



SM bulletin

Friday, 17 March 2017

General Administration

At the council meeting this week among the decisions made were the approval of the decisions of the European Chapter and the appointment of Fr Renivaldo de Souza as a formator for the District of South America

Fr Larry Duffy is in La Neylière giving input to the Colin Renewal Program.

Fr Paul Martin is visiting the Cameroon section of the District of Africa.

MARIST YOUTH INTERNATIONAL BLOG

Almost all units in the Society have said that youth and vocational discernment is an urgent matter. For this reason the General Administration developed the *Marist Youth International Blog* which will focus on vocations. This new forum will have two objectives:

(1) to share what the Society is already doing in the field of youth and vocational ministries, and to share ideas and possibilities, and (2) to prepare for the upcoming 2018 Synod, invoked by Pope Francis, and dedicated to "Youth, faith and vocational discernment", and for the Society's General Chapter in September. The blog is managed by General Assistant Fr Alejandro Muñoz and can be found on the following address: <http://maristyouthinternational.wordpress.com/>. Major superiors and vocation directors are receiving a special invitation to participate in the forum, but every Marist is welcome to contribute.



INTERVIEW WITH MS KATH MCCORMACK



Yesterday Ms Kath McCormack arrived at the General House. An Australian, she is a member of the *Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors* and has come to Rome to attend the plenary meeting of the Commission. Last September during the ARC meeting she generously agreed to record an interview on the importance of having satisfactory structures in place, and of putting to the forefront the mission of safeguarding children and vulnerable adults. During the interview with Fr Bob Barber, provincial of Australia, she covered a number of topics including the work of the Pontifical Commission, safeguarding guidelines, the question of establishing norms for various cultures. Kath concludes the interview talking about the importance of clear guidelines, "like the Ten Commandments are sign-posts for us to protect the children and minors in our care and also to protect the institutions and persons working in them. The guidelines are there to help us, to educate, and to support the leaders to carry out the task of their organization". To watch the interview: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y4vuloU4nHY&feature=youtu.be>