



# SM bulletin

Friday, 11 November 2016

## General Administration

Fr John Hannan has been attending the second session of the District of Asia chapter. He will also make his visitation of the International Novitiate in Eden, Davao.

Fr Larry Duffy continues his visitation of New Zealand.

Fr Kevin Duffy is visiting the community of Notre Dame de France, London.

Fr Alejandro Muñoz will be in Peru on 15 November when the district will become part of the new District of South America.

## FRENCH BISHOPS APPROVE REOPENING OF COLIN'S CAUSE



During their plenary session which took place from 4 to 9 November in the sanctuary of Lourdes, France, the French Bishops Conference approved with a massive vote the reopening of the cause of beatification of Fr Colin. It was Card. Barbarin, the archbishop of Lyons, who is in charge at the diocesan level of the cause of beatification, who asked the approval of the French bishops. Marist bishops Ghislain de Rasily (Wallis et Futuna) and Michel Calvet (New Caledonia) were present at the vote and communicated us the joyful news.

## THE SUPERIOR GENERAL AT THE DISTRICT CHAPTER OF ASIA

The 15 members of the District of Asia, together with Fr John Hannan, have been meeting in Davao, Philippines for their District Chapter and will finish on Saturday. As well as the usual Chapter topics, special attention is being given to prioritisation of ministries and communities to enable this small unit to be more effective in its mission.



## DAMAGE TO MARIST SANCTUARY AFTER EARTHQUAKES IN ITALY



The recent earthquakes in Central Italy have brought further damage to the Sanctuary of "La Madonna della Libera" at Pratola Peligna, Italy, which had already suffered severe damage after the 2009 earthquake in l'Aquila. Immediately after the 6.5 earthquake on the morning of 30 October, the confreres of the Marist community, on inspecting the church buildings, noticed that the existing cracks had grown larger and that more plaster and stones had come down. The Sunday mass was celebrated with the parishioners on the little square in front of the church, as was the celebration of All Saints. The fear is that the sanctuary will need consistent restructuring and that it may remain closed for a rather extended period. The Marist community has plans to construct an anti-seismic multifunctional building in wood, on the grounds of the parish, to cover the emergency and to meet the needs of the local people.