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General Administration

Many items on the agenda of the General Council this week: amongst other things several finance matters, such as the state of the Society's finances, the Marist Solidarity Fund, the financial state of the districts and investment policies. Reports were given on the state of the Province of Canada and District of Africa in the light of their recent regional chapters, as well as on the recent visitations by the superior general of the French Region of Europe and of the International Theologate in Rome.

Fr Lote Raiwalui is in Australia where he was present at the MAP meeting earlier this week.

Fr Kevin Duffy is leaving on Saturday for the USA where he will be present at the provincial chapter.

MAP MEETING IN SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA



The Vicars and Provincials of Oceania, New Zealand and Australia, with Frs Pat Devlin and Chris Ganzon from the District of Asia, and Fr Lote Raiwalui from the General Administration, met for

the annual two day MAP ("Marist Asia Pacific") meeting at the Provincial Offices, Hunters Hill, on 13 – 14 June. The meeting was marked by a warm fraternal spirit and honest and open sharing. Reports from each unit were presented and discussed. Particular issues addressed were: vocations, personnel, reconfiguration/restructuring in the Pacific and Asia, brothers in the SM, professional standards, structures in the SM, and renewal programmes. A session was also given by Frs Gerald Arbuckle and Michael Mullins, from the Refounding and Pastoral Development unit in Australia.

NEWS FROM THE INTERNATIONAL THEOLOGATE IN ROME

Last week Fr John Hannan made his visitation of the "Casa di Maria", the international Theologate of the Society based in Rome. During the visitation he had meetings with all students and the members of the formation team. He received also the renewal of vows of two of the seminarians, Kenneth Njong and Christopher Akongwui from the district of Africa.



FINANCE REVIEW IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE



The Finance Review Implementation Committee met in the General House on Monday and Tuesday. They are continuing to work on the tasks given to it at CS2013. They are liaising with PWC in Ireland on the update of the Actuarial Study on the Long Term Financial Needs of the Society. This will be presented to Major Superiors in September at ARC. The committee considered some aspects for the report to be presented at the 2017 General Chapter and for the inauguration of the Investment Advisory Committee.