



SM bulletin

Friday, 9 March 2018

General Administration

Fr John Larsen is in New Zealand where he attended the episcopal ordination of Bishop Paul Martin. He crosses the Tasman Sea next Monday to attend the Extraordinary Chapter of the Province of Australia in Sydney.

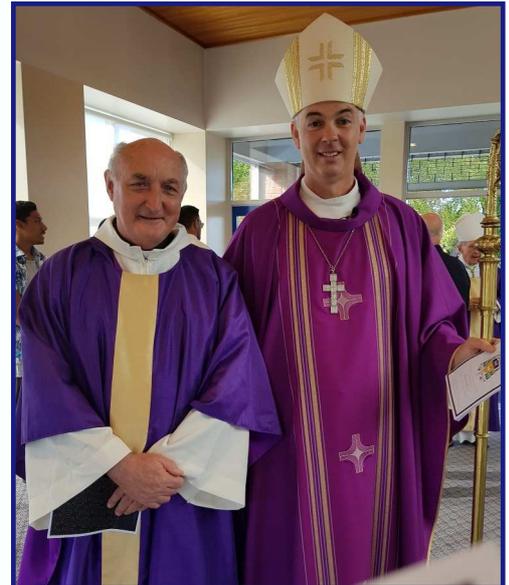
Fr Ben McKenna will return to Rome next week.

Fr Juan Carlos Piña begins a visitation of the District of South America at the weekend.

Fr Paul Walsh returns from Cameroon on Saturday.

BISHOP PAUL MARTIN ORDAINED IN CHRISTCHURCH

On Saturday 3 March the past Bursar General, Fr Paul Martin, was ordained Bishop of Christchurch, New Zealand by Cardinal John Dew. Fr John Larsen who is visiting the Pacific, was present at the celebration, as well as many New Zealand confreres and a big crowd of faithful. Addressing the people of Christchurch, the Cardinal said "Today you are gifted with someone who is ready to serve you. I am sure the people of Christchurch will delight Bishop Paul as someone who is here with you and for you". At the conclusion of the ceremony, after the blessing of the faithful, Bishop Paul said : "I am very blessed being born into a family that is stable, loving and showed me what living a Christian life looks like. Growing up in Hastings, there were 14 Marists living in the presbytery and so I had lots of great examples of how Marist life could be lived". More on www.sm.org.nz. You can watch the video of the celebration on [youtube](#), or view [pictures](#).



INTERNATIONAL MARIST YOUTH GATHERING



Since a few months a committee of the Marist Family started organizing the "International Gathering of Marist Youth", which will take place in Guatemala City previous to the World Youth Day with Pope Francis in Panama in January 2019. The meeting will unite young people of all over the world, belonging to Marist groups, youth centers, parishes, schools from the four branches of the Marist Family. The theme, "Weaving Life", carries an important message in today's fragmented world – and at the same time it emphasizes the international character of the meeting, giving the opportunity to young people of different languages and cultures to weave dreams, hopes, realities, prayer, stories, journeys and LIFE! The meeting will bring together more or less 200 young people, aged between 20 and 30, and will take place in Guatemala, in the *Centro Marista de Formación* (CMF) and some Salesian facilities, from 15-20 January 2019. For more information about this event please contact the youth director in your own unit.