



SM bulletin

Friday, 9 June 2017

General Administration

Fr John Hannan continues his vacation in Ireland.

Fr Alejandro Muñoz returned from a successful meeting of the Marist family in Guatemala in preparation for the Marist Youth Assembly in Panama in 2019.

This week the council discussed developments in the reconfiguration of the North American provinces and the coming commencement of a new Marist educational venture in Dakar, Senegal.

Next week Fr Kevin Duffy goes to La Neylière to offer input in the Colinian Renewal program.

CELEBRATIONS OF THE BICENTENARY OF THE MARIST BROTHERS' FOUNDATION

This week, on the feast day of St Marcellin Champagnat, the Marist Brothers continued the worldwide celebrations of the bicentenary of the foundation of their Institute. Marcellin Champagnat was one of the 12 present with Colin at the Fourvière Pledge, and one year later, in 1817, he founded the Marist Institute in La Valla, near Lyons.

At the Marist Brothers' general house a gathering took place with members of

the Marist Family and friends, including the presentation of a three volumes book "History of the Institute", as well as a photographic exhibition "A look at Marist life in the Bicentenary of the Institute" with photos taken by visual storyteller Conor Ashleigh, a former Marist student from Australia, telling the life of the Marist Brothers around the world. The afternoon was concluded with a Eucharist and a festive meal. More on www.champagnat.org.



Brs Michael Green and André Lanfrey fms, authors of "History of the Institute", during the presentation of their work

STUDY DAY ON MARIST HISTORY IN AUCKLAND

At the occasion of the bicentenary of the Institute of the Marist Brothers, our confreres in New Zealand organized a study day for the Marist family on 5 June in Good Shepherd College, Auckland. A group of over 60 people were in the audience, religious, Marist laity, and persons interested in



the topic. The speakers represented the different branches, and ranged from spirituality to Marist history in general and Marist history in the Pacific. Among the speakers were Frs Alois Greiler and Justin Taylor. The foreseen book launch of the history of the Marist brothers in the Pacific, a 600 page volume written by Br Edward Clisby ('Far Distant Shores') was announced but will take place in August as the books did not arrive in time. The presenters were invited to forward their manuscript to be published in *Forum Novum*.