



SM bulletin



Friday, 26 June 2015

General Administration

Fr John Hannan is concluding his visitation of the region of Germany, and will be in Rome early next week.

Fr Larry Duffy is continuing his visitation of the province of Oceania. He has been meeting with the provincial council and will spend next week in New Caledonia.

For two weeks Fr Paul Cooney and the staff of the finance office have been particularly busy with the annual external audit of the General House finances, which will be concluded today.

Farewell to the "Pioneers" of the International Theologate



The "pioneers" of the Marist International Theologate ("Casa di Maria") in Rome have returned to their home units this week. Eleven students arrived in Rome three years ago. Seven of them are now returning home with their initial degrees in Theology completed.

Dani Fernández Alcaraz returns to Madrid to prepare for Diaconate. Fernando Torres Galicia will soon be ordained Priest and David Sánchez Garduño a Deacon, both in Mexico. Paul Molbwet and Xavier Sariman (Oceania) are preparing for Perpetual Profession, as are Lauro da Silva (Brazil) and John Guo Wang (Asia).

It has been a busy few weeks. The students undertook their final exams, some at the Gregorian and some at the Angelicum University.

Three years ago the group began with a pilgrimage to Assisi. Their time in Italy closed with another pilgrimage to Assisi as a time of prayer, thanksgiving and preparation for the future mission in the Society.

There was a final Eucharistic celebration and a barbecue on the roof-top terrace which gave them a chance to say farewell to some of the many people whose lives they have shared over the last three years.

The three remaining students, Tom Kouijzer (EU), who has already done two years, and Samuel Tukidia and Soane Hehea, both from Oceania and starting their first academic year in September, will be soon joined by others.

Q&A in St. Patrick's, Sydney



In the crypt of St Patrick's parish in Sydney, Australia, a "Questions and Answers" session was organized to invite young people for an evening of reflection on religious life. The event was hosted by the different branches of the Marist family and more than 20 participants attended the meeting. The Q&A, which has proved to be a popular format among young people, is one of the initiatives organized by the St Pat's Pastoral Team in response to the Superior General's letter for the *Year of Consecrated Life*.