



SM bulletin

FOURVIÈRE 1816 - 2016

Birthday of Father Founder — Friday, 7 August 2015

General Administration

Next week Fr Kevin Duffy will be attending a meeting of those engaged in the ministry of our city-centre churches, being held in San Francisco, August 17 — 21.

Fr Alejandro Muñoz will be in Madrid next week, where he will be attending the Marist Laity meeting from August 8 — 14.

While Frs John Hannan and Larry Duffy are spending their holidays in their cool homeland, the remainder of the GA continue to swelter in a very long Roman heatwave.

On the website dedicated to the Fourvière bicentenary www.maristinter.org, reports from celebratory events from around the world are being published, under the section "feedback".

NEW OCEANIAN COMMUNITY

The superior general has given permission for the establishment of a new Marist community in Hohola, Port Moresby, PNG. In 2012 the province of Oceania, at the suggestion of the GA, undertook a review of the theologates. In the light of this it was decided to withdraw from Bomana, PNG, and consolidate resources in Suva, Fiji. Making a distinction between *formation* and *mission*, the province concluded that Suva was more suitable for formation; but that PNG was most in need of mission. Some of the reasons are: PNG has a population of 7.2 million (more than all the other Pacific Island Nations together); it has the lowest life-expectancy in Oceania and a 2.3% population growth rate; it struggles to maintain social and political stability. and has all the associated challenges in health and education, and in Catholic faith formation. Marists are already in the Parish of Kanosia, PNG. Hohola will be a support community in PNG, serve an inner-city ministry, and provide a base for Marist confreres from Bougainville.

A CLOSURE IN AUSTRALIA AND AN OPENING

Earlier in the year the Marist ministry to the indigenous people of northern New South Wales based in Bowraville and Macksville, initiated by the late Fr Bernie Ryan, came to an end. The ministry had originated as a shared project of the three provinces of Oceania, New Zealand and Australia. A number of Marists from the three units had been involved over the 20 years of Marist presence. In his letter dissolving the community, the superior general gave special recognition to the dedicated service of Fr Bernie Ryan, Fr Paul Sullivan and Br Mikaele Cilicewa.

At about the same time a new community was established in Rosalie, Brisbane, Queensland, as a Community of Welcome. The house is the coming into being of a project that the province had seriously needed for a number of years. This year Frs Gerry Hall and Chris Ketsore have been joined in the community by two prospective candidates.

INAUGURATION OF LA NEYLIÈRE

The program for Saturday and Sunday, September 12 & 13, inaugurating La Neylière has been published. It includes: a 2 pm welcome focusing on Marist Life and visits to the outstanding *Espace Colin* (3 themes: 1836 and the choice of Oceania, Mary in the life of the Marist, La Neylière today the Marist meeting point) [**registration advised**]; a 4 pm celebration presided over by Fr. John Hannan; a choral concert at 6 pm, followed by a festive meal [**reservation necessary**]. Sunday includes: a blessing of the buildings at 10.30 am; Mass at 11 am with Cardinal Philippe Barbarin, Archbishop of Lyon, presiding; a picnic lunch shared with all the friends and neighbours of La Neylière; group visits to the Museum of Oceania, the *Espace Colin*, a photographic exhibition by Bernard Lesaing (mountains and Coteaux du Lyonnais) and some of the renovated rooms.

Confreres intending (1) to attend the Saturday evening dinner and (2) to have accommodation are asked to book-in at the earliest opportunity.

http://www.maristeurope.eu/download/provinci_documents/Programme_LaNeyli%C3%A8re_12-13sept.pdf

