



SM bulletin



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General Administration

Fr John Hannan is now on visitation of the confreres from the European Region of the Netherlands and Norway.

Fr Larry Duffy has begun the second phase of his visitation of the Province of Oceania.

From a recent council meeting permission was given to the District of Asia to purchase a property in Tulip Drive, Davao, Philippines, destined to be developed as the District house, administrative centre and formation house. The Province of Oceania has also been given permission to open a new community in Hohola, Port Moresby, PNG.

50th Anniversary of the Province of East Canada

On Sunday 17 May, the feast of the Ascension of Jesus, the Marist province of East Canada has celebrated the 50th anniversary of its foundation. Indeed it was on 13 December 1965 that the 'the East of Canada', a mission of the province of Boston, became an independent province.



A solemn Eucharistic celebration presided by the superior general took place in the church of Saint-Michel de Sillery. Also present were the Archbishop emeritus of the Archdiocese of Quebec, Rev. Maurice Couture, the provincial elect of the US, Fr

Paul Frechette, and the former provincial of the former province of Boston, Fr Roland Lajoie. Many other friends joined the Canadian confreres in this festive moment: representatives of the diocesan clergy and other religious congregations, members of the Marist family in Canada and parishioners. For all it was an important and solemn moment of thanksgiving for the presence, the prayer and the ministry of the Marists in Canada.

After the Eucharist the assembly moved to the *séminaire* of the Marist Fathers, for a festive meal. The students of the college had carefully decorated the venue and during the meal they accompanied the guests with their music.

The gathering was also the occasion for speeches from the provincial superior, Fr Jacques Arguin, and from the superior general. In their challenging and inspiring speeches they thanked the Canadian confreres for their commitment to the Society and to the Church.