



# SM bulletin

Friday, 29 June 2018

## General Administration

Fr John Harhager has been in Fiji this week where he began the visitation of the Province. Next week he will participate in the Council of the Province before travelling to Tonga.

This coming week Fr Ben McKenna will be present at the Australian extraordinary chapter convoked to elect the new provincial. After the chapter he will begin his visitation of the province.

Fr Juan Carlos Piña is in Guatemala where he has been participating this week in the preparatory meeting of the International Marist Youth gathering in January. Next week he will travel to Mexico for his retreat and holidays.

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**From Rome  
we wish everybody  
a Happy Feast  
of St Peter and Paul**

## MARIST FAMILY LEADERSHIP TEAMS MEETING IN NEMI

The four Marist superiors general and their councils met recently for two days in Nemi. The primary objective to get to know one another (better). There was also a specific focus on the relationships between each congregation and Marist Laity. Recorded testimonies



from lay people around the globe engaging with Marist religious enriched the reflection. There was a wonderfully fraternal atmosphere, plenty of light-hearted exchanges, and the sharing of loads of information on the ways in which each congregation has engaged with Lay Marists over the years. Work was done in small mixed groups, and feedback and celebration in plenary sessions. The final section revealed a common desire for a future marked by increasing engagement and collaboration with Lay Marists, and between the 4 religious branches.

## ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD IN EUROPE



The basilica in his hometown, Hulst (the Netherlands), was the location for the ordination to the priesthood of Fr Tom Kouijzer on 16 June. He was surrounded by his family, friends, many from the local community and of course, confreres from Europe, 30 altogether. His Dutch confrere Henk Kronenberg, Bishop Emeritus of Bougainville, PNG, presided at the ordination. The following morning Tom celebrated his first Mass in the same basilica supported by Fr Ad

Blommerde who preached, the local parish priest and two confreres from his St Teresa's parish community in Dublin, Ireland, where he will continue his ministry.

## "FUNDAMENTALISM AT HOME AND ABROAD" AWARDED

Fr Gerald Arbuckle's book "Fundamentalism at Home and Abroad: Analysis and Pastoral Responses" won the first place in the Professional Books section in the Catholic Press Association USA awards. "I hope the book, in some small way, can contribute to an understanding that fundamentalism in all its forms threatens the very peace of the world. I also hope it shows we can do something to stop this danger", said Gerry Arbuckle. The book is available in paperback and Kindle form from [Amazon](http://Amazon).

