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General Administration

Frs Kevin Duffy and Paul Cooney have returned from Senegal.

Fr Lote Raiwalui is attending a training session for promoters in the PJIC (Peace, Justice and Integrity of Creation) group of religious in Rome.

Fr Alejandro Muñoz has been attending a meeting of the European Council of the Province in Paris this week.

Our thoughts have been with Fr Hubert Bonnet-Eymard and his team and with all the confreres resident in Paris during these difficult days.

RECONFIGURATION FOR NORTH AMERICA

In Washington from 2 to 6 November, the leadership of the three provinces of North America, convened by the Superior General, met. After having worked together for many years but lately more precisely at the Council of the Society in 2013, Brownsville in 2014, ARC in 2014 and 2015, they came together to work more deeply to pursue the reconfiguring the provinces of Canada, Mexico and the USA, in view of the mandate given by the General Chapter 2009.

The outcome of the meeting was the unanimous agreement in principle to proceed with the reconfiguration of the three provinces of Canada, Mexico and the United States of America into one province.

A *Committee of the Americas* has been set up and given the mandate to define the precise nature of the proposed reconfiguration. It was appointed by the superior general and the major superiors concerned. The committee is composed of Frs Juan Carlos Piña Nava (Mexico), Leon Olszamowski (USA) and Jacques Arguin (Canada) who is also the moderator of the committee. The task of the committee is principally to define all the elements needed to constitute a new provincial framework from which a new entity can be defined and erected on 1 January 2018.



PREPARING FOR THE GENERAL CHAPTER 2017

In preparation for the General Chapter in 2017 and also as a lead up to the upcoming local chapters, the General Administration in consultation with the facilitator, Christine Anderson, has prepared a survey instrument to enable each Marist community and unit to reflect upon the state of the Society at this time, to consider what we are called to in the future, and to help set directions for the chapter itself.

The instrument is in the form of a set of questions intended to give rise to reflection, discussion and proposals. The instrument with an accompanying letter from Fr John Hannan has already been sent out to the major superiors. The form of the process for carrying out the survey has been left to each of the major superiors to decide for his own unit. Responses from the units are expected in Rome by 1 June 2016.

ORDINATION TO THE DEACONATE IN PERU



On 15 November, in the parish "Virgen Misionera" in Callao-Peru, Luiz Antonio Maciel was ordained to the diaconate. Confreres, Marist Brothers and Sisters, representatives of the Laity and many friends were present at the festive celebration presided by bishop Sebastiani Aguirre. For all who were present it was a moment of renewal of their service to the Church, and a call to continue serving the others in the way of Mary, as instruments of Divine Mercy. Luiz is from the District of Brasil. He has been in Peru for pastoral experience and will now go back to Brasil, Bahia where he will work in the parish.

