



# SM bulletin

Friday, 7 October 2016

## General Administration

The GA continued its plenary meetings this week as a follow up on ARC. That meeting was judged to have gone very well, with a number of important issues addressed, clarified and taken forward. The GA gave particular attention to the responses to the key address of the Superior General on the challenges for the Society over the coming year.

The *nihil obstat* was given for 5 confreres from Oceania who received the highest number of votes in the first round of the election for the provincial of Oceania and who were judged to have the qualities necessary for carrying out the role of provincial superior (DC 93).

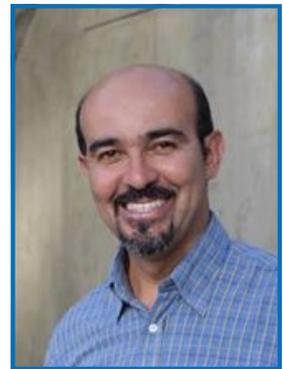
Taken forward was the implementation of the proposal, accepted by ARC, for an added fourth year of integrated theological/pastoral formation for the Roman theologate.

Also discussed were the next steps to be taken in restructuring the provinces of North America and Asia/Australia/New Zealand.

## ERECTION OF THE NEW DISTRICT OF SOUTH AMERICA



The Superior General has announced the establishment of the new District of South America to take place on 15 November 2016. The new district incorporates the two districts of Peru-Venezuela and Brazil. In line with the recommendations of the Council of the Society 2013 (12), the membership of both districts were consulted and with the consent of his council Fr John Hannan signed the decree of erection on 6 October. A district chapter in November will provide the new entity with a clear identity for its life and mission. Also, the Superior General has appointed Fr José Roberto Medeiros Fortuoso as the first district superior of the new district. Roberto is at present the vicar district superior of Brazil and his most recent work has been in formation.



## ORDINATION OF FR XAVIER SARIMAN S.M.



On 1 October Xavier Sariman (37) was ordained priest by Rochus Tatamai msc, Bishop of Bereina, Papua New Guinea. Since his return from theological studies in Rome, Xavier has been ministering in the parish of Kanosia, PNG.

## DECEASED CONFRERES

Fr Patrick Coyle S.M., aged 101, of the Province of the United States of America, who died on 8 September 2016.

Fr Clifton Moors, aged 88, of the Province of the United States of America, who died on 21 September 2016.

May they rest in peace.

## CORRECTION:

The promised availability online of the new number of *Forum Novum* has not eventuated. This may be because the normal and trustworthy compiler of this bulletin and web-master, Sophie Janssens, has been off work with an injured foot. Watch this space!