



SM bulletin



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General Administration

Fr John Hannan has left for Canada where he will join the confreres of the Province of Canada in their celebrations on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the foundation of their province.

In Memory of Fr Jean Coste



Every Marist knows about the remarkable work of Fr Jean Coste on our origins. However, his achievements were not limited to Marist studies. He was also a pioneer of archaeological studies in the periphery of Rome, amongst other things he taught archaeology at a Roman university. From his earliest days in Rome, on Sundays Jean would go out to the peripheries of the city to celebrate Mass and in the afternoons go on archaeological excursions with the young parishioners. These outings as well as giving an opportunity for discussion of religion, were aimed at bringing culture and knowledge of archaeological richness to the young people in the - often very poor - periphery of the eternal city. One of these young people was Rita Pomponio, who today holds the memory of Fr Coste very dear, and does not want his name to be lost. She has now instituted a prize in his honour "il premio Jean-Coste", inviting schools of all grades in the Roman periphery to participate. In this way she encourages students to deepen archaeological studies within their own neighbourhood, in the spirit of Jean Coste. The first prize-giving was held on 13 May, 2015, at *Tor Bella Monaca*, a Roman suburb known for its difficult social situation, where many families who migrated to Rome in the fifties from the South of Italy live, along with "new" migrants and refugees who came to Italy in more recent times. The theatre was filled with hundreds of enthusiast boys and girls and their families.



Gathering of Maristes en Education

For three days more than 80 members of the Association "Maristes en Education" gathered in Belley, France, to address the theme: *Promoting the art of living in Marist schools*. The association was founded in 2006. It gathers people linked to the Marist schools in France and its purpose is to promote Marist spirituality in the schools founded by the Marist Fathers. As usual the meeting was a great occasion for sharing, for reflecting and for praying. From the introductory text: *In our Marist schools, we are the custodians of the Marist educational tradition. In spite of the different styles of our educational communities, which are linked to their history and to their social, spiritual and cultural environment, we have received from the Marist Fathers the gifts that are the characteristics of Marist education. These characteristics determine how we live and work together (...). We know very well that a network that was no more than a collection of schools would have no meaning. The European forums have enabled us to widen the space of our tents whilst deepening what underpins our common identity.*