



SM bulletin

Friday, 10 March 2017

General Administration

All members of the GA are on retreat in this week.

TRAINING IN SAFEGUARDING OF CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS

Currently Fr Albert Kabala from the district of Africa has joined the General House community while he is studying for a diploma in *Safeguarding of Children and vulnerable adults* at the Gregorian University.

In the past years it has become more evident that every Marist has a responsibility in the field of child care and protection, and that all units in the Society must have the most up to date operative policies in place.

Such imperatives have implications in the field of vocations promotion and the selection and training of candidates – a field in which Albert is directly involved as a formator. When he has completed his studies he will be among the first in the African continent to be trained for this work.



NEWS FROM THE MARIST HISPANIC CENTER IN ATLANTA



The recently published report of the Marist Hispanic Center in Atlanta shows how they continue to make progress with their work with people of the Hispanic Community, and the Marists involved in the project are very pleased with its results. However Fr John Harhager, who

as president of the Marist school is part of the leadership team of the program reports: *The one cloud is the uncertainty and fear in the Hispanic community with the recent raids and deportation proceedings against immigrants. The raids have taken place in metro-Atlanta. It has not impacted enrollment but this week it did affect class attendance which was significantly down. We are preparing to send out information to the students which will hopefully reassure them and respond to some of the rumors which are currently circulating. We are grateful for the Society of Mary's contribution to the program.*

MARIST CHARISM AND CULTURE WORKSHOP

This week a "Marist charism and culture" workshop took place in Villa Maria, Hunters Hill, Australia. There were fifteen participants from several Marist founded schools in Australia. The four-day workshop included input from a range of Marist speakers, as well as historical tours and interviews with senior Marists. Pictured here Australian provincial, Fr Bob Barber, at the opening session .

