

SMBulletin

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GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

The members of the General Administration have started their plenary session this week. On Wednesday the third CLOC zoom meeting between the members of the General Administration and the Major Superiors took place.

THANKSGIVING FOR THE CENTENARY OF FR PAUL FONTANIER



On September 13th, the community of Ste Foy, France, celebrated the 100 birthday of Fr Paul Fontanier. His birthday took place on 20 April, but because of the severe Covid restrictions the celebration has had to be postponed. On the day of the celebration only a small group could be physically present in the chapel of the community. Among them were Fr Jean-Marie Bloqueau, vicar provincial, and Frs Albert Kabala and Juan Carlos Piña from the General Administration. Along with many others who were united in prayer, they expressed thanksgivings for Paul's life. Paul was ordained for the diocese in 1947, and joined the Marists in 1961. For most of his Marist life, he ministered as a chaplain in schools. Since his retirement he has lived in the community of Sainte Foy, where he is known for his cheerful, humble and generous presence.

Appointment

The Superior General, with the advice of his Council, has appointed Fr Tony Kennedy (Australia) for a second term of 3 years as the Superior of the Marist International Theologate in Rome, Casa di Maria. In this photo Fr Tony is pictured with different members of the current Formation Community.



SAHAGÚN OPENS AGAIN

In the past few months our house for pilgrims on the Camino, in Sahagún, Spain, has not only had to face the consequences of the pandemic, but also severe problems with the plumbing system.



Thanks to the donations of many associations, the community has been able to resolve the problems, and they were able to open their doors again in August. Fr Dani Fernández, the superior of the community, reports: "To our surprise there are still quite a few pilgrims, with an average of 11 pilgrims a day. Almost all of them have come to the Camino to seek a balance in their lives that they have lost due to the pandemic: family, work, the sense of life... Here in Sahagún we continue to welcome, serve and listen to them."