



SM bulletin

Friday, 24 May 2019

General Administration

During the week the General Council completed the plenary sessions after focusing on vocations and formation matters, the future of La Neylière, media communications, and planning for the annual meeting of major superiors in October.

This week John Larsen is attending the meeting of the Union of Superiors General.

AUDIT OF THE SOCIETY'S FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS

This week began the audit of the Society's financial accounts for 2018. Since 1995, internationally well-known KPMG, one of the "big four" accounting firms, has audited the bookkeeping, reporting and the overall operation of the general finance office. There are two accountants working daily in the office for ten days. Our own personnel, Paolo Mancinelli, Aline Gamberale and Monica Sebastiani are keeping busy responding to the requests for assistance that arise from the audit. The "management meeting" is scheduled for next Thursday afternoon. The final report will be available in June.



70 YEARS OF MARIST MISSION CENTRE, AUSTRALIA



At the Holy Name of Mary parish, Hunters Hill, a celebration took place to mark the 70th anniversary of the Marist Mission Centre. One hundred and thirty guests included missionary priests, brothers, sisters and laity, MMC donors, former directors, staff and advisory board members. The event included a video message from the Superior General, and a presentation on MMC's 70 years. The Marist

Mission Centre was established in 1949 as the "Japanese Marist Mission League" to support the first Marists who went to Japan after the Second World War. In the 60s, the name was significantly changed to the "Marist Mission Centre". Attention was turned to the South Pacific Marist mission areas and embraced also other missionary groups working in many countries of the Developing World. More about the history and activities of MMC on maristmissions.com

GRADUATION CEREMONY IN RANONG

The Marist Mission in Ranong recently celebrated the graduation of 16 students in the *Diploma of Liberal Studies* from Australian Catholic Universities *Online Diploma Thailand Burma Programme*. This was the 5th graduation ceremony in the 10 year learning partnership between Marist Mission and ACU. These graduates bring to a total of 54 graduates now employed in various education, health and community development programmes both in Thailand and Myanmar. Frs Hermes Sabud and Frank Bird, who have tutored the students, commended them as positive role models for their migrant community and congratulated them on overcoming the various obstacles that Burmese migrants face to continued into higher education.