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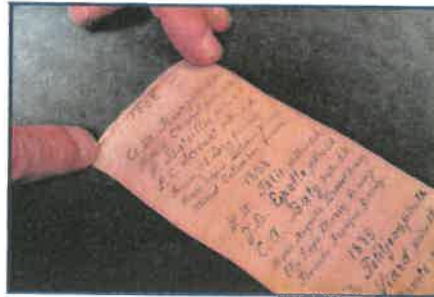
General Administration

In the final days of their plenary meetings the general council received and approved the bursar general's report for the general chapter, as well as accepting the audited GA financial statements of the international houses of formation.

Next week Fr John Hannan will travel to Washington where he will participate in the meeting on reconfiguration of the provinces of Canada, Mexico and the USA.

Frs Kevin Duffy and Paul Martin are now in Dakar, Senegal, for meetings on the African district's new school project.

NEWS FROM THE COLINIAN RENEWAL PROGRAM



From La Neylière, where the Colinian renewal takes place, Fr Tony Kennedy reports: We have just passed the halfway point of the Colinian Period of Renewal for 2017. The weather has been quite cool recently but this week it has improved. In recent weeks we have had visits to Le Puy, Cuét and Fourvière. To see the heart in which the names of the many Marists who went to Oceania were placed was inspiring for all. Members of the renewal group have appreciated the chance to visit these significant Marist places and to see a bit more of France. We observed the recent Presidential election with some interest as we learnt a bit about the French political system. Fr Kevin Duffy spent time with us reflecting on the 2016 letter from John Hannan: Looking Outwards and in looking more closely at Chapter One of the SM Constitutions. Br Brendan Geary FMS and Sr Catherine Darby SND de N were with us last week as we explored midlife issues and sexuality. In coming weeks we will continue our reflections on the 1872 and 1987 SM Constitutions and the spiritual life.



BURMESE STUDENTS IN RANONG GRADUATE AT AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITY



In Ranong, Thailand, the Marist Mission is in festival mode for 12 students from the Burmese migrant community who have graduated from the Australian Catholic University Online Diploma Program. For many years the Marists in Ranong have been engaged in the accompaniment of Burmese students, as they prepare, through the Bridge Program, for studies at ACU, which they can follow thanks to their online program. This week 15 new students were enrolled at the university. The program is funded by the Marist Mission Centre, Australia.