



SM bulletin

Friday, 06 January 2017

General Administration

Fr Larry Duffy in Suva, Fiji, where he worked with the provincial council and with the formators of Marist College Suva. He will attend the provincial chapter which begins on Sunday 8 January.

Fr Alejandro Muñoz will go to La Neylière on Saturday where he will attend the provincial chapter of the province of Europe which will start on Monday 9 January.

MARIST BROTHERS CELEBRATE BICENTENARY OF THEIR FOUNDATION



This week the Marist Brothers celebrated the bicentenary of their foundation. It was on 2 January 1817 that Marcelin Champagnat started the first community of Marist brothers in La Valla, France, with the proposal to educate children and young people following the style of Mary. The General Council of the Marist Brothers had decided to be physically present in different

parts of the Marist world on that date. Br Emili Turú, the superior general, was in Bangladesh, and the assistants traveled to America, Asia and Africa.

Our superior general, Fr John Hannan, wrote a letter to congratulate the Marist Brothers on this important anniversary.

Dear Br Emili and all Marist Brothers,

Tomorrow you celebrate the bicentenary of your foundation. What a sacred history!

I wish you all the blessings you so richly deserve after such an outstanding service to the Church through your work in Education and so many other ministries throughout your long history.

I hope this year of celebration and thanksgiving, culminating no doubt with your general chapter in Colombia in the autumn will bring you many blessings not least the influx of many vocations to continue on such a unique and important ministry on behalf of the wider Marist family and the Church,

Please pass on my good wishes to your council members and be assured of my prayer.

John Hannan SM
Superior General

DECEASED CONFRERES

We pray for

Fr Patrick John Kinsella, aged 89, of the Province of New Zealand, who died on 2 December, and for

Fr Kevin Francis Peter Mears, aged 81, of the Province of New Zealand, who died on 24 December.

May they rest in peace.