

# SMbulletin

Friday, 20 September 2019

## GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

All members of the General Administration are on a three day retreat at Santa Severa near Rome. They are preparing for the plenary session of the General Council, which starts on Monday and for the intense time of meetings which will start in October, including briefing sessions with the new provincials of New Zealand and Canada; a meeting of the General Finance Committee and ARC.

### A NEW PARISH FOR THE DISTRICT OF ASIA IN DIGOS, PHILIPPINES

During a Eucharistic celebration on 8 September, bishop Guillermo Afable DD of Digos, Philippines, installed Fr Christopher Ganzon as parish priest and Fr Pat Muckian as parish vicar of the newly erected parish of Our Lady Fatima in Matti, Digos City. Our confreres in the district of Asia have been present in the diocese since 2004. During that time they have ministered in high school chaplaincy and prison ministry. Some years ago the bishop asked the Marists to establish a pastoral area comprising about 11.000 Catholics. It has now developed into this new parish and soon a church will be built.

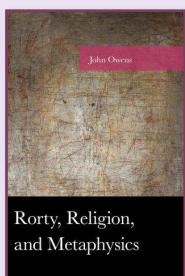


### MMC FUNDING FOR PROJECTS IN THE PROVINCE OF OCEANIA



The Marist Mission Center in Australia has funded – amongst many others – two projects run by confreres in the Province of Oceania. Kindergartens were built in two villages on the Island of Tanna in Vanuatu (see picture). The building was undertaken by the men in the local communities supported by our confreres. Another project is the *Stuyvenberg Rural Training Centre* in the remote area of Naana, Solomon Islands. At this centre people are taught farming and practical skills. The Marist Mission Centre funded the teacher's house that was built and painted by the members of the local community.

### “RORTY, RELIGION, AND METAPHYSICS”



New Zealand confrere Fr John Owens, who is a lecturer in philosophy at Good Shepherd College, Auckland, has recently published his book: “Rorty, Religion, and Metaphysics”. In his book John challenges American philosopher Richard Rorty, demonstrating that recognition, so central to human life, cannot be accommodated within Rorty’s proposals. For those interested, you can find more information or buy the book on the internet.