



SM bulletin

Friday, 21 June 2019

General Administration

The members of the General Administration are participating in the combined council of the leadership of the four religious branches of the Marist Family.

Fr John Harhager departs on Monday for Fiji, where he will participate in the Council of the Province.

Next week Fr Ben McKenna will participate in the meeting of the European Solidarity Group, which will take place in the General House.

COMBINED MARIST COUNCILS MEETING



The four Superiors General and members of their councils are gathered at Manziana, close to Rome, from 20 to 22 June, to share in fraternity and friendship about their experiences and their

projects for the future. The topics for the meeting are: the Marist heritage places in France, with their related significance, challenges and concerns; the *International Gathering of Marist Youth* which took place in Guatemala in January and which has been a significant encounter for all Marists; and dreams and plans for new ways of collaboration as Marists in the future.

MAP MEETS IN SAMOA

The units of Asia, Australia, New Zealand and Oceania met in Samoa this week. The annual meeting which rotates its hosting unit enjoyed the beautiful weather and hospitality of Oceania's Samoa Sector. The units discuss a set agenda including reports on their achievements, ministries, issues; personnel living in other units, and areas of mutual concern and ways of extending cooperation across the MAP area of the Pacific. Unit leaders also discussed agenda for the ARC meeting. The group met with the Marist Third Order and shared Mass and a meal with them. They were hosted to traditional ceremonies by the nearby Marist Parish and on the last day by Chanel College.



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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON INTERFAITH HARMONY



Fr Larry Sabud (Asia), was invited this week at the "International Conference on Cohesive Societies". This conference took place in Singapore and gathered more than 1.000 participants, coming from the academic world, governments, religious groups and civil society. The aim is to discuss the strengthening interfaith harmony. Key note speeches were given by the president of Singapore and the king of Jordan. For Fr Larry it was an opportunity to connect with people involved in Interreligious Dialogue, and also with bishop Miguel Angel Ayuso Guixot, the head of the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue (see picture).