



# SM bulletin

Friday, 21 April 2017

## General Administration

During the week Fr Larry Duffy has been giving a retreat to our seminarians from Casa di Maria.

Next week Fr Kevin Duffy will visit the confreres participating in the *Colinian Renewal Program* in La Neylière.

### PAPAL AUDIENCE FOR MARIST BROTHERS' SUPERIOR GENERAL

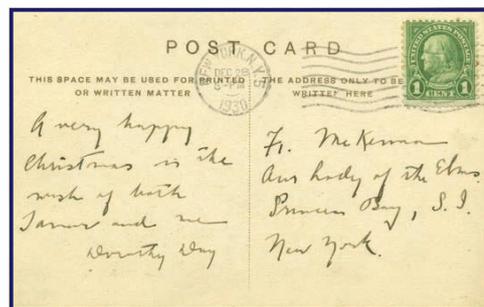
On 18 April, Br Emili Turú, superior general of the Marist Brothers, had a private audience with Pope Francis. The meeting was connected with the celebration of the bicentenary of the foundation of the Marist Brothers and their upcoming general chapter in Colombia later this year. The Pope had a friendly conversation with Emili and was very explicit in his assessment of the extraordinary importance of the education of children and young people, and insisted that the school continues to be a privileged place for that education. That is why, he said, look for new places and ways to educate and be close to children and young people, but do not abandon the school.

### ST MARY OF THE ANGELS REOPENS AFTER 2013 EARTHQUAKE

This week St Mary of the Angels, the parish church in the center of Wellington which is run by the Marist Fathers since 1883, was reopened and blessed by Cardinal Dew in the presence of the Apostolic Nuncio and of the Mayor of Wellington, along with around 250 donors who helped financing its restructuring. The church had been closed following the 2013 earthquake. Parish priest Fr Barry Scannell was praised "for his unwavering commitment under trying conditions". The church looks exactly how it was before, but a huge work has been done in strengthening the building to make it earthquake-safe.



### DOROTHY DAY AND THE SOCIETY OF MARY IN THE USA



In the recent edition of the news bulletin of the Society in the USA, Today's Marists, appeared an interesting article on the link between Dorothy Day and the Society of Mary in the late 1920's. Dorothy Day, co-founder of the Catholic Worker movement, is well known as a pacifist and champion for social justice. Addressing the U.S. Congress

in 2015, Pope Francis included her as one of "four great Americans," along with Abraham Lincoln, Martin Luther King, Jr., and Thomas Merton.

In a lesser known chapter of her life, Dorothy Day worked for the Society of Mary as a cook at their novitiate in the late 1920s. At that time, Day, a recent convert to Catholicism, was living with her daughter, Tamar, on Staten Island. Although she worked for the Marists only a short time, she maintained her close association with the Marists, commenting, "I love the Marists very dearly and remember with gratitude my first spiritual director, a Marist, Fr. (James) McKenna."

More on: <http://www.societyofmaryusa.org/about/DorothyDay.html>