



# SM bulletin

Fourvière 1816 - 2016

Friday, 24 July 2015

## General Administration

On Thursday a Council Meeting took place.

Fr John Hannan leaves for his annual holidays today.

Fr Larry Duffy came back to Rome after his visitation of the Province of Oceania and of the International Novitiate in Davao, Philippines. He will leave Rome next week for his holidays.

Fr Paul Cooney had a meeting today at the General House with the general bursars of the Marist Family.

- Prayer for the Bicentenary of the Fourvière Pledge -  
O God, Who in your providence continually send workers into your harvest, you inspired Marcellin Champagnat, Jean-Claude Colin, Étienne Déclas, Étienne Terraillon and their companions to pledge themselves to the founding of a new congregation with the spirit and name of Mary. May we, their heirs, men and women of the Marist family, be moved by their example. Give to us the grace to understand more clearly our call to carry on their intentions in our present world; to embrace anew the work of Mary given to us today for the building up of your Church for tomorrow in simplicity, humility and compassionate solidarity; and to step out into mission, open to the promptings of the Spirit, responsive to the needs of God's people, ready to spend ourselves and all we have, trusting in the help of Mary our good mother and our first and perpetual superior. Confident that we can do all things in him who gives us strength, we make our prayer through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

This Prayer and other resources for the celebration of the Bicentenary Year are available on [www.maristinter.org](http://www.maristinter.org).

## Marists Celebrate the Beginning of the Fourvière Year

This week in several places around the world Marists have joined together to mark the 199th anniversary of the Fourvière Pledge and the beginning of the Fourvière Year.

- ✓ In Hunters Hill, Australia, a Marist Family meeting took place. Fr Paul Mahony reports: 'About one hundred Marists gathered at Holy Name of Mary Church for Mass celebrated by Fr Gavin Foster who spoke of young people being inspired by the Marist Charism and how we have the mission of keeping that mission alive today. This was followed by a PowerPoint Presentation showing much of our Marist history around Fourvière but also had the (ghost) message from each of our founders and foundresses sharing with us what they believe we should do in this Fourvière Year.'
- ✓ Fr Setefano Mataele reports from Samoa: 'the two communities of Marist Fathers along with the SMSM sisters, FMS brothers and members of the third orders celebrated Fourvière day together in Lepea. There were about 40 of us all together. Br Brian gave a speech about the significance of Fourvière, saying that the Fourvière Pledge is also the beginning of the Church in Oceania. The celebration was followed by a festive dinner.'
- ✓ From the New Zealand *Weekly Notes*: 'Confreres in Christchurch celebrated Fourvière Day with the Marist Brothers and SMSM sisters at Addington. John Craddock led the Mass, Michael Mahoney played the organ, and a fine meal topped off the occasion.'

