



SM bulletin

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General Administration

Fr John Hannan continues his vacation in Ireland.

Also Fr Larry Duffy travelled to Ireland yesterday for his annual holidays.

GRADUATION IN SAFEGUARDING OF CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS



This week Fr Albert Kabala from the district of Africa has graduated at the Gregorian University in Rome in a course on Safeguarding of Children and Vulnerable Adults. Albert wrote a thesis on *"Religious and priestly formation at the crossroads of sexual abuse in the Church : the formation of Marist Fathers in Cameroon"*. He says: "A reflection should take place on formation in the context of sexual abuse in the Church and in the world. In our particular situation in Cameroon or more in general in Africa, this reflection should put us on our guard, to learn from errors and successes, to develop a good formation and prevention program for future pastors and priests. The spirituality of the Marists can be a positive factor for young men who join formation; and a necessary instrument in the construction of protective borders. It should help them in being efficient and evangelical in their leadership, in being religious, priest and pastor."

MAP MEETING IN NEW ZEALAND

This week a Meeting of *Marist Asia-Pacific* took place in Wellington, New Zealand with Major Superiors and their vicars from New Zealand, Asia, Australia and Oceania. The MAP Meetings take place every year to improve the collaboration among the four units present in the region on specific and concrete items.

MARISTS PARTICIPATE IN PILGRIMAGE IN TÉNÉ, NEW CALEDONIA

This week thousands of people gathered in Tété, 170 km north of Nouméa, in New Caledonia for the diocesan pilgrimage, which was preceded by a youth gathering. The pilgrimage was centered this year on the 100th anniversary of the apparitions of our Lady of Fatima. A delegation of Marist confreres along with Abp Michel Calvet sm participated in the celebration which they described as "joyful and fervent, with a crowd longing for peace".

