



SM bulletin

Friday, 12 October 2018

General Administration

After ARC the General Council dedicated time to briefing and debriefing sessions with incoming and outgoing Major Superiors.

Next week the Superior General and his Council will be in plenary session.

ARC MEETING IN ROME

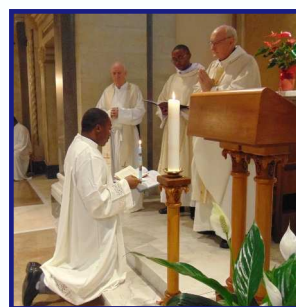


The gathering began with a retreat day where we listened and discerned with Mary in the Upper Room. We shared our experiences, and the hopes and fears of all our confreres and the people whom we serve, and waited upon the Spirit. The theme of the ARC was "the Upper Room". This prayerful, discerning Spirit remained with us through the days. The 2017 Chapter was a particular guide book.

We worked together discussing a way forward for the governance of the Society with a smaller number of confreres in the years ahead. The Spirit of co-operation, encouragement and fraternity was alive. Helpful models of governance emerged. We discerned "particular ministries" which would help us to direct the special focus of our life and energy as an international Society into the years ahead. At the same time we would continue to make our present contribution locally as best as we reasonably could. There were sessions on formation too, especially international formation. We gave attention to on-going formation especially for the several years after Perpetual Profession up until the time of the Colnian renewal. We also considered our finances and other special concerns.

Finally, we were commissioned to leave the Upper Room and go out, filled with the Spirit, to bring home the abundant graces of ARC 2018 where they can bear fruit when they are well nurtured. (Fr John Larsen)

PERPETUAL PROFESSION



On Sunday, 7 October, the General House Chapel was filled with joy as Kenneth Njong Akua, from the district of Africa, made his perpetual profession. His vows were received by Fr John Larsen, in the presence of the members of the General House community, the major superiors, the students and formators of Casa di Maria, members of the Marist family and other friends. Kenneth is completing his studies in Rome.