



# SM bulletin

Friday, 8 March 2019

## General Administration

Last week Fr John Larsen carried out the visitation of Casa di Maria, our international formation house in Rome, where he had the opportunity to visit the formation community and to have personal interviews with all the students and staff members.

Fr Juan Carlos Piña attended a preparatory meeting for the joint Marist General Councils gathering to take place in June.

In the past weeks, several members of the General Council have been assisting the SMSM renewal program.

## THE GENERAL HOUSE REDUCES ITS CARBON FOOTPRINT



The light fixtures in the chapel and exterior of the General House, after more than twenty years, had to be replaced because so many were no longer operational or functioning at significantly reduced levels. The light fixtures in the chapel were replaced with energy-efficient LED units. The new fittings provide significantly greater illumination but need 80% less energy. The exterior floodlights were also replaced with LED fixtures. The new light system has improved the lighting for better security - eliminating the many shadowed areas. The lights are programmable and are so efficient that they operate at 50% capacity for the early evening hours and are reduced to 30% capacity from 11:00 pm until dawn. The cost of these replacements will be recovered in approximately six years. Some possible future projects to reduce the carbon footprint of the General House are the use of rainwater for irrigation and installation of solar panels.

## INTERRELIGIOUS MEETING IN RANONG, THAILAND

Last month the Marist Center community in Ranong, Thailand, celebrated the World Interfaith Harmony Week. It was initiated by the Marist Commission for Interreligious Dialogue and Reconciliation (MCIRD). It was an opportunity for a reflection on the richness of the diversity in the center. Most are Buddhists but there are also Christians and Muslims. One of the students commented that this celebration was "one of the ways where we can tell the world that diversities of cultures and religions enriches us all."



## DECEASED CONFRERES

We pray for

Fr Michael Fitzgerald, aged 72, of the Province of Oceania, who died on 11 February,  
Fr Pierre Vignal, aged 93, of the Province of Europe (France), who died on 16 February,  
Fr Peter Carde, aged 82, of the Province of New Zealand, who died on 3 March,  
Fr Eduardo Esteino Velasco, aged 89, of the Province Mexico, who died on 5 March,  
Fr Bernard Peillon, aged 98, of the Province of Europe (France), who died on 6 March.  
May they rest in peace.