



SM bulletin

Friday, 12 April 2019

General Administration

This week Fr John Larsen spent a few days of reflection with more than 50 New Zealand confreres in Wellington. The provincial, Fr David Kennerley reported: *“John lead us in extensive reflections on the situation of the Society in Aotearoa-New Zealand today, the work of Mary, on being workers of Mary, and our possible future trajectory. While challenging, John’s input also received high praise for the degree of hope and encouragement underlying his themes”.*

Fr John will now travel to Davao, Philippines, where he will spend Holy Week with the Novices and their formation team in the International Novitiate in Eden.

There will be no SM bulletin next Friday.



To all our readers a Blessed Holy Week and Happy Easter!

TONY KENNEDY VISITS STUDENTS IN CAMEROON

Last Month Fr Tony Kennedy, the superior of the International Theologate in Rome, travelled to Cameroon. As there are several seminarians from Africa – currently they are six, five of them from Cameroon – it was an opportunity to see and experience the people and culture in Cameroon. Fr Tony visited the local formation community where he gave a presentation on life in Rome at the Marist International Theologate, *Casa di Maria*, which was welcomed with enthusiasm and many questions. The following day he gave a presentation on the Marist Places of Origin and the beginnings of the Society, and shared with the young students his own vocational story.



BLESSING OF COMMUNITY HOUSE IN RANONG, THAILAND



On 8 April Bp. Joseph Phratan, SDB, DD, Bishop of Suratthani celebrated mass and blessed the recently built Marist community house in Ranong, Thailand. Our confreres have been in Ranong since 2006, serving the poor Burmese migrants on the border through education, health and pastoral care. With the blessing and inauguration of this new house, the Marists are solidifying their presence and mission, and it surely is the fulfillment of a dream. During the celebration the bishop reminded our confreres, the staff and friends of the Marist Mission who were present, to be a testimony of faith, love and dialogue to one another, neighbors and to the people in Ranong.