



# SM bulletin

Friday, 02 February 2017

## General Administration

The council is in plenary sessions at the moment.

They have received from Fr Larry Duffy reports on his visitation to New Zealand and the Oceania chapter; looked at the present situation of reconfiguration in North America and Asia/Australia; made a number of decisions in preparation for the General Chapter.

The bursar general presented financial reports, presented budgets for approval and gave an update on the Endowment Fund.

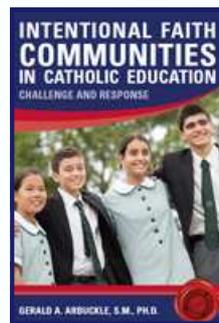
## VOCATIONS PROMOTION IN MARIST COLLEGES IN ATLANTA, USA

In the United States, for the second year, the vocation directors of the Marist Family came to Marist School Atlanta to further awareness of religious life amongst young people. The representatives of the different



branches of the Marist family addressed almost 800 assembled students from Marist School and Notre Dame & Sophia Academies. Following last year's talks on the beginnings of the "Marist Project" and the various Marist congregations who draw inspiration from the pledge at Fourvière, this year emphasized Marist identity as well as answering God's call to religious life as a priest, brother or sister. In addition to the students, many other groups were addressed including the Marist School Board of Trustees, a "Come & See" group of students with dinner and discussion, the Women's Bible Study, an upper level class on the Marist Way and school alumni. It proved to be a good experience for all concerned and has provided the opportunity for students to consider the possibility of religious life.

## INTENTIONAL FAITH COMMUNITIES IN CATHOLIC EDUCATION



Fr Gerry Arbuckle has written a book entitled "Intentional Faith Communities in Catholic Education", about the need for principals, teachers, parents and students to strive, deliberately and consciously, to nurture a culture in which individuals are supported and encouraged to grow as disciples of Jesus. Gerry describes in his book how faith based communities can be developed and vibrantly sustained in schools and in any other educational institutions, including universities and training colleges for teachers.

## DECEASED CONFRERES

We pray for

Fr Eugène van Acker, aged 94, of the Province of Europe (Nederland), who died on 8 January,

Fr James Johnston, aged 79, of the Province of Europe (Ireland), who died on 9 January, and for

Fr Timothy Kenny, aged 89, of the Province of Europe (Ireland), who died on 02 February.

May they rest in peace.