

# SMbulletin

Friday, 30 August 2019

## GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

After a short break we are happy to be back with the weekly SMbulletin in its new colors and layout, and we warmly greet all our readers.

### WORKSHOP FOR FORMATORS

During August the General House has been at its full capacity while hosting the Workshop for Formators, which will be concluded this weekend. Rather hot weather in Rome did not deter the mainly young and new formators from the demanding work for more than two weeks. The Superior General gave a stimulating talk on his vision for the future of the Society which guided the work of the participants. There were also presentations from invited speakers on several topics. The major part of the workshop consisted in sharing the principles and practices of the various houses of formation. Talents were in evidence in song, liturgy, animating sessions, reflections, and much more.



### Marist Laity Meetings

Two important Marist Laity events took place in Ireland in late July and early August. There was a meeting of the European Network of Marist Laity (EMLC), where amongst other things Fr John Larsen gave an input. This meeting was immediately followed by a world-wide meeting of Marist Laity (WMLC) where Fr Paul Walsh represented the GA. The assembly selected four people to form a new executive team: Bev McDonald (NZ), David Sanz de Diego (Eur), Elisabeth Piper (US) and Jorge Lopez (Mex).

A rich agenda for the coming years, including a more regional organisation, was provided by the wide-ranging exchanges during the meeting.

### LET US PRAY THAT OUR DECEASED CONFRERES MAY REST IN PEACE

**Fr Robert Lee**

New Zealand

18.02.1925—24.07.2019

**Fr John Mori**

New Zealand

05.05.1943—24.07.2019

**Fr Milio Vakasirovoka**

Oceania, Fiji

10.10.1961—27.07.2019

**Fr John Thornhill**

Australia

13.05.1929—28.07.2019

**Bp Stuart O'Connell**

New Zealand

11.05.1935—02.08.2019

**Fr John O'Neill**

New Zealand

19.09.1926—28.08.2019