

SMbulletin

Friday, 20 December 2024

A blessed and joyful Christmas

to each confrere and each community in the Society and also to all the people whom we carry in our hearts and accompany in our pastoral care.

A special prayer for any confreres who are struggling in any way over this Christmas Season.

May we be united as one family together with the Holy Family at Bethlehem.



John Larsen sm

*A Blessed Christmas and Best Wishes for a Happy New Year!
from the Superior General, the Council, the Community and all at the General House.*

GENERAL BURSAR



On January 1, 2025, Fr John Harhager will complete his term as Bursar General here in Rome. The Superior General thanked Fr. John for his outstanding administrative skills, including his efforts to establish solid investment funds to carry us into the future, to standardize budgeting and reporting within the Society and to continue to work towards complete transparency in all financial matters. He has also built up a strong lay-finance team in the General House. Fr John continues to serve the Society in his role as Vicar General.

Fr. John will be replaced on January 1 by Fr. Patrick Brophy from the Province of New Zealand. Fr Pat was the Provincial bursar before coming to Rome more than a year ago to work closely with John in the finances of the Society.

NOVITIATE PILGRIMAGE TO MOUNT APO

From 9 to 11 December, the community of the International Novitiate “Cerdon” in Davao, Philippines, made a pilgrimage to the summit of Mount Apo. Mount Apo is the highest mountain in the Philippines. The objectives of the pilgrimage were to encounter God from a different perspective, on the mountain as a privileged place where He reveals Himself; to establish stronger bonds of community life, in the style of Mary; and to carry out a deeper personal discernment in view of Marist life. This pilgrimage offered everyone the opportunity to reflect on the challenges and difficulties expressed by the first Marists in the Bugey mountains. The community returned to novitiate life with a strengthened spirit and is now preparing for the upcoming Christmas celebrations.

