



SM bulletin

Friday, 18 November 2016

General Administration

Fr John Hannan carries out the visitation of the International Novitiate in Davao, Philippines, and will be back in Rome by the end of next week.

Fr Larry Duffy continues his visitation of the province of New Zealand.

Fr Alejandro Muñoz, who was in Peru this week, has now travelled to Brazil, where he will attend the chapter of the new district.

Fr Paul Martin is in the United States for meetings with the Society's financial advisors.

SPANISH MARTYRS

On Saturday, 12 November, in the cathedral of Alcalá de Henares the opening of the diocesan phase of the process of beatification of 44 martyrs of the religious persecution suffered in Spain in the 1930s took place. The group is formed of 14 lay people, 16 diocesan priests, one contemplative sister and 13 religious. Among them are also our confreres, Frs Antonio de Santiago, Fausto Muñoz, Romualdo Sáenz, Timoteo Uriondo and Zacarías Feijoo, murdered in Paracuellos del Jarama, diocese of Alcalá de Henares. It is the desire of the diocese to proceed immediately to the preparation of the rest of the files, among which are Frs Anastasio García, murdered in Malgrat de Mar, Constancio González, in Barcelona, José Fernández and Br. José María González, both murdered in Madrid.

ORDINATIONS IN PERU AND IN THE PHILIPPINES



On 15 November, in the Marist Parish of El Callao, Orlando Orozco was ordained to the diaconate by bishop Luis Sebastiani SM. A large congregation of parishioners, members of the Marist Family, friends and relatives of Orlando, and also Fr Alejandro Muñoz were present. Orlando is ministering at the Parish Virgen Misionera and San Jose School in El Callao, on the periphery of Lima.

On 17 November, during a moving celebration and in presence of the superior general who is visiting the district, two members of the District of Asia, Fr John Guo Wang from China, and Fr Roque Rebito from the Philippines were ordained priests in Davao. John will be assigned to campus ministry and Roque to the parish of Digos.



EARTHQUAKE IN NEW ZEALAND

On Monday a strong earthquake hit New Zealand. The 7.8 earthquake has been very destructive, primarily in the Kaikoura region, and was felt in the whole country. It was the worst earthquake since 1931, and there is much damage to infrastructure, but fortunately there has been little loss of life. They say that the earthquake produced 30 times the power of the earthquake in 2011, during which the Wellington church of St Mary of the Angels was severely damaged. The good news is that the church, the restructuring of which is now mostly completed, came through the earthquake magnificently. Fortunately the New Zealand Marist Province has spent money on the schools of at St Bede's and St Patrick's in Wellington and they have come through the quakes well.