

# SMbulletin

Friday, 20 March 2020

## NOVENA OF PRAYER



Yesterday, on the feast of St. Joseph, the General House community started its novena of prayer in front of the icon of Mary and Fr Colin, as suggested by the Superior General, for all those affected by the corona virus worldwide.

## Report from Monteverde

Fr Pat Devlin, the Superior of the General House, reports:

“At Villa Santa Maria we have been following the government requirements for the last two weeks. We are confined to the property unless we need to go out for food or medical needs. We are also following the instructions of the Pope and our local Church to live this moment with prudence, solidarity and a spirit of faith, although the restrictions do not apply because we do not have a public chapel or ministry.

For the health of our lay staff we have reduced their need to be physically on our property and much of their office work is being done from home. All of us need a travel document for moving around the city. As of today, no member of Villa Santa Maria, confreres, sisters or laity, has become sick. We continue to take the recommended precautions so that we may continue our ministry of administration and study.”

## Pope Francis' Pilgrimage



Last Sunday, the third Sunday of Lent, Pope Francis made a pilgrimage in the streets of Rome to visit two important pilgrimage sites in Rome, to pray for the city and the world, to underline his closeness to those who suffer by imploring the special protection of Our Lady.