



# SM bulletin



Friday, 10 July 2015

## General Administration

On Tuesday a General Council Meeting took place.

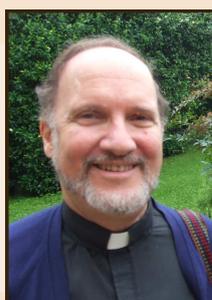
On Wednesday, at Monteverde, Fr John Hannan, together with the other superiors general of the Marist family, met for one of their regular meetings. For the first time they were joined by Sr Grace Ellul, the new superior general of the Marist Sisters.

Fr Larry Duffy is approaching the end of his visitation of the province of Oceania.

Fr Kevin Duffy will be on vacation till the end of the month.

Fr Lote Raiwalui is attending the retreat of the province of Europe in *La Neylière*.

## USA: a Retreat, an Assembly and a New Provincial!



Fifty-nine members of the U.S.A. Province gathered at Our Lady of the Snows Conference Center in Belleville, Illinois for their annual retreat and assembly from 21 to 26 June 2015. Led by Marist Brother Sean Sammon, the retreat presentations dealt with the spirituality of transition and change. The assembly work was designed to engage the members of the

province in the Marist Statement of Identity, created by the Assembly and Chapter in 2013, *in ways that can make it measurably real in our ministries, communities, and personal lives*. The time together included the celebration of anniversaries of profession and ordination. The gathering was also an occasion to thank and bless Fr Ted Keating (pictured left) for his generous service as provincial during two consecutive mandates. The assembly warmly welcomed Fr Paul Frechette (pictured right), who started his mandate as provincial on 1 July.

## A Memorial Cross and Plaque for Fr Bernard Ryan

During a ceremony at East Kempsey cemetery, NSW, Australia, a memorial cross and plaque was blessed honouring the late Fr Bernard Ryan SM, and his devoted ministry to the indigenous people of the Northern Rivers. The ceremony was attended by many of the local community. Fr Bernie Ryan, after having completed his term as Superior General of the Society at the age of 62, had initiated a mission outreach among the Aboriginal people both in Queensland and in New South Wales. So closely did he identify with his people that he was made an elder within the Koori community. He died earlier this year at the age of 90.

