



SM bulletin



Friday, 20 March 2015

General Administration

In the General Council Meeting this week some financial matters were discussed and Fr Larry Duffy presented brief initial reports on his recent visit to the Pacific: the first part of his visitation of Oceania, the joint meeting of the Australian and New Zealand provincial councils on reconfiguration and visits in New Zealand.

In the coming week Fr Larry Duffy will join the participants in the Colnian Renewal Program in *La Neylière* where he will give some input.

Fr Alejandro Muñoz is in the District of Brazil on visitation. Next week he will travel to Peru.

Huge Damage after Cyclone in Vanuatu



After the passing of Cyclone Pam in Vanuatu one week ago, bishop John Bosco Baremes from Port Vila declares: "In Port Vila the destruction is everywhere, and there's no news from anyone around the islands yet. There's just no shelter, with so much having been blown away, and people will need somewhere to shelter while they rebuild." The Provincial of Oceania, Fr Ben

McKenna communicated that the confreres of the community in Port Vila are all safe and well, but there is no news yet from the communities in Tanna (South) and Santo (North), as communication lines are interrupted. The *Marist Mission Centre* in Australia has sent out an urgent call for donations to help the local population.

Workshop on Leadership and Administration in Brazil

This week a second replica of the workshop on *Leadership and Administration* took place in the district of Brazil. The workshop facilitated by Frs José-Maria da Silva and Alejandro Muñoz was held in Belo Horizonte. All the members of the council of the District Council, including the bursar, and also the bursar of the community of Belo Horizonte participated.



Forum Novum 2014 - Addendum

In the latest edition of *Forum Novum* (2014) there were articles proposing different interpretations of Marist origins. The publication has provoked some lively discussion and we are happy to add an article on this issue by one of our foremost researchers in this field, Fr Gaston Lessard from Canada. You can find all articles of *Forum Novum* on the GA website, www.maristsm.org under Marist Studies - *Forum Novum* 2014. Attached to this bulletin we send the updated table of contents.

Marist Family Meeting in France



On 1 March the Marist Family of the French department of Rhône – Alpes met at the community of Sainte Foy-les-Lyons for a day of reflection on the outcomes of the Synod for the Family. There were 63 participants (Marist Sisters, Brothers, Laity and Fathers). The gathering took place in a fraternal atmosphere, and was concluded with a Eucharist in the house chapel.