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General Administration

Frs John Hannan and Alejandro Muñoz conclude their visitation of the Italian communities early next week.

Fr Larry Duffy will attend next week a meeting of the European bursars.

VISITING THE GENERAL ARCHIVES ON LINE



Fr Carlo Maria Schianchi
General Archivist

The General Archives of the Society, which are housed in the General House in Rome, have essentially two functions: to conserve the documents and to make them available for consultation. It's in addressing this second function that the archives personnel are involved in the scanning of both original documents and of various publications which have been produced over the years. In this way important documents will be made available on line to those who are not able to visit the archives personally. Soon it will be possible to "visit" the archives digitally and consult basic texts like *Origines Maristes* or editions of the *Maristica* series, as well as older publications such as *Acta Societatis Mariae* or *Annales des Missions de l'Océanie*. Also original documents will be available: the diaries of our first missionaries in Oceania (Douarre, Padel, Goujon, Rougeyron...), manuscripts of Colin's homilies during his mission in Bugey, as well as Poupinel's letters and some albums with photographs. In the weeks to come the work of scanning and putting on line more material will continue, and soon the address of the website and details for accessing it will be communicated.

10 YEARS OF MARIST MISSION IN RANONG, THAILAND

The Marist Mission in Ranong celebrated its 10th Anniversary recently. Present were the bishop of Surat Thani, Joseph Prathan S.D.B., the RNDM Sisters, local priests, local Catholics and students and family. The songs and dances by all the students contributed to a wonderful occasion in which appreciation was expressed to the many



parents, friends, supporters and funders. The mission started in 2006 when the District of the Philippines (now Asia) acted in response to the needs of the Burmese refugees and migrant workers in Thailand who live in difficult conditions. In 2013 the mission opened a purpose built Marist Centre to provide a suitable centre for education, health (HIV/AIDS) projects and other activities to support the migrant workers. The mission is served by members of the District of Asia in close collaboration with other religious, local authorities and volunteers. For more information: www.maristasiafoundation.org.