



SM bulletin

Friday, 7 December 2018

General Administration

The GA have been following up issues arising from recent visitations of USA, Senegal and Europe.

Planning has also been done in preparation for the International Gathering of Marist Youth in Guatemala

CONCERN FOR ST VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH, KANOSIA, PNG



Frs Vaoleti Tuióne sm [PP] and Xavier Sariman sm have the pastoral care of the parish of St Vincent de Paul at Kanosia in Papua New Guinea, where violent confrontations, including gunshots, have recently erupted. The issue is the Church land on which the early missionaries brought settlers to help them, but is no longer sufficient for the needs of their descendants. In the last 2 years there have been 3 unresolved brutal deaths, with chopping of bodies. The medical post, and the school on the mission are now both closed. We have concern for the safety of our confreres. The diocese is currently without a bishop and the Oceania provincial administration is taking steps to promote peace and reconciliation. Please pray for a peaceful resolution.

A ROMAN STREET NAMED AFTER FR JEAN COSTE SM

On Thursday, 29 November, during the sitting of the Roman city council at the *Campidoglio*, a motion to name a street or a square in Rome after Fr Jean Coste sm was approved unanimously. When Jean Coste arrived in Rome in 1953 for work and studies in our Marist archives, he also committed himself to the poor peripheries of the city. Every Sunday morning he left the General House to go and say Mass in the churches of the "no-man's land" at the margins of the city. After mass, he took the youngsters of the parishes with him for long cultural and archeological tours in the area. While in Rome, he also taught topography at the *Sapienza* University and he was named general archivist of the Santa Maria Maggiore church. Present at the sitting of the city council were Fr Paul Walsh from the GA, Ben d'Souza from the seminary and Ms Rita Pomponio, who for more than 20 years has engaged in keeping Jean Coste's cultural heritage to the city alive, and who took the initiative for this project.



DECEASED CONFRERES

We pray for

Fr Alexandre Rodet, aged 95, of the Province of Europe (France), who died on 14 November.

May he rest in peace.