



# SM bulletin

Friday, 10 May 2019

## General Administration

The General Council started its plenary session on Monday.

Some of the topics considered were: reconfiguration, the international novitiate, formation directory, the Council of the Society 2021, the upcoming Marist Laity workshop in Dublin and the formators workshop in Rome.

### THE SUPERIOR GENERAL AND COUNCIL PREPARING FOR PLENARIES

As is customary, before each of the one-month plenary meetings of the Superior General and Council, a few days are spent together for rest, reflection, prayer, and planning. These days, last week, were spent in Ariccia at 'Casa Divin Maestro' as a preparation for the plenary meetings now in session.



### SEDOS MEETING: "MISSION IN A PLURALISTIC WORLD"



Last week Frs Paul Walsh and Ben McKenna were among the attendees coming from all continents at the SEDOS meeting in Ariccia. [SEDOS](#) (Service of documentation and study on global mission) – is a forum open to Institutes of Consecrated Life which commit themselves to deepening their understanding of global mission. The theme was 'Mission in a pluralistic world' and brought the focus on how to constructively utilize inter-religious dialogue for furthering the reign of the God here on earth. Presentations were made by Jewish, Moslem, and Buddhist practitioners and scholars who are also well-versed in the Christian tradition. The papers will soon be available on the website.

### THE GENERAL HOUSE COMMUNITY WELCOMES REFUGEES

A few weeks ago the members of the General House community welcomed among them two young men from Syria, Feras and Mahfoud, who fled from the war almost two years ago. They are both Christians, and arrived in Italy thanks to the "humanitarian corridors" of the Sant'Egidio community. They are now learning Italian and both have a job. They are temporarily hosted in the General House, until they will be able to find appropriate housing themselves and continue their new life in Italy.

### DECEASED CONFRERES

We pray for

Br Joris van der Zant, aged 79, of the Province of Oceania (Solomon Islands), who died on 12 April,

Fr Jack Soulsby, aged 87, of the Province of Australia, who died on 22 April,

Fr Louis Bernard Saunier, aged 94, of the Province of Europe (France), who died on 24 April,

Fr Thomas Laffey, aged 86, of the Province of New Zealand, who died on 26 April,

Fr Paddy Meehan, aged 90, of the Province of Europe (Ireland), who died on 3 may.

May they rest in peace.