



# SM bulletin

Friday, 9 February 2018

## General Administration

Among the decisions made at the last meeting of the General Administration was the appointment of Fr Christopher Ganzon as the next District Superior of Asia; the decision to conduct the next Colnian Renewal program in 2020; and further remote preparation for ARC 2018.

Fr John Larsen has departed Rome for his visitation of the Bougainville, Papua and Solomon Islands Sectors of Oceania. While in the South Pacific he will also attend the ordination of Bishop Paul Martin in New Zealand and the Extraordinary Chapter of the Province of Australia, as well as catching-up with family. His final destination will be Davao in the District of Asia.

Fr Paul Walsh is on visitation of Senegal in the District of Africa.

## APPOINTMENT OF BISHOP JOEL KONZEN

On Monday 5 February, the Holy See announced that Pope Francis has appointed Fr Joel Konzen, from the province of the United States of America, as auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Atlanta, Georgia.

Fr Joel was born in Ohio in 1950 but he has served for 28 years in Atlanta. Amongst other things he has led Marist School in Atlanta as its principal since 1999 and has also been the vicar provincial of the Marist Province of Washington. Recently he helped to found two new Catholic schools in Atlanta.



Archbishop Wilton Gregory of Atlanta declared "He has been an effective and generous administrator and advisor to the educational ministry of thousands of young people and their parents". In an interview Fr Joel reacted as follows on his appointment: "A Marist is to think, act, judge, and feel as Mary would...humility, hospitality, prayerfulness, union with God and with one another...these are the virtues that Father Colin wanted to instill in the first Marists."

The episcopal ordination will take place on Easter Tuesday, 3 April.



## A NEW DISTRICT SUPERIOR FOR ASIA

This week, the Superior General has appointed Fr Christopher Ganzon from the District of Asia as the new Superior of the District. Fr Chris has worked for many years in the District's formation community in Davao and is currently ministering in Digos, Philippines. He will succeed Fr Pat Devlin on 1 July 2018.

## DECEASED CONFRERES

We pray for

Fr Francis Springer, aged 93, of the Province of the United States of America, who died on 24 December,

Fr Roger Wilhelm, aged 88, of the Province of Europe (France), who died on 5 January,  
Fr William F. Seli, aged 87, of the Province of the United States of America, who died on 11 January,

Br Peter Somers, aged 78, of the Province of Australia, who died on 15 January,

Fr Robert Graham, aged 97, of the province of the United States of America, who died on 20 January, and for

Fr Donald Hamilton, aged 87, of the Province of New Zealand, who died on 24 January.

May they rest in peace.