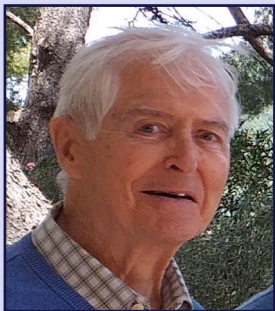


SMbulletin

Friday, 12 November 2021

APPOINTMENTS

The Superior General, with the consent of his council, has appointed Fr Joaquín Fernández as the first Major Superior of the newly erected District of Mexico. Fr Joaquín is a member of the province of Europe. He was the Superior General of the Society from 1993 until 2001, and has since then been involved in mission, in the provincial administration of Europe and in formation. His appointment starts with the



erection of the District on 12 December and is for 3 years. As Joaquín was due to be a member of the formation team for the

2022 Novitiate, Fr John Larsen has appointed Fr Paddy O'Hare from the province of Europe to join David Sanchez (novice master) and Sione Hamala (socius) to form the novitiate team. His appointment will start on 1 January 2022. Paddy is currently a member of the Marist community in Toulon, France. He has spent many years of his life as a missionary in Japan and he has also been a formator.



LAUNCH OF MARIST VOCATION YEAR



On 15 November we will celebrate the launch of the Marist Vocation Year. Some Marist confreres, along with members of the Marist Family and Marist lay people have been working together for almost

two years to develop and reflect on the project, and to create formation material.

To mark the launch of this gracious year, two videos have been prepared:

- a message from the Superior General to welcome the MVY and to start a common reflection on vocation, starting by our own vocation as Marist priests and brothers.
- the opening liturgy prepared by some confreres, including the students from Casa di Maria.

These videos can be downloaded from the Marist website [here](#). Other material to accompany this important year will be provided by the vocation directors.

PROVINCIAL CHAPTER IN CANADA

From 24 to 28 October, the Canadian Marists held their provincial chapter. Twenty out of the twenty-two confreres were present. Fr John Larsen was also attending after his official visitation in the preceding week, which gave him the possibility to know the confreres and the province more closely.

Reflecting on its future, the chapter decided to remain a province rather than become a delegation. Two projects are on the table: a community welcoming young persons in Québec and a possible new mission in the Ottawa area.

