



# SM bulletin

Friday, 13 January 2017

## General Administration

Fr Larry Duffy is in Fiji where he attends the chapter of the Oceania Province.

Fr Alejandro Muñoz is present at the European chapter in La Neylière.

### PROVINCIAL ELECT IN OCEANIA

The Superior General has confirmed the election of Fr Setefano Mataele as the new provincial of the Province of Oceania. Setefano is 48 and was born in Tonga. Since his ordination in 1999 he has ministered in Chanel college in Samoa and he has been a member of the formation team of Marist College. Since 2012 he has been a councilor in the Oceania provincial administration, and currently he is also the provincial bursar. He will take up his new role on 1 January 2018.



### PROVINCIAL CHAPTER IN OCEANIA



The 22nd provincial chapter of the province of Oceania is now taking place. There are 24 members. Fr Larry Duffy represents the GA, and also Fr Andrew Murray (Australia) is present, as a consultant/observer as he prepared a significant report on education questions in the province. The chapter was preceded by a day of recollection focusing on Fourvière and on Marist life in the province. As it is a vast province of so many islands the first days were spent on reports of various kinds which helped to isolate the main agenda points. Among the many topics the quality of Marist life, prioritization of ministries, restructuring of the province, financial management... The chapter had also an initial look at the qualities needed for the suitable delegates to be elected as members of the General Chapter.

### MARIST LAITY MEETING IN BRAZIL

The Marist Laity of Brazil is currently gathered in Palmas de Monte Alto, Bahia for its 6th National Encounter under the theme "Being Marist Today". The meeting is attended by 70 lay people from the cities of Belo Horizonte, Caruaru, Ji-Paraná, Curitiba and Palmas de Monte Alto. Members of other branches of the Marist Family are present too: sisters, brothers, priests and seminarians.

