

SMbulletin

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THE SM BULLETIN IS BACK

We send greetings to our confreres throughout the world as we resume this week the regular issues of our SM Bulletin.

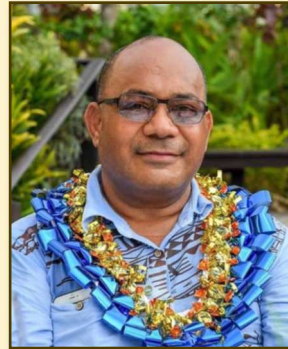
In March of this turbulent year, because of the lockdown, we had to interrupt our weekly news sheet. In its place we published 7 issues of the “Covid-19 Newsletter” to bring news from our confreres worldwide and to offer support to those who were suffering.

There was one special issue of the SM Bulletin in July to inform you about the CLOC meetings which this year replace the ARC meeting between the Major Superiors and the General Council.

The pandemic is still with us and while some confreres are still coping with the initial onslaught, others are experiencing a second wave. We currently have several confreres who are infected with the virus. But our Marist life goes on! The Superior General and his council continue to adapt to the present situation and create strategies to enable them to carry out the tasks set by the General Chapter, and to ensure in the best possible way the continuity of the Society’s mission.

Appointments

Oceania



Following the consultation of the members of the province of Oceania, the Superior General has appointed Fr Setefano Mataele for a second term as provincial. His term will start on 1 January 2021.

General Finance Committee

The Superior General has appointed Fr Pat Brophy, the bursar of the province of New Zealand, to the General Finance Committee. He will succeed Fr Tim Duckworth. Other members of the GFC are Frs Martin McAnaney, provincial of Europe and Setefano Mataele, provincial of Oceania. In line with recent changes in Canon Law, the Superior General has also appointed Fr John Harhager, the General Bursar, as a member of the GFC.



A NOVITIATE IN YAOUNDE

On 15 June a special novitiate started in Yaounde, Cameroon, to give the opportunity to four African postulants to start their novitiate. Due to difficulties with obtaining visas and to the Covid-19 travel restrictions, the four postulants were not able to enter the Philippines to join our International Novitiate in Cerdon, Eden, Davao. So the Superior General established a novitiate house in Yaounde, and appointed Fr Raymond Pelletier as the Novice Master, who will be assisted by Fr Constant Amoussouga. In his letter to the novitiate community the Superior General assured them that they “are accompanied by the hopes and prayers of all of us in the Society of Mary”.

