

SM bulletin



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General Administration

Fr John Hannan has visited the Marist confreres in Norway and is currently in the Netherlands where he continues his visitation of the European province.

Fr Larry Duffy leaves Tonga today for Suva as he carries out the second part of his visitation of Oceania.

Fr Alejandro Muñoz is in France for preparation work of the International Youth Gathering in Lyons. He will also spend a few days in *La Neylière* before joining the Marist Brothers at *L'Hermitage*, where he will be chaplain at their renewal program.

Fr Kevin Duffy will leave for La Neylière next week to spend some time with the participants of the Colinian Renewal Program, which is coming towards its conclusion.

Dare to Dream - International Youth Gathering, Lyons 2016



According to the recent announcement made by the four Marist General Superiors, an International Gathering of Marist Youth (IGMY) will take place at our Marist School Sainte Marie Lyon-La

Solitude in Lyons, France, from July 17-23, 2016. This world-wide gathering—under the title "Dare to Dream" - is a joint initiative of the four religious branches of the Marist Family. There are many reasons which bring us together in Lyon in 2016: to promote the coordination and integration of young Marists of the Marist Family; the celebration of the bicentenary of the Pledge of Fourvière on 23 June 2016; the bicentenary of the founding of the Institute of the Marist Brothers on 2 January 2017. The International Gathering precedes also the World Youth Day, which will take place in Krakow from 26 to 31 July. A letter with preliminary guidelines will be send to the major superiors and directors of youth and vocational ministries in the units in order to begin the processes of registration and preparation of the youth groups/individuals who wish to participate. Fr Alejandro Muñoz is the responsible delegate of the Marist Fathers to coordinate and follow up the preparations of the meeting, and he is currently participating in a meeting at Sainte Marie, Lyons, for preparation work. For more information please contact him at alejandro.munoz@maristsm.org.

Priestly Ordination in the Province of Europe



Fr Thilo Saft with Frs Hubert Bonnet-Eymard, provincial of Europe and Alois Greiler, regional superior of Germany.

Confreres of the province of Europe and of the region of Germany, along with the family and friends of Fr Thilo Saft rejoiced over recent days at the occasion of his priestly ordination. On 23 May Thilo Saft was ordained to the priesthood in The Osnabrück. bishop friendly words for the Marists and encouragement for both Michael Schockmann, diocesan the candidate, and Thilo. The next

day, Pentecost Sunday, his home parish of St Nicolas, Ankum, welcomed Thilo for his first mass. Fr Ludger Werner of the region of Germany preached about the covenant offered to us by God and ordination as part of a wholehearted response to it. Both liturgies were solemn and at the same time simple and familiar. From July on, Fr Thilo is appointed to the community in Passau, Germany.