



SM bulletin

Friday, 19 January 2018

General Administration

In their third week of plenary meetings, the GA treated among a number of matters:

Reconfiguration throughout the Society, in particular among the provinces of North America; Marist studies; Personnel matters.

FIVE NOVICES PROFESSED IN DAVAO



Fr Fernando Ingente writes from the International Novitiate in Eden, Davao, Philippines: "On the 18 January 2018

Iofofo Amuri (Fiji)

Timothy Hare (Solomon Isl)

Celestin Christian Ngoura (Cameroon)

Carlos Olivarez Flores (Mexico)

Jaime Perez Martinez (Mexico)

made their first profession in the Society of Mary at the Novitiate Chapel in Davao City. The District Superior of Asia, Fr Pat Devlin,

was the presider and the homilist. He also received the vows of the newly professed representing the Superior General. The celebration was supported by the presence of members of all the branches of the Marist Family, foster families and friends of the newly professed. The newly professed left the Philippines a day after the profession. Thanks for your constant support and prayers."

Due to shortage of candidates to form a suitably sized formation community, there will be no novitiate this year in Eden. The next novitiate will take place from January 2019, when there will be sufficient candidates to form a new group. The members of the current formators team, Frs Fernando Ingente and Denis Revi and Br John Votaia have worked out their plans for benefitting from the time available to them.

THE GENERAL HOUSE COMMUNITY AND STAFF HONOUR BISHOP ELECT, FR PAUL MARTIN

On Friday 12 January, during a festive meal, the General House community and staff honored and farewelled the outgoing General Bursar, Fr Paul Martin, who will be ordained bishop of Christchurch on 3 March. In his speech the Superior General praised Paul for the great service he gave to the Society and expressed his confidence that Paul will be an excellent bishop. Fr Paul thanked all the members of the General Administration and the staff for the fine years passed together in the General House.

