



SM bulletin

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General Administration

Fr John Larsen is visiting the Solomon Islands, before moving to New Zealand next week.

Fr Paul Walsh is in Cameroun for the second part of his visitation of the District of Africa.

A LETTER FROM CARD. JOÃO BRAZ DE AVIZ



On 1 February the Cardinal Prefect of the *Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life*, responded to the Periodic Report of the Society sent to the Congregation. He takes note of the challenges before us and writes:

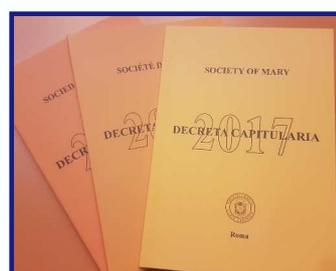
As you embrace the future with hope, Pope Francis reminds us that such hope "is not based on statistics or accomplishments, but on the One in whom we have put our trust (cf. 2 Tim 1:12), the One for whom 'nothing is impossible' (Lk 1:37). This is the hope which does not disappoint; it is the hope which enables consecrated life to keep writing its great history well into the future. It is to that future that we must always look, conscious that the Holy Spirit spurs us on so that he can still do great things with us".

GATHERING OF MARIST LAITY IN MEXICO

Last weekend a Marist Laity gathering took place in La Jordana, Mexico, in which participated 80 people connected to the different ministries of the Mexican province. The group discussed a Marist response to the preparatory document for the upcoming synod on "Youth, faith and vocational discernment", to take place in Rome in October 2018. The outcome of this meeting proposes concrete actions to improve the Society's commitment with young people in Mexico. The gathering offered also the opportunity to study the documents which were presented during the recent General Chapter, as well as the statements and decisions referring to Marist Laity.



DECRETA CAPITULARIA 2017 AND CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES



The booklets with the new *Decreta Capitularia* have been printed in English, French and Spanish, and are currently being sent out to the units for distribution among all confreres.

The texts of the changed Constitutions nrs 201, 205 and 212 are enclosed with this SMbulletin, to paste over the old numbers of the present Constitutions.