



SM bulletin

Friday, 28 June 2019

General Administration

Most members of the General Administration are working in Rome this week.

Fr John Harhager is in Oceania where he is attending the Council of the Province.

NEWS FROM CASA DI MARIA



In Rome the academic year is ending and traditionally that brings some movement in the Marist Seminary, Casa di Maria.

Last Sunday the community celebrated the conferral of the ministries of lector and acolyte, in the presence of the members of the General House community and friends. This week the seminarians head off for their different summer experiences. Kenneth is finishing as a member of this formation community as he returns to Cameroon as a deacon after four years of Theology in Rome. The first year students will be in different places having a Marist mission experience in Ranong, Brazil, Sahagun and Dublin. The Year 3 students will do the Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius in July, some at Manresa in Spain and others at Rodez in France. They will then go to La Neylière in August where Fr John Hannan will accompany them. The new acolytes from Year 2 are returning to New Zealand and Africa for a short pastoral placement and some holiday time. The newest students will work on their Italian.

CONFERENCE OF MARIST SCHOOLS IN NORTH AMERICA

From 23 to 26 June in Pontiac, Michigan, USA a workshop took place for 32 educators from North American schools owned or sponsored by the Society. The purpose of the three days was to share more information about the Society, its history and philosophy of education with lay teachers and staff members at our schools. It was also a time to meet and share ideas with colleagues as participants came from Marist schools in Guadalajara, Quebec, Atlanta and Pontiac.



MEETING OF THE EU SOLIDARITY COMMITTEE IN ROME



The members of the EU Solidarity Committee, along with resource persons Frs Jean-Marie Bloqueau and Ben McKenna, met at the General House for two days this week. They reflected on, and evaluated the work of the committee, which has existed for 10 years and finds its inspiration in the Encyclical letter *Laudato Si'*. The committee planned practical steps to further their work. The Superior General also addressed the group.