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Friday, 27 May 2016

General Administration

Fr John Hannan continues his visitation of the Region of France.

In the coming week Fr Lote Raiwalui leaves for the Antipodes, first to attend the Australian Provincial Chapter and make a visit to the Province. He will then attend the Provincial Chapter of New Zealand and also find time to have a South Pacific holiday.

Fr Kevin Duffy, having returned from the Canadian Chapter, is now preparing to set off for the Chapter of the District of Africa.

A SECOND MANDATE FOR DAVID KENNERLEY

The Superior General has confirmed the re-election of Fr David Kennerley as Provincial of the province of New Zealand. He will start the second term of his mandate on 1 February 2017.



PROVINCIAL CHAPTER IN CANADA



The Canadian Province was the first unit of the Society to hold its local Chapter in preparation of the General Chapter in 2017. Amongst other things a committee was set up to study the question of vocations, the province gave its consent to the

process of reconfiguration in the Americas, and took decisions on the future of some of the Marist ministries in Canada. General Assistant Fr Kevin Duffy represented the General Administration.

MEETINGS IN OCEANIA

In the Province of Oceania two important meetings took place this month:

- The last retreat in a series of three "Fourvière Retreats", being organized by the Marist Family in Fiji, on the occasion of the Bi-Centenary of the Fourvière Pledge.
 Presentations were given by the participants about the significance of Fourvière in each of the branches of the Marist Family in the past, the present and the future.
- The third Brothers Assembly took place in Fiji. Studying various documents, such as those produced at ARC2014, a summary of the book "Brother in the World" by Pat Bearsley sm, and "Identity and Mission of the Brother in the Church", the brothers formulated 8 recommendations, to be presented at the next Council of the Province and at the upcoming ARC meeting in October, as well as at the Oceania provincial chapter in 2017. Also a document on the identity and ministries of an SM Brother was produced.

PRESENTATION OF THE JEAN COSTE AWARD

Recently in Rome the second staging of the "Premio Jean Coste" took place. The award has been established by a former student of Fr Jean Coste, to keep his memory alive. In the same spirit of Coste himself, young people of the peripheries of Rome are involved in archeological research during the year, and the project is concluded with a festive event. Frs Alejandro Muñoz and Justin Taylor, as well as seminarian Tom Kouijzer represented the Society.

A video of the event is available on youtube in several languages: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k2lgmCD5lVg&feature=youtu.be