



# SM bulletin

Friday, 8 February 2019

## General Administration

The members of the General Administration are in the midst of their plenary session. Amongst others things discussions took place on

- the possible organisation of an international meeting for young Marists;
- A report on the International Marist Family Youth Gathering in Guatemala;
- Items linked to the organisation of the general finance office and other financial matters;
- The approval of several job descriptions for international coordinators in various fields.

Next week the sessions will be suspended for a few days when Fr John Harhager will attend the meeting of bursars and administrators of the Province of Europe.

## FORMATORS' WORKSHOP IN ROME

During the 2016 formators' workshop at La Neylière the participants expressed the desire that such meetings could be held periodically. This request was confirmed by the General Chapter [SD#72], and the Superior General and Council have decided to have a similar workshop, mainly for younger formators, which will be held in August 2019 at the General House. Among other things it is hoped to give an opportunity for mutual learning and sharing as well as working to keep a unified vision for Marist formation in a changing world. In the meantime a new *Ratio Fundamentalis* for formation of priests has been published by the Vatican and this will form one of the bases for reflection. The agenda will be principally set and finalized by the participants themselves according to their needs. Fr Larry Duffy will coordinate the organization of the gathering.

## A BRIDGE BETWEEN CALLAO AND ATLANTA



Students of the Marist Colegio San Jose in Callao, Peru recently visited the USA for an exchange with students of the Marist School in Atlanta. For two weeks the Peruvian students were hosted by their American "colleagues", and participated in the classes and outings, which offered them the opportunity to improve their English, and also to enjoy a wealth of educational, cultural, social and spiritual experiences. In June the American students will in their turn go to Peru to experience life in Callao, while being hosted by the students of the Colegio San Jose.

## AUSTRALIAN CONFRERES AWARDED

On 26 January two Australian confreres, Frs Paul Pidcock and Kevin Bates, were honoured by the Australian government, with the membership of the Order of Australia, for "services to the Catholic Church". For over 50 years Paul has been a valued member of the community of St John's College, Lismore, and Kevin is well-known for his musical ministry of composition and song and, in more recent years, as Pastor of the Holy Name of Mary parish in Hunters Hill. Recently Kevin Bates has also published a book, [Glimmers of Grace](#), composed of the weekly reflections of his more than 10 years of service in the parish.

## DECEASED CONFRERE

We pray for  
Fr Rudolf Wenk, aged 86, of the Province of Europe (Deutschland), who died on 5 February,  
May he rest in peace.