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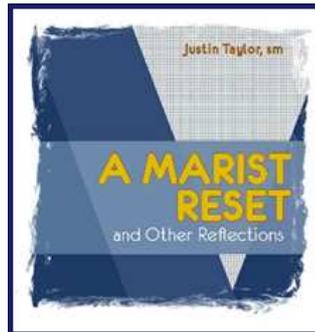
General Administration

The General Council considered ways to make available the Marist publications held in storage, made some remote preparations for this year's ARC meeting, and addressed the future use of the General House in light of the General Chapter decision #18.

Fr John Larsen leaves on Sunday for a visitation of his home province New Zealand, and of the District of Asia. He will be back in Rome at the beginning of May.

Let us pray for the victims of the atrocity in Christchurch, NZ. We are mindful of our own confreres and Bishop Paul Martin SM who live there. May there be a response that brings healing and unity.

A MARIST RESET

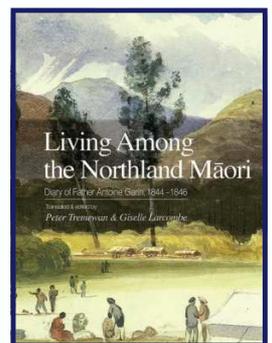


"A Marist Reset", written by Fr Justin Taylor, is a series of reflections based on the retreat he gave in the U.S. in June 2018, and on other talks given at *La Neylière*, Sydney and Atlanta. Some of the topics presented in the publication are: "Who was Mary for Jean-Claude Colin", "The Utopianism of Jean-Claude Colin", "Fr. Colin's Eschatology", "Fr. Colin as a Spiritual Guide", and "'Hidden and Unknown' – A Marist Insight for Today". In the English version, the book is 116 pages long. It is also available in

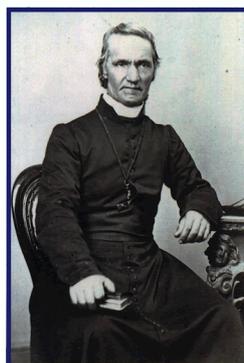
French and Spanish. Order forms were sent to the major superiors. The book offers a deep but easily read reflection on Marist spirituality which will enrich Marist religious and laity alike. A sample is available from secretariat@maristsm.org. Orders, not placed with a major superior, can also be sent to this email address. We will determine, within the next couple of weeks, the number of books to be printed in each language.

LIVING AMONG THE NORTHLAND MĀORI: DIARY OF FATHER ANTOINE GARIN, 1844-1846

In New Zealand the translation of Fr Antoine Garin's diary "Living among the Northland Maori: Diary of Father Antoine Garin, 1844-1846" will soon be launched. The book is the first full English translation of Garin's journals and letters, and a major contribution to the early history of European settlement in Aotearoa and a compelling insight into Māori customs, values and beliefs of the time.



Antoine Garin was a French Marist missionary. When he arrived in New Zealand he first worked for a few years as provincial, but



then moved to a mission station in Northland, where he shared the Maori way of life: his everyday language was Maori, he lived with Maori assistants, he often slept under the stars. Further, he genuinely enjoyed Maori company and built up significant friendships. After six years he was transferred to Auckland, where he ministered as a chaplain to a large body of mainly Irish army veterans. Quickly seeing their need for structures of support, in less than three years he had put up two churches and two schools. In 1850 he was appointed to Nelson, where he built six churches and set up a school, open to students of all faiths.

To know more about Fr Garin's life:

<http://www.maristmessenger.co.nz/2016/06/30/stories-mercy-antoine-garin-sm/>