



# SM bulletin

Friday, 5 May 2017

## General Administration

The superior general has appointed: Fr Tony Kennedy (Australia) as a formator and member of the formation team of the Roman Theologate, Casa di Maria, as from 7 August 2017; and Fr Albert Kabala (Africa) as a formator and member of the same formation team for the academic year 2017-2018.

Fr Kevin Duffy has been participating the meeting of the Network of City Centre Churches in London. He returns at the weekend ready to participate in the GA's plenary meetings for the coming two weeks.

## NETWORK OF CITY CENTRE CHURCHES



A report from London, where this week confreres participated in the Alpha Leadership Conference and held their second international seminar of the Network of City Centre Churches:

During an interview on the first day of the Alpha Leadership Conference, Cardinal Tagle of Manila was asked what qualities leaders need. He replied "A capacity to laugh, to smile, to laugh at your own in-capacities - to me, it's a call... to be free in the spirit... I don't need a grim face, I can laugh at my own mistakes. I take Jesus seriously, but I take other things lightly." A group of 21 Marists and their partners in the City Centre Evangelisation ministry, joined thousands of other Christian believers from different denominations, countries and continents - around 6,000 - to explore the meaning of Christian Leadership. This event was part of the second seminar of the *Marist City Centre Churches Network*, following on after the one in San Francisco in August 2015. Marist participants came from Wellington, Sydney, San Francisco, London, Passau, Rome and Mexico City. As well as attending the Leadership Conference, they reflected on the Marist approach and contribution to this ministry in the contemporary culture, especially in an urban context. The challenge is to lead people into relationship with God and enable them to become his disciples for others.

## 20 YEARS OF SERVICE IN THE GENERAL HOUSE

Today Mr Paolo Mancinelli celebrates his 20 years of service in the General House finance office. He expressed his deep gratitude for his years of service, and confirmed that "there was not a single day when I was not happy to go to *via Poerio* to work. It is a true pleasure to work with you all. Thank you for the friendly atmosphere I have always found and find in the General House, for the joy, humor, kindness that is present in you beautiful community and congregations. I thank the Lord for making my life cross the life of the Society of Mary and for those 20 years together."

