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Friday, 13 November 2020

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Between 3 and 4 November the fifth CLOC meeting took place. Besides sharing on local matters, members of the General Council presented their proposals on a Year for Vocations, Ongoing Formation and on the future of the CLOC meetings themselves. On all items there was time for discussion among those present at the meeting. During its weekly meetings the General Council had an evaluation of the 5th CLOC meeting and started preparation for the 6th meeting, which will be mostly dedicated to financial matters. Other items on the agenda were the Colin cause and personnel appointments.

PROVINCIAL CHAPTER IN NEW ZEALAND

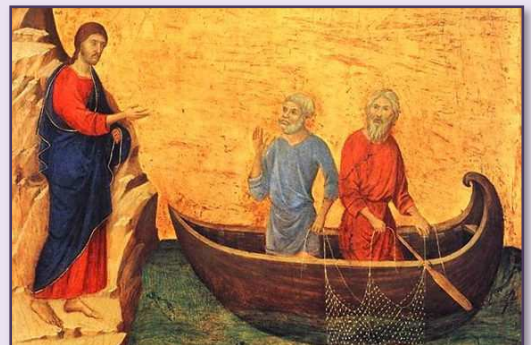
Next week the province of New Zealand will hold its Provincial Chapter. So far, all scheduled provincial chapters have had to be postponed due to the pandemic. The news that New Zealand is the first province to be able “to go ahead”, is a reason for great joy and gratitude in the whole Society.

In June, the Pope decreed that *no General or Provincial Chapters could be held by means of telecommunications, nor the combination of partial physical presence and partial presence through telecommunications, but only by means of physical presence.* The Vatican Congregation for Religious clarified that “the synodal/collegial path itself is an integral part of the formation not only of a majority but, even more, of a consensus that arises from shared discernment. It is well known (...) that the formation of consensus is the result of direct dialogue (...). This would not seem as effective solely by means of telecommunications”.

A MARIST VOCATION YEAR

The Superior General and his Council have approved the initiative from the Vocations think-tank to launch a Marist Vocation Year, to reflect, to pray, and to promote vocations for the Church and to the Society. The Vocation year will be launched in October 2021, at the Council of the Society.

The Vocations year wants to encourage Marists to reflect on the mystery of their own vocation and their call to personal holiness. The aim is also to find and share creative forms of vocational ministry in order to inspire young people in discernment of their own vocation. The Vocation Year will involve the participation at different levels locally and globally through reflections, inputs, online seminars and workshops.



LET US PRAY THAT OUR DECEASED CONFRERES MAY REST IN PEACE

P. Maurice Linossier
Europe (France)
11.06.1930—14.10.2020

P. Roger McCarrick
Oceania (Fiji)
15.08.1935—16.10.2020