



# SM bulletin

Friday, 14 September 2018

## General Administration

The General Council is in plenary session since the beginning of September. Some of their agenda items were: vocations promotion, reconfiguration, report on Fr John Harhager's visit to Oceania, preparations for ARC and Lay Marists.

All the members of the General House community participated this week in the gathering hosted by the Marist sisters, in occasion of the Feast of the Holy Name of Mary. On that occasion the publication of the Biography of our Founder was celebrated, as you can read in the neighbouring article.

On Thursday and Friday the members of the General Council had meetings with Frs John Hannan and Larry Duffy on administrative structures and procedures.

## HANDING OVER OF FR COLIN'S BIOGRAPHY



On Wednesday 12 September, the Feast of the Holy Name of Mary, the handing over of Fr Justin Taylor's biography of Father Colin took place. In the presence of 60 members of the four Marist congregations, Mr. Hilary Regan, Executive Officer and Publisher of ATF Press, presented a copy of the biography to Fr John Hannan, former superior general. Fr John and his council, especially Fr Larry

Duffy, who was also present, were responsible for initiating the writing of a complete biography and for commissioning Justin to write it.

Fr John then handed the volume to the present superior general, who then presented copies to the three generals of the Marist Sisters, SMSM's and the Marist Brothers. The dedicated and constant hard work of Justin Taylor since 2012 was acknowledged and the importance of this definitive biography for the cause of the Founder was underlined. Congratulations were offered to all who contributed to the beautifully produced book. Justin Taylor was not present himself, as he had already returned to New Zealand. However, he will be present at the Sydney launch on 21 September. Orders of the Biography will be shipped as soon as possible .

## 20TH EDITION OF 30 DAYS RETREAT IN OCEANIA

On 12 September ended the 20th edition of the 30 days retreat of the Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius in the *Khrist Jyoti Ashram* centre in Fiji, Oceania. The twelve retreatants came from Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, Fiji Islands and Tonga and



gathered for almost six weeks. The retreat has been offered by the Marists of Oceania since 1998. During these years 251 have participated in the program : 85 Diocesan clergy, 46 lay leaders, 45 Diocesan Religious, 48 other religious and 27 Marists. The aim of the retreat is to contribute 'to the building up and to the deepening of the Local Church through a profound encounter with the person of Jesus'.