



# SM bulletin

Friday, 27 July 2018

## General Administration

Apart from Fr Paul Walsh, who remains in Ireland on vacation and retreat, all members of the General Council will be back in Rome by the beginning of next week.

Before returning to Rome Fr Ben McKenna, representing the Superior General, presided at the requiem mass for Fr John Jago, our former Superior General. He was assisted by Fr Bob Barber (Australian provincial) and Fr David Kennerley (New Zealand provincial) with Marists and diocesan priests concelebrating.

## BLESSING OF THE NEW DISTRICT HOUSE IN DAVAO



In Davao, Philippines, on 23 July 2018, on the occasion of the anniversary of the Fourvière Pledge, the new district house of the District of Asia was blessed and inaugurated. Fr. Christopher Ganzon, the district superior, officiated at the rite of blessing in the presence of many

guests: members of the Marist family including Marist laity, religious congregations with whom our confreres have some affiliations, friends, and some of the neighbors who patiently bore the noise and the dust while the construction was going on. The district house and the formation house will both be located in one compound. It will be the house of the confreres of the Chanel community, and be a place of welcome and hospitality for Marists who will come to Davao. It will also host the meetings of the district council and other Marist gatherings.

## VOCATIONS CAMP IN BURUNDI

From 8 to 10 July, a vocational camp was organized at the Major Seminary in Bujumbura, Burundi. The 17 aspirants came from different regions of Burundi and Eastern Congo to explore the Marist history, charism and spirituality. For some it's a new step in their Christian life. Frs Louis Niyongabo and Déo Bararishize who organized the camp noticed how many young Burundians and Congolese love the Virgin Mary and want to imitate her virtues. They report how the gathering took place in a climate of prayer and fraternal sharing.



## MAKING MUSIC TO YOUR NAME

Fr Chris Skinner (Z) has recently released an album of his latest songs. 'Making Music to Your Name' is now available online at [www.chrisskinner.org.nz](http://www.chrisskinner.org.nz) with all his previous albums, digitally remastered, available too. This marks a significant new way in promoting and distributing his recordings.