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General Administration

All members of the General Administration are back at the General House now. On Monday they will start the September session of plenary meetings.

ORDINATION IN MEXICO



On Saturday 22 August Fr Fernando Torres from the province of Mexico was ordained to the priesthood in Mexico City. The celebration presided over by bishop Armando Colin took place in the Marist parish of Claveria. Relatives, confreres, friends and members of the communities Fernando has worked with were present and also a significant group of young people from the *Centro Politecnico de Proyección*, the youth center to which Fernando has been appointed, made up the joyful congregation. The day after his ordination Fernando celebrated mass at his family parish in Nezahualcyotl. Fernando is the first student of the international theologate in Rome to have been ordained priest.

PREACHING ABOUT THE MISSIONS OF THE SOCIETY

In the USA, during the months of summer in the northern hemisphere, several confreres from other units have been working preaching about the mission of the Society in different parts of the world. Frs Paddy Muckian from the District of Asia, Didier Hadonou from the District of Africa, and Donato Kivi from the province of Oceania (at present in the theologate in Rome) have been preaching at Sunday masses in a variety of US locations.



A MONTH AT ST PAT'S IN SYDNEY



Recently two confreres, Frs John Allardyce from New Zealand and Fr Paul Hachey from the USA, have each spent a month assisting in the work of St Patrick's Parish in Sydney, Australia. Parish Priest Fr Ray Chapman had invited confreres to help out in the city-centre church for a time to allow members of the team to take some time off. In the recent newsletter from the New Zealand province, John Allardyce writes of his experience: "I couldn't recommend this "ministry of a month" more highly. Should the invitation come and the opportunity arise for a confrere with pastoral experience, don't hesitate!" St Patrick's is a big City-Centre Church in the heart of Sydney where a team of 6 Marists along with a large lay staff work. It's well known as a "spiritual oasis" providing for the thousands of people who come every week for mass, Reconciliation, novena and personal prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, as well as many other activities.

