



SM bulletin

Friday, 23 March 2018

General Administration

Fr John Larsen continues his visitation of the Province of Oceania.

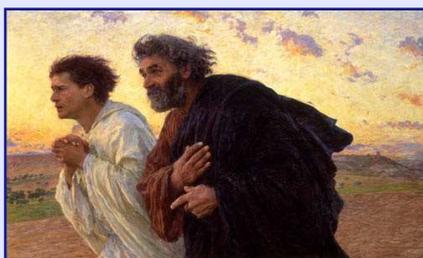
Fr John Harhager departs in the beginning of the week for Atlanta, USA. He will attend the ordination of bishop elect Joel Konzen.

Fr Juan Carlos Piña has left Peru and is in Brazil now for the second part of the visitation of the District of South America.

Fr Paul Walsh will start his visitation of the province of New Zealand next week.

Next week there will be no SMbulletin. On Holy Thursday a Reflection from the Superior General will be sent out.

We wish all confreres
a Blessed Holy Week
and a Happy Easter



Peter and John running to the Tomb,
Eugène Burnand

THE SUPERIOR GENERAL'S VISITATION OF OCEANIA

After his time in Australia the Superior General continued his visitation of some parts of the Province of Oceania. Fr John Larsen arrived this week in Bougainville where in Buka he received a



traditional welcome from our confreres, the chiefs and the people, including members of the Marist Family. He had the occasion to meet each confrere personally and had also a meeting with Bishop Bernard Unabali from Bougainville, who expressed his gratitude for the Marist presence since the Society began its mission there in 1901. He will continue this week his visit of Bougainville going also to Buin, and will spend the Easter triduum in Papua New Guinea where he will visit our confreres and the two parishes they run.

FORMATION COMMUNITY IN YAOUNDE



During his recent visit to the confreres in Cameroon Fr Paul Walsh has spent some time in the *Maison Saint Pierre Chanel* near Yaoundé, where 3 priests and 20 students form a vital and welcoming community carrying hope for the future of the Society in Africa and in the world. Fr Paul was able to visit the consortium where our students pursue their

philosophical studies, and witness progress being made in the construction of a poultry coup which will shortly provide a regular supply of eggs, and chickens, to the community and surrounding markets. While there, he was also able to confer with the novice master from Davao, Fr Fernando Ingente, who was on a visit, and discuss with him and the superior of the house the challenges of preparing our students for the novitiate experience. The students in MPC are involved in pastoral work in our parish in Obili, as well as visiting a prison, helping feed the homeless and experience in local health centers. During the longer school holidays they also spend time in the other two centers of mission of the SM in Cameroon: the parish and university chaplaincy of Bambili and the wide expanse of forest served by the confreres in Voundou.