



SM bulletin

Friday, 16 September 2016

General Administration

In the plenary meetings of the last week the superior general and council :

Received a report on the New Zealand and USA chapters.

Received the Actuarial Report on the Review of the Society's long term needs.

Discussed the way forward in the relationship between Australia, New Zealand and Asia.

Received a report from Fr Alejandro Muñoz on the review of the recent Marist Youth gathering with learnings for the future.

Prepared for the coming ARC meeting.

DEBRIEFING OF THE PROVINCIAL OF EUROPE



Fr Hubert Bonnet-Eymard completed his term of office as the Provincial of Europe in July. As is usual for retiring major superiors, he was invited to Rome by the Superior General for a debriefing session, which was carried out in the last week. Fr Hubert will now be spending some time on sabbatical before joining the pastoral ministry of Notre Dame de France in London, UK.

MARIST YOUTH LEADER REUNIONS

The province of New Zealand has been organising this week four reunions across the country for graduates from Marist Youth Leader programmes since 2002. The reunions were an occasion to get back together and connect around their shared Marist identity. Spread across New



Zealand and the wider world, there are more than two thousand students and staff who once spent a week of their summer holiday exploring the concept of leadership "in a Marist way" and equipping themselves for the challenges of leadership, initially at school, and then in later life. There are another five hundred students who have explored leadership and social justice through the Young Marist Neighbours programme, in various isolated communities of Aotearoa.

PASTORAL COORDINATORS' WORKSHOP IN OCEANIA



From 5 to 9 September a workshop for pastoral coordinators took place in the Pacific Regional Seminary, Fiji. The workshop was led by Fr Arthur Leger sj. 19 pastoral coordinators from various dioceses and congregations in Oceania were present, including also three Marists. The theme was "the Art of Shepherding of the pastoral seminarians", and trained the participants in receiving more adequately Marist seminarians on mission experience, and the newly ordained confreres on their first appointment.