



SM bulletin

Friday, 25 May 2018

General Administration

Fr John Larsen has spent the last three days at a meeting of the Union of Superiors General.

Among the items at this week's plenary meetings of the General Council were:

The report of Fr Juan Carlos Piña on his visitation of South America, directions for the upcoming meetings of a working group on Marist studies and research; a workshop for formators in 2019; strategies for promoting the general chapter's emphasis on contemplation.

MARISTS ATTENDING THE SEDOS ANNUAL MEETING



In May members of the four branches of the Marist Family attended the SEDOS seminar on Youth and Mission. From the SM the Superior General, Fr John Larsen, general assistants Frs Ben McKenna and Juan Carlos Piña and also the District Superior of South America, Fr Roberto Furtuoso attended the meeting. The more than 100 participants

were religious men and women from all over the world working in the field of mission, education, vocation and youth.

SEDOS (Service of Documentation and Study on Global Mission) is a forum open to Institutes of Consecrated Life committing themselves to deepening their understanding of global mission. It encourages research and disseminates information through publications and the web. It was founded during the Second Vatican Council by some missionary societies who wished to contribute to the Church's reflection on Mission. This year's annual seminar was closely related with the Synod of Bishops on Youth and Vocation ministry, which will take place in Rome in October.

THE JEAN COSTE PRIZE

While late Fr Jean Coste was working on the *Origines Maristes* in Rome in the 1960's he regularly went to a parish in the periphery of Rome to celebrate Mass on Sundays. He also developed a relationship with the youth of the parish, and he introduced them to the historical riches of the area taking them out to the Roman ruins. These young people got interested in their environment as well as developing a respect and admiration for him. As one of these students benefitting culturally and spiritually from the presence of Fr Coste, Miss Rita Pomponio decided to try to pass on this heritage to the new generation of youth, by instituting a *Coste Prize* for such research by students. This year was the fourth year of the project and about 400 students participated with great enthusiasm. To our pleasure top high school prize was won by our Marist College in Rome for the quality of the work.

