



# SM bulletin

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## General Administration

Fr John Hannan returns from his visitation to England early next week.

Fr Alejandro Muñoz will be celebrating Christmas this year in Mexico.

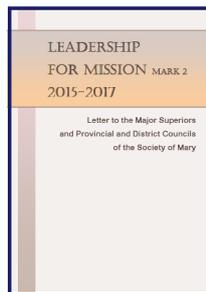
Fr Paul Cooney is now in Australia. He has been diagnosed with metastatic melanoma, his condition is serious. Paul has chosen to participate in a clinical trial treatment beginning next Wednesday. Please pray for him.

*The Superior General and the members of the General Administration wish all confreres a Peaceful Christmas.*

*May the Light of the Lord shine upon you and guide you.*



## SUPERIOR GENERAL'S LETTER TO MAJOR SUPERIORS



Fr John Hannan has written "Leadership for Mission – mark 2", a letter specifically to the major superiors of the Society and their councils. It is a follow-up to the ARC meeting in October. Taking forward the decisions of ARC on key issues for the leadership of our congregation, the Superior General sets out an action plan for the next two years in the areas of vocations, restructuring, prioritisation of ministries, the Society's important works, city centre churches, sharing of personnel and training for key positions in the Society, and formation. As the letter, especially the introduction, may be of interest to all in the Society, it has been made available in the membership section of our website [www.maristsm.org](http://www.maristsm.org) in Spanish, English and French.

## TWO PRIESTLY ORDINATIONS IN OCEANIA



On 11 December Fr George Baruka has been ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Bernard Unabaili of Bougainville. The ordination took place in the Cathedral of Tubiana, Central Bougainville. George comes from Pokpok Island, where the first Marist missionaries landed in 1901. He is the first Marist to be ordained from the island. He will remain part of the Buin community, where he has been ministering during his diaconate.

A few days later, on 14 December, Fr Epokifo'ou 'Okustino was also ordained to the priesthood in Tonga. The celebration took place in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception and was presided over by Card. Soane Patita Mafi, bishop of Tonga, who emphasised in his homily the importance of the call for a holy priest and a good shepherd. Eokifo'ou's mass the day after was attended by many priests and friends and also by the Noble of Lapaha, prince Kalaniuvalu.



The next SMbulletin will appear on 8 January 2016.

