



# SM bulletin

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## General Administration

On Sunday the Superior General begins his visitation of the French Region of the Province of Europe. This will complete his formal program of visitation of the Society.

Today, Fr Kevin Duffy flies to Canada to attend the Canadian provincial chapter, the first of the local chapters in preparation for the General Chapter in September—October 2017.

## COLINIAN RENEWAL PROGRAM 2017

The Superior General has appointed Fr Tony Kennedy (*pictured left*), from the Province of Australia and currently working in the Marist Formation house in Suva, as the Director of the Colinian Period of Renewal which will take place in La Neylière from 1 March – 31 July 2017. Fr Ad Blommerde (*pictured right*), from the Netherlands Region of the Province of Europe, and currently working in the La Neylière team will be the Assistant Director.



The primary purpose of the Colinian Period of Renewal is to give the participants, "a long period of deep spiritual renewal, for spiritual growth and conversion following the model of a second Novitiate (SD 2009, .n. 41). The programme will focus on the needs of those who are confident in their vocation and yet have need to stand back and take stock in order to deepen their commitment to God, the Kingdom, and the Society of Mary. The programme will include retreats, visits to the Marist places in France, outside inputs on the Society of Mary at this present time, Marist history and spirituality, spiritual theology, spiritual direction and accompaniment.

## 5 DEACONS ORDAINED

A large crowd gathered at the Sacred Heart Cathedral in Suva, Fiji, on Sunday, 8 May, to witness the ordination of ten young men as deacons. Lutoviko Olie (Tonga) and Louis Maite (Vanuatu) were among the group who were ordained deacons by Cardinal Paini Mafi from Tonga.



A few days later, on 11 May, in Digos, Philippines, John Guo Wang, Nino Memorial and Roque Rebito were ordained deacon. The ordination was held in the new pastoral area which the bishop has asked the Marists to establish a parish.

## OPENING OF THE NEW BUILDINGS OF MARIST SCHOOL, DUNDALK

On 6 May a completely new state of the art facility – St Mary's College Dundalk - was officially opened by the Archbishop of Armagh, in the presence of the Superior General, the Provincial of Europe, several Marists, teachers, pupils and those involved in the development and management of the school. This remarkable achievement demonstrates the effective collaboration of "Public/Private Partnerships" where the participant bodies worked together to deliver an educational provision for 900 pupils which will enrich the quality of education for so many generations to come.