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General Administration

The GA has completed its plenary meetings. Most of the final week was given to (a) preparing for the ARC meeting at La Neylière from October 1 to 10. A special focus was a study of the Report on the Review of Marist International Formation by Frs Andrew Murray sm and Noel Connolly ssc; and (b) financial matters, including the approval of the GA budget for 2016 together with the Roman Contribution for 2016, a draft budget for Mission Funding, and the budgets of the international formation houses. The GA also approved renovations for the novitiate in Eden, Davao.

INAUGURATION OF THE RENEWED BUILDINGS OF NEYLIÈRE

On the occasion of the Feast of the Holy Name of Mary, the refurbished buildings of La Neylière were solemnly inaugurated. A report from French confrere Fr Bruno Chanel on the European Education Blog:

After three years' reflection and the granting of the necessary approvals, the mobilisation of expertise and resources, and the devotion of the local teams, the upgrading work to meet required standards (accessibility and security) and to provide comfortable accommodation in the Marist house at La Neylière was completed at the beginning of September 2015.

The Marist Fathers at La Neylière, from Europe and elsewhere, together with all those who have been involved in one way or another, volunteers from the associations, staff and friends joined forces once again in order to extend a wide welcome to the Marist family this past weekend. Well done and thank you for the solemnity and the festive welcome.

There were many of us from all backgrounds who accepted the invitation. Tours of the buildings, discussions, conviviality and celebrations presided over by the General Superior, Fr John Hannan, and Cardinal Barbarin illustrated magnificently this new departure, which is full of hope for this spiritual and cultural centre. La Neylière remains above all a family home, a wonderful place to live, watched over by Mary, where it is a pleasure to meet up with Marist friends to talk of the mission, past, present and future.



COMBINED PROVINCIAL COUNCIL MEETING



A combined meeting of the Marist Provincial Councils of Australia and New Zealand was held in Sydney, Australia on 14 and 15 September, focussing on factors affecting a

suggested reconfiguration of both provinces. The reconfiguration idea is being put before members of the two provinces, and the conversation will continue in the units with assemblies leading to chapters next year. The Major Superior of the District of Asia, Fr Pat Devlin, is also taking part in the discussions.

