



SM bulletin

Friday, 6 April 2018

General Administration

Fr John Larsen has finished the visitation of the Solomon's, Bougainville and Papua New Guinea and is now in Australia taking a break with family.

Frs John Harhager and Juan Carlos Piña are back at the General House after visits to North and South America respectively.

Fr Paul Walsh is in New Zealand on visitation.

Fr Ben McKenna has given a retreat this week to the seminarians of Casa di Maria, and will begin an intensive Italian language course next week.

FR JOEL KONZEN ORDAINED BISHOP

On Tuesday 3 April the episcopal ordination of Fr Joel Konzen took place at the cathedral of Christ the King in the Archdiocese of Atlanta, Georgia, USA by Archbishop Wilton Gregory. At the ceremony were present also the Apostolic Nuncio Archbishop Christophe Pierre, Fr John Harhager representing the Superior General, Fr Paul Frechette, provincial of the Marist province of the USA, and many other confreres and friends, clergy and bishops. Bishop Joel chose as motto "Miserere Gaudens", which can be translated as "Be Merciful and with a Cheerful Heart".



On Monday evening solemn vespers took place in the presence of the Archbishop, Marist confreres, bishop Joel's family and many friends. You can watch the video of the ceremonies and of bishop Joel's press conference here: www.livestream.com/archat/

OPENING OF THE COMMUNITY IN SAHAGÚN



After having completed their own pilgrimage to the sanctuary of St James the Apostle, at Santiago de Compostela to offer their project to the saint, the members of the community of Virgen Peregrina in Sahagún, Frs Daniel Fernández, Toño Fernandez and Andrea Volonino have welcomed the first pilgrims in the hostel. The community gave their guests the special pilgrims blessing, shared supper with them and listened to their many experiences. Among the first guests enjoying the hospitality were our confreres Frs Bernard

Boisseau and Donato Kivi who are walking the Camino at this time. If you should be planning to make the Camino and to experience the hospitality of the Virgen Peregrina community contact Fr Daniel Fernández: dfernandezsm@gmail.com.

DECEASED CONFRERES

We pray for

Fr François Vuillemin, aged 103, of the Province of Europe (France), who died on 4 March,

Br Eremodo Eliseo, aged 65, of the Province of Oceania (Fiji), who died on 9 march,
Fr Jean Hénaff, aged 93, of the Province of Oceania (New Caledonia), who died on 9 March, and for

Fr Brian Quin, aged 81, of the Province of New Zealand, who died on 24 March,
May they rest in peace.