view the videos and on the links below, and vote for them:

<http://bit.ly/SPCMalgrat1> - <http://bit.ly/SPCMalgrat2> - <http://bit.ly/SPCMalgrat3>

Deceased Confreres

We pray for

Br Willibald Ehrl, aged 63, from the province of Europe (Germany), who died on 10 February,

Fr Tom Butler, aged 97, from the province of Europe (Ireland), who died on 13 February, and for

Fr Bernard Ryan, former Superior General, aged 90, from the province of New Zealand, who died on 21 February.

May they rest in peace.