

Friday, 28 July 2017

General Administration

Fr John Hannan is in La Neylière for the final days of the Colinian Renewal Program. He will be back in Rome next week.

Fr Kevin Duffy starts his holidays next week.

ERRATUM

In last week's SMbulletin, in the article on the 175th anniversary of the Catholic Church in Tonga, we mistakenly referred to Br Altaic as the companion of Fr Chevron, rather it was Jean-Baptiste (Brother Attale) Grimaud.

THE FINAL DAYS OF THE COLINIAN RENEWAL PROGRAM



The 2017 Colinian Period of Renewal ends on Monday when the eleven participants depart La Neylière. Last Sunday they went to Fourvière and walked up the 800 steps to the chapel where they celebrated mass on the 201st anniversary of the Fourvière pledge. This final week they reflected on

the experience and the learnings of the last five months. During these final days they have been joined by the superior general. The group reflected on Fr John's report to the 2017 General Chapter and everyone had the opportunity to speak individually with him.

They report: There have been many highlights. The opportunity to spend more time in prayer and reflection at La Neylière, the two long retreats, the visits to the different Marist places of origin and the chance to be more in touch with the Constitutions has helped each of us. Reading more of our Marist history and spirituality and sharing our reflections has helped us to be more in touch with our Marist ancestors. Listening to the different experiences and stories from each of the group members was a key aspect of our shared life together as Marists. We are grateful for the opportunity we have been given, the people who have helped, supported and prayed for us. Thank you to all those who have offered to pray for us. Thank you to the La Neylière Marist community and house who have cared for us so well and to Fr Tony Kennedy as Director of the Program.

PERPETUAL PROFESSION IN LA NEYLIÈRE

On 14 July, at the conclusion of the retreat organized by the European Province, Tom Kouijzer made his perpetual profession in the chapel of La Neylière. Tom is from the region of the Netherlands. Since completing his Theological studies in Rome, Tom has been a member of the new European formation community An Turas, Dublin.

