



SM bulletin

Friday, 26 January 2018

General Administration

The agenda for the GA plenary meetings this week included the following: the Society's Sharing Resources Policy, reconfiguration of the North American provinces, the Colnian Renewal, the training of missionaries and formators, the visitation of units by the Superior General and his assistants, ARC 2018, the General Administration budget.

CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTIONS APPROVED

the Holy See has approved the changes made by the General Chapter to the Constitutions numbers 201, 205 and 212. The texts of the revised numbers can be found in the *Statements and Decisions* of the 2017 General Chapter, # 14. Const. 201 allows the superior general himself to choose his vicar from among the members of his council. Const. 205 gives provinces the choice as to how their provincial is selected. Const. 212 allows for the superior general to give permission for a local superior to be given a third consecutive term. The change to number 205 entails a change to our legislation as laid out in the *Statements and Decisions* Section XI on the Legislative Changes to the Decreta Capitularia #93 – "Ways of selecting provincial superiors".

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As every year Fr Alois Greiler from the province of Europe has prepared an edition of Forum Novum, annual for Marist studies. This issue appears in two parts. Volume 19,1 covers sections on Marist history and spirituality by a rich variety of authors in different subsections. Volume 19,2 is a survey dedicated to describe the Marist Fathers contribution to education in Peru and Venezuela. Forum Novum is available for downloading on our website maristsm.org, under the section 'Marist studies'.

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Index 2018 is printed and will be distributed to the units in the beginning of next week. The new edition is enriched with more email addresses and mobile phone numbers, and has fewer fax numbers. The last page shows the numbers of professed confreres in the 10 units of the Society on 1 January 2018 as follows:

Prov/Distr.	Priests	Brothers	Seminarians	Total
AFRICA	20	-	7	27
AMERICA DO SUL	15	1	2	18
ASIA	14	-	1	15
AUSTRALIA	64	5	-	69
CANADA	24	2	-	26
EUROPE	195	11	1	207
MÉXICO	27	1	1	29
NEW ZEALAND	100	13	2	115
OCEANIA	128	18	14	160
U.S.A.	72	8	-	80
TOTAL	659	59	28	746