



# SM bulletin

Friday, 04 August 2017

## General Administration

As well as further discussions on the North American reconfiguration, the General Council gave attention this week to matters linked to the next years' International Novitiate; to the elections of the District Council of Asia and the mandates of the current provincial administrations of Mexico and Canada.

Fr Kevin Duffy will be on vacation until the beginning of September.

## RECONFIGURATION OF THE NORTH AMERICAN PROVINCES

A meeting of the three provincials of Canada, Mexico and the US together with representatives from their councils met with the superior general in Washington DC towards the end of May to further develop the work of reconfiguration of the three units into one province. The outcome of the meeting



revealed some important difficulties which need to be resolved. The goodwill of the provincials and their councils ensured the work in progress is still on track. The following decisions were made:

The three provincials and their councils wish to continue working towards the reconfiguration of the three units into one province of North America.

Because of the approaching general chapter, the forthcoming election of provincials in Canada and Mexico, and the necessary transition time required by the new general administration and provincials to get on top of the briefs it has been decided to put the ongoing work of reconfiguration on hold for the time being until such time as the new administrations are ready to resume the work.

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## BRIEFING AND DEBRIEFING

In these days in the General House, while trying to survive the Roman heat, both the debriefing of Fr José Maria da Silva, former Major Superior of the districts of Brazil and Peru-Venezuela, and the briefing of Fr Setefano Mataele, provincial elect of Oceania is taking place.

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## DECEASED CONFRERES

We pray for

Br Patrick Souza, aged 69, of the Province of the United States of America, who died on 23 July,

Fr Peter Walsh, aged 86, of the Province of New Zealand, who died on 26 July,

Fr Kevin O'Donoghue, aged 91, from the Province of New Zealand, who died on 31 July, and for

Fr Valentín García, aged 95, of the Province of Europe (Spain), who died on 3 August.

May they rest in peace.