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Friday, 29 July 2016

General Administration

Fr John Hannan has begun his annual holidays in Ireland.

Frs Larry Duffy, Alejandro Muñoz and Kevin Duffy return to the General House on Sunday.

CELEBRATION OF THE BICENTENARY OF THE FOURVIÈRE PLEDGE



There was a large international congregation present last Saturday at the Basilica of Notre-Dame de Fourvière in Lyons for the celebration of the bicentenary of the Fourvière Pledge. The congregation was expanded as many Marists and their friends from all over the world followed the celebration live, as well as gathering for their own local celebrations. We wish to thank

confreres who have sent us reports and pictures of their local celebrations. Next Friday we will send a compilation of how the bicentenary was marked by Marists throughout the world. The mass can still be seen at MaristYouthInternational, <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NxKiuxQ53RY>. A presentation of Fr John's homily can also be viewed: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uood8oIOBbI> (Subtitles in English, French and Spanish). The text of the homily will also be attached to this bulletin.

FORMATORS WORKSHOP COMES TO AN END

After almost four weeks of hard work the formators workshop at La Neylière draws to a close on Saturday evening, 30 July. The mainly young formators have put in a month of rather intensive sessions on formation together with other activities such as participating



in part of the International Marist Youth Meeting, participation in the Fourvière anniversary Mass and visiting some Marist places. The sessions were organized to help to achieve the two goals of the course: to hone individual formation skills and to work on the unity of the formation process. There were lots of sessions of sharing about how formation is done and could be done better. There were short individual workshops on accompaniment, team-work and culture. It looks as if the participants will return to their work with a renewed awareness of the importance of formation, a greater sense of the internationality of the Society, as well as feeling more confident and skilled in this demanding work.