



# SM bulletin

Friday, 23 November 2018

## General Administration

Fr John Larsen participated this week in the USG meeting, which groups all Superiors General.

### THE SUPERIOR GENERAL AND BURSAR GENERAL VISIT DAKAR

Frs John Larsen and John Harhager visited the Marist community in Senegal last week. Fr Albert Kabala, the District Superior, came from Cameroon for the time of visitation. John Harhager focused his accompaniment on financial issues concerning the mission, especially the



new school. John Larsen was able to talk individually with each of the confreres and visit each of the ministries. There are six confreres living in one community in Dakar. Together they work in various ministries: they run a large parish and serve as chaplains in the well-known Marist school, and are beginning a new school on the outskirts of Dakar. The sector is also committed to a special ministry among street children and work together for the young people of the streets with trained lay people as well as with Marist and Marist Missionary Sisters. The death anniversary of Fr. Colin was celebrated with a Marist family Mass and gathering on 15 November.

### START OF THE ORIENTATION PROGRAM FOR THE NOVITIATE



Ten future novices and their three formators have arrived last week at the International Marist Novitiate in Eden, Davao, Philippines. The novices - Joel, Leonard, Paul, Lesley, Clinton, Mark ("Emzee"), Hemi, Nick, Paul and Seremaia - are from the

districts of Africa and Asia, and from the provinces of Oceania, New Zealand and the United States of America. With their formators – Frs Fernando Ingente (As), Jacob Aba (O) and Joaquín Fernández (EU) - the formation community unites people of eight nationalities, coming from six units.

In preparation for the novitiate, they have begun their cultural orientation program: 1<sup>st</sup> week orientation to Davao City, 2<sup>nd</sup> week orientation to each other, 3<sup>rd</sup> week orientation to cultural diversity and living together as community, 4<sup>th</sup> week orientation to Philippine culture, 5<sup>th</sup> week orientation to Filipino families, 6<sup>th</sup> week orientation to human formation, 7<sup>th</sup> week orientation to Marist family and the 8<sup>th</sup> week orientation to the Novitiate. The novitiate will start on 18 January.