



# SM bulletin

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## General Administration

Early in the week Fr Larry Duffy met with Frs John Larsen, Martin McAnaney and Paul Walsh to discuss the initial training and ongoing formation of formators within the Society.

Fr John Hannan has spent the last three days at a meeting of the Union of Superiors General (male).

Fr Larry Duffy will be away on retreat next week.

Tomorrow, Fr Alejandro Muñoz leaves for Brazil to attend an assembly of the District.

## PRAYING FOR PARIS

Fr Hubert Bonnet-Eymard writes in his newsletter to the European Province: "Shortly after the attacks of November 13<sup>th</sup> in Paris, many messages reached us from Australia, England, France, Ireland, Italy, Mexico, New Zealand, Oceania, Russia, Spain, Thailand, the Netherlands, the Philippines, the United States of America... There was a clear sense that everyone found it difficult to find the right words to express their distress in the face of the incomprehensible! But these messages of solidarity in friendship and prayer, are powerful and necessary so that we can continue on the road with our heads raised. May each one of you find here an expression of our gratitude."



At a Eucharist in Notre Dame de Paris for the victims, Cardinal Vingt-Trois affirmed that only *"to increase our trust in our fellow human beings"* can be the appropriate response to the violence: *"In these challenging days, each person who believes in Christ is called to witness to hope for himself and to all those he attempts to accompany and ease their burden. Just when the Jubilee of Mercy is to begin in a few weeks, we would like to be in word and action, messengers of hope in the midst of such human suffering."*

## MARIST LAITY: FIRST INTERNATIONAL NEWS BULLETIN



In August this year an historic meeting of Marist Laity was held at Los Negrals, Spain, when international delegates attended the European Marist Laity Conference, making it the first worldwide meeting. Fifteen International delegates then went on to *La Neylière* for a meeting which included a pilgrimage to the Marist places. To further consolidate the international network another important step has been taken: under the guidance of Miss Beverly Mc Donald (New Zealand) and Mr Michel Macquet (France), the first *Marist Laity International Network News* is now available online, with news from Marist Laity groups from more than 10 countries. Beverley writes on the website of the New Zealand Marist Laity: "It offers a great reminder that we are not alone in doing the work of Mary and belonging to this worldwide Marist Family". The quarterly newsletter can be downloaded through this link: [Newsletter](#).

## NEW ZEALAND: FESTIVE RE-OPENING OF ST PETER'S CHURCH

Over the weekend of Christ the King St Peter's Church, Christchurch, New Zealand was reopened with festive celebration. It had been closed for nearly four years following earthquake damage. With full congregations at both Masses, trumpets and bells were heard, choirs sang, incense billowed. Emeritus Bishop *Basil Meeking*, present at the Church's opening in 1956, presided along with the Bishop of Stockholm! During the celebrations a new window of St Peter was blessed.

