



SM bulletin



Friday, 5 June 2015

General Administration

Fr John Hannan continues his visitation in the Netherlands and will join the participants of the Colinian Renewal Group in *La Neylière* next week for its final days.

Also Fr Kevin Duffy was in *La Neylière* this week where he gave input to the Colinian Renewal Group.

Fr Larry Duffy is in Suva where he has visited Marist College and the Regional House.

Fr Alejandro Muñoz is in France with the Marist Brothers at L'Hermitage.



Fr John with members of the Marist Laity in the Netherlands.

The commencement of the Fourvière Year



The commencement of the Fourvière Year (23 July 2015 – 23 July 2016) is fast approaching. This year of prayer and reflection will be celebrated by all the branches of the Marist Family in preparation for the Bicentenary of the Fourvière Pledge on July 23, 2016.

The booklet, *Ascent to Fourvière*, containing a history of the making of the pledge by the twelve young men in Lyons by Fr Justin Taylor and a reflection on the pledge by Fr François Drouilly, has been distributed throughout the Marist world in French, Spanish and English (a Portuguese version will be published by the Marist Brothers in January). These two works may form the background to our prayer, reflection and

discussion throughout the year. These works can also be found on the web.

A dedicated website, www.maristinter.org, offers material associated with the Bicentenary, including resources to assist provinces and districts, regions and communities in devising activities over the next twelve months as well as plan the celebrations for the day itself. In the section "resources" can be found [the Fourvière Year prayer](#), especially composed for use by all the branches of the Marist Family, and a set of four reflections for communities and individuals to visit at intervals during 2015 – 2016. "Resources" also contains relevant papers by Fr Gaston Lessard and Sr Myra Niland sm.

There is room on the site for feed-back – send in your plans for events to come and reports and photos of events held – they may give others good ideas! The website also contains the text of the 1816 Pledge, a photo gallery, and the text of the Mass of the Holy Name of Mary. Other items may be added as they come to hand.

Ordination to Diaconate in the Province of Oceania

On 31 may Dennis Levi from the province of Oceania (Solomon Islands) was ordained to the diaconate in Suva, by Archbishop Peter Loy Chong. Fr Larry Duffy, the vicar general on visitation in Oceania, attended the celebration.

Deceased Confreres

We pray for

Fr Kevin F. O'Donoghue, aged 80, from the province of New Zealand, who died on 7 May, and for

Fr Sergio Ortega, aged 82, from the province of Mexico, who died on 25 May. May they rest in peace.