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General Administration

Fr John Hannan is in Spain on visitation.

Fr Alejandro Muñoz remains in Mexico beside his mother.

At present Fr Paul Martin is being initiated into the mysteries of the finances of the Society by a past-master in the role of bursar general, Fr Kevin Mowbray.

RE-ELECTION OF SR GEORGEANNE DONOVAN SMSM

With Joy the Marist Missionary Sisters announced this week the re-election of their Congregational Leader, Sr Georgeanne Marie Donovan for a second term. Since 28 February, 31 Representatives of the SMSM sisters have been gathered in Rome for their General Chapter, with the theme "Go in haste with Mary, be good news!" The sisters invite us to join them in their prayer that Sr Georgeanne be granted every grace and blessing for this role of leadership at the service of Mission to those most in need of experiencing God's love and mercy.



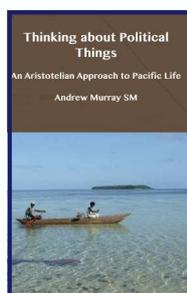
A NEW FORMATION HOUSE IN BRAZIL



The district of Brazil is in festive mood this week as they celebrate the opening of the new Formation house in Belo Horizonte: *Seminário São Pedro Chanel*. After years of searching for a proper place for formation, the district has now constructed an additional building to the community house of Belo Horizonte. To mark the opening of the seminary, a mass took place followed by a festive event. The formation program will start with two seminarians.

BOOK LAUNCH OF TWO MARIST PUBLICATIONS IN AUSTRALIA

Today Marists and friends gathered at Villa Maria monastery, Hunters Hill, Australia, for the launch of two books by Marist authors and researchers.



'Thinking about Political Things: An Aristotelian Approach to Pacific Life' by Fr Andrew Murray was defined by Card. Soane Patita Mafi, bishop of Tonga, as: "offering an extensive research, reflection, and deep thought on the political life of Pacific island states and applies Aristotelian political philosophy to Pacific experiences. The attempt to understand the political life of the Pacific islands under the light of Aristotle's thought is a huge task. This book is a great contribution to political thinking in the Pacific islands."

The other book launched was the English version of Fr Charles Girard's compilation of 'Letters from the Marist missionaries in Oceania, 1836-1854', contains correspondence of the pioneer Marists in the Pacific. As Dr. Claude Preud'homme (Lyon, France) said: "It will be found, that these letters talk a lot about gifts, conversions, missionary instructions, the navy, or the Protestants. But one shall also discover, which is less obvious, that they are often about language and customs, death and marriage, and very little about martyrdom."

