

General Administration

The General Council has been continuing with its Plenary sessions in which they have attended to initial and ongoing formation planning and policies as well as continuing to study possible international Particular Works.

The General Bursar, Fr John Harhager and the staff of the finance office will be busy next week as on Friday the yearly financial audit of the Society's finances starts.

PHILIPPINES ACCOMPANIMENT PROGRAM



On 15 May eleven recent High School graduates joined the "Marist Interested College Students" program in Davao. They will live in the Marist formation community while studying for their Baccalaureate in Philosophy after which they would be ready for novitiate. Marists confreres

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accompanying them are Lauro Arcede, John Guo and Roque Rebito, and the Vocations Promotor is Arnold Garferio.

SR SUZANNE AUBERT

Sr Margret Anne Mills of the Daughters of Our Lady of the Mission, a New Zealand religious order founded by Ven. Sr Suzanne Aubert, met with the General Council. She gave an account of what their order has done with the heritage site containing the grave of their founder and also shared about the process for beatification of Ven Sr Suzanne. Ven Sr Suzanne Aubert grew up in a family which was close friends with the Marists and in particular



with the Colin brothers. She went with the early Marists to New Zealand as a missionary and was the first lay person to make her profession in New Zealand as a member of the Third Order of Mary. It is hoped that her cause for beatification will be successful making her the first saint from New Zealand.

IRISH STUDENTS ON PILGRIMAGE TO LA NEYLIÈRE

Teachers from the European network of Marist schools have in recent years been offered the opportunity to go to La Neylière at the end of the school year. From there came the idea to do a similar "In the footsteps of the founder" pilgrimage for students. Recently a group of thirteen students and two teachers from St Mary's College in Dundalk, Ireland went to La Neylière. The trip included a visit to the Basilica of Notre Dame de Fourvière in Lyons, and to the Marist school "Lycée Sainte Marie" which impressed both the students and teachers by its excellence. At la Neylière the students participated in the morning prayers of our confreres, and they were touched by the treasures brought back from the Pacific and the stories of the brave young men and women who ventured into unknown territories to spread the faith.