



SM bulletin

Friday, 12 January 2018

General Administration

Fr Ben McKenna has returned to Rome after being in Australia for his father's death and farewell.

The General Administration in their plenary meetings this week received a report on the financial state of the Society from Fr Paul Martin. Also on the agenda were: pre-novitiate formation, international formation, Marist Laity, future formation for formators and a program for formation of missionaries.

A SECOND TERM FOR THE PROVINCIAL OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

After his having received the support of the confreres in the recent elections, the Superior General has confirmed Fr Paul Frechette for a second term as provincial of the province of the United States of America. His new term will begin on 1 July 2018.



LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP IN OCEANIA



24 local superiors from all the sectors of the Oceania Province and the members of the new provincial administration assembled this week at Marist College, Pacific Regional Seminary, Suva, Fiji, for a six-day workshop on Leadership. The workshop is facilitated by Fr Kevin Duffy, and is in line with the calls from the 2017 General Chapter on *Healthy Community Living*, and *Ongoing Formation*.

"Good community requires the adequate training of local superiors...units shall provide training for local superiors as spiritual leaders of communities, focusing on the skills necessary to coordinate community activities and to animate community meetings." (SD 35).

"Units shall continue to put in place ongoing training programs for those in leadership particularly local superiors..." (SD 86).

This workshop is also of historical significance: it is the first occasion whereby all the local superiors including the provincial administration team are local Pacific Islanders.

2017 CHAPTER STATEMENTS AND DECISIONS IN FRENCH AND SPANISH

The 2017 Chapter Statements and Decisions are now also available in French and in Spanish. They can be downloaded from the members section of www.maristsm.org. The hard copies will be sent out to the units for distribution among confreres at the beginning of next week.