



SM bulletin

Friday, 5 October 2018

General Administration

The General House in Rome is full of life in these days as it is hosting the annual ARC meeting (Annual Review Consultation). The meeting began on Monday 1 October with a day of welcome, orientation, retreat, and the election of the organizing committee.

The eighteen members present are the major superiors of the 10 units of the Society and all the members of the General Administration. Fr Tony Corcoran – the provincial elect of Australia – is also participating in the meeting. Sr Judith Moore smsm is facilitating the meeting.

The meeting will conclude on Wednesday, 10 October.

ARC MEETING IN ROME—PROGRAM



On Tuesday the Superior General presented his report, in the form of an extended reflection on the current state and the needs of the Society. The report will soon be published and distributed to all members of the Society. The participants were also invited to give their exchanges on the

General Chapter of 2017. Wednesday saw the presentation of the Bursar General's Report, with personnel demographics. Conversations were held, one to one, in the afternoon. On Thursday there were group sessions on vocations, contemplation and *Laudato Si'*, City Centre Evangelization and safeguarding, and there was also time for "regional" meetings (the America's and MAP).

Following the Spirit of GC2017 there is the opportunity for an hour's meditation from 6.30 am prior to the Eucharist, and an integration time each evening prior to evening prayer. Every day a prayer takes place in response to the request of Pope Francis to "all the faithful of all the world, to pray the Holy Rosary every day" during the Marian month of October.

All members at ARC are grateful to be remembered in the thoughts and prayer of the body of the Society

CHANGING ROLES

On Sunday evening, 30 September, in the General House Chapel, a service took place during which three handovers of responsibilities was solemnly celebrated.

- Fr Pat Devlin took up the role of Secretary General of the Society, succeeding Fr Tony Corcoran.
- Fr Juan Carlos Piña succeeded Fr Tony Corcoran in his role of Procurator General to the Holy See
- Fr Albert Kabala succeeded Fr Didier Hadonou as District Superior of Africa

This week the Superior General also confirmed the election of Fr Yvan Matthieu as provincial of Canada. He will succeed Fr Jacques Arguin as from 1 January 2019.

DECEASED CONFRERES

We pray for

Fr Pedro Herrasti, aged 89, of the Province of Mexico, who died on 30 September, May he rest in peace.