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Friday, 24 June 2022

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Fr John Larsen is now in Brazil where he will visit the confreres, and where he will also attend the South America District Chapter in the first week of July.

Fr Juan Carlos Piña who was in Lisbon for preparation work for the International Marist Youth Gathering next year is with Fr John on his trip to Brazil.

Fr Ben McKenna has been on retreat this week.

From 11 to 29 July the members of the General Administration will all be in Rome for a plenary session of the General Council.

OUR MARIST BISHOPS



In January 2021, Pope Francis announced the appointment of our confrere, Rd. Paul Martin, the Bishop of Christchurch, to the role of *Coadjutor Archbishop of Wellington*, to assist Card. John Dew, the Metropolitan Archbishop of Aotearoa New Zealand. The appointment took effect immediately, but Paul remained in Christchurch until his successor was appointed. From this week Paul officially resides in Wellington.

On 13 June a delegation of our Canadian confreres went to Ottawa for the episcopal ordination of Rd. Yvan Mathieu. The celebration, attended by 26 bishops, 2 cardinals and a many faithful, was presided over by bishop Marcel Damphousse, who warmly welcomed Yvan into the diocese.



CASA DI MARIA SUMMER PROGRAM



In Rome the university exams are now finished and Summer has arrived. Last week four students renewed their vows, this Sunday the community will celebrate Lector and Acolyte, and then the departures begin. The year 1 students, Joseph, Joël, Clovis, Godlove, Hemi and Charles, head off on their Marist Mission experience to Ranong, Lyon, Sahagún, London and Dublin. After two years in Rome Clinton heads home to Cameroon for a holiday and a short pastoral experience. Christian will be in France for the spiritual exercises of St Ignatius and visiting the Marist places. The deacons Sefo and Yves will be heading back to Fiji and Cameroon to take up their first appointments, while Jaime will be continuing his studies in Rome. The eight pre-theologians, Leonard, Lesley, Peter, Anatole, Jean-Paul, Joe, Lewis and Robert, are about to finish 3 months of Italian languages classes. They will have the opportunity to practice their new skills over the summer in Italian communities. The student priests, Long Mechavez and Thilo Saft, are shifting: Long is moving to the General House and Thilo will go to Casa di Maria for the next year.