

SMBulletin

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GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Fr John Larsen came back this week from his visit to our confreres in Peru.

Next week a gathering will take place in the General House for financial personnel of the Society, to discuss financial issues and to broaden the understanding of the Society and its needs.

MEN'S SHED PRODUCES BEE HIVES

One of the many consequences of the recent bush fires and other ecological problems hitting Australia, is the destruction of thousands of beehives. The *Men's Shed*, which several times a week hosts a group of handymen on the grounds of Villa Maria in Sydney, has decided to contribute to the rehabilitation of the bee colonies. The men started to produce hives for Queen Bee activity and the repopulation of bees. They hope other organizations will follow their example of caring for our common home.



Marist Laity in Mexico



In Mexico the 6th Lay Marist Encounter took place in the facilities of the *Colegio Franco Ingés* in Mexico City. 85 members of the Mexican Marist Laity participated. The gathering was organised by the *Council of Lay Marists*, which groups representatives from all works of the province. It focused on the four steps of our origins: Le Puy (the call), Fourvière (the pledge), Cerdon (interiority) and Le Bugéy (mission).

NEWS FROM THE SAHAGÚN COMMUNITY

In 2018 the European province started a ministry on the Camino in Spain, opening the doors of a hostel to offer a spiritual welcome and accompaniment to pilgrims. From a recent evaluation, it emerged that the number of guests doubled last year: about 6.000 pilgrims knocked on the doors of our Marist *albergue*. The Sahagún team—they are a community of four—invite confreres or lay Marists to join them for short or more extended periods of time. Those interested can contact them by email: alberguesantacruzahagun@gmail.com. The community can also be found on the web: www.facebook.com/alberguesantacruz or www.alberguesensahagun.es.

