



# SM bulletin

Friday, 18 January 2019

## General Administration

Frs John Larsen and Juan Carlos Piña are still in Guatemala where the International Marist Youth Gathering will be concluded on Sunday. In the beginning of next week they are both expected back in Rome.

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Special prayers from the whole Society today for the 10 novices and their formators as they have started their novitiate today in Eden, Davao, Philippines.



## WEAVING LIFE



This week the International Gathering of Marist Youth is taking place in Guatemala. From all over the world, 180 participants from the four branches of the Marist family are reflecting on four main themes: community, interiority, solidarity and mission. The four respective Superiors General have given an input to the participants to encourage them to live the Marist spirit in their everyday life. The meetings are characterized by a very joyful, jovial and spiritual atmosphere. Some of the participants will join the World Youth Day next week in Panama.

## JPIC BLOG

In response to the call of the General Chapter of 2017 to “establish ways of communicating information on matters of peace, justice, and the integrity of creation (nr. 27)”, we are happy to announce the establishment of a blog [jpicblog.maristsm.org](http://jpicblog.maristsm.org). The GA has been working over this last year with some confreres committed to realizing this project. The first article focusses on the work of Fr Donato Kivi sm, superior of Marist College Suva, Fiji, who recently completed his doctorate on ‘A Marian Ecological Spirituality’. On a regular basis articles will be posted on topics related to JPIC, which may focus on Marist works or others. Those interested in receiving alerts when postings are made on the blog, may contact Fr Ben McKenna [bernard.mckenna@maristsm.org](mailto:bernard.mckenna@maristsm.org). you can also sign up to the blog site by clicking on the envelope icon on the top right side of the blog page.

## YOUNG MARISTS WORKSHOP IN SUVA

Twelve Marist priests from the Oceania Province, who were ordained in the last 5 years, came together in Suva for a workshop called “Just Ministry”, facilitated by Fr Soane ‘Ahohako. The tasks of the workshop, as strongly encouraged by the Superior General, was “to develop the formation of their missionary hearts, heads, and imitations” (ARC, 2018), and “to enable them to reflect on their experiences and to share their concerns and joys with their peers” (PC 2017). The workshop was also part of the efforts to strive for higher professionalism among the confreres (GC 2017).

