



SM bulletin

Friday, 27 January 2017

General Administration

All members of the General Administration are back home now, and are ready to start their plenary session next week.

At their meeting this week they received the reports of Fr Alejandro Muñoz on the chapters of South America, Mexico and Europe. The decisions from Mexico and South America were approved.

FIVE NOVICES START THEIR NOVITIATE IN EDEN



While the four newly professed confreres are heading to their home units, five new men started their novitiate on 23 January. They are Jaime Perez Martinez (Mexico), Timothy Hare (Oceania), Ngoura Mvoutsu Celestin Christian (Africa), Iosefo Amuri (Oceania) and Carlos Olivarez Flores (Mexico). The members of the formation team are Fr Fernando

Ingente from the district of Asia, who is Novice Master, assisted by Fr Denis Revi and Br John Votaia from the province of Oceania.

TRAINING IN MARIST STUDIES

For two months Brazilian confrere Fr Renivaldo De Souza has been staying in the General House to do Marist Studies. This forms part of his training in view of his taking up the role of formator in the new district of South America in March. Renivaldo says: "What I live here goes much further than just studies. The contact with our Founder has helped me to rediscover the beauty and grandeur of our spirituality. How wonderful is it to be a Marist! When one studies the life, words and deeds of Jean Claude Colin it is impossible not to agree with him when he says: *God can say many things in a few words - hidden and unknown*. I thank God, the Society of Mary and Fr Carlo Maria Schianchi for giving me the opportunity to have this beautiful experience".



170 YEARS OF MARIST PRESENCE IN TOULON, AND A NEW START



170 years ago, a group of young Marist missionaries led by Bishop Douarre arrived in the southern port of Toulon to sail to New Caledonia. While waiting to depart, they made valuable contacts with local people. It was the beginning of a significant Marist presence in the centre of the city. In 2014 a group composed of lay people and Marist Fathers, was established to think about the future and develop a city-centre church devoted to the evangelisation of those on its threshold and those at the periphery. This project became the CCSM (Marist Cultural and Spiritual Centre). Recently they held their first general assembly and 40 people attended. for more: www.maristesdanslevar.com