



SM bulletin

Friday, 20 January 2017

General Administration

Fr Alejandro Muñoz returns from La Neyliere today and Fr Larry Duffy from the South Pacific late next week.

Next week Fr Kevin Duffy will be visiting La Neyliere with Fr Tony Kennedy in preparation for the next Colinian Renewal Period which begins in mid March.

OFFICIAL OPENING OF FR COLIN'S BEATIFICATION PROCESS

On 26 January a meeting will take in the archbishop's residence in Lyons to formally open the beatification process of our founder. The meeting will be presided over by the Vicar General of the archdiocese. Those present will be the Chancellor, the Episcopal Delegate, the Promoter of Justice, the Notary of the Cause, and three historical experts. The theological experts will take their oaths of office in Paris. The Marists will be represented by Frs Bernard Thomasset, the vice-postulator, Paul Walsh and Paul Loubresse. The agenda for the first session will be as follows: welcome by the Cardinal Philippe Barbarin, archbishop of Lyon; presentation on aspects of Fr Colin's work by Bernard Thomasset; the formal reading of the *nihil obstat* granted by three dicasteries in Rome; procedural matters; swearing of the oaths; and a time of prayer. Please keep this significant moment in your prayer.

FIRST PROFESSIONS IN THE INTERNATIONAL NOVITIATE IN DAVAO

On 18 January four confreres were professed in the International Novitiate in Davao, Philippines. They are Yves Tuma from Cameroon, Emil Kenewata from Bougainville, Hayden Powick from New Zealand and Cameron Mota from Bougainville. Fr



Christopher Ganzon received the vows on behalf of the Superior General, and in his homily he invited the newly professed to be the salt of the earth in Mary's way, living out their religious commitment with joy, confidence and generosity. The celebration was graced by the presence of many members of the Marist Family, many other religious, friends and neighbors.

EUROPEAN PROVINCIAL CHAPTER

The chapter of the European province had the privilege of taking place this year in la Neylière (9 -19 January). The 21 capitulants were assisted by 2 consultants, 3 interpreters, 2 secretaries and the local community and staff. The chapter used a series of workshops and interactive processes to explore the European context, Marist identity, the Work of Mary as mission, its resources and vocation - all this to discern God's call today. An innovation for the event was to avail of the skill of a "graphic facilitator" who created visual records of the evolving thoughts and statements of capitulants, All this concluded with a series of orientations for the next 4 for years. Another important action of the chapter was to formally confirm the new Provincial Statutes it has been using since 1 July.

