

# SMbulletin

Friday, 9 September 2022

## GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

During the Northern Hemisphere Summer several members of the GA have taken a small break. In the mean time they have continued also with regular council meetings and preparation work for CS2022.

Fr Ben McKenna has been in Cameroon over the past few weeks for visitation and will be back in Rome this weekend.

Fr Pat Devlin is in the Philippines, joined by Fr David Sánchez, to start preparations for the next International Novitiate. They will both travel back to Italy next week.

## AUSTRALIA

Since their Provincial Chapter in 2021, the Australian Province in close collaboration with the General Administration has been working on new governance structures. The process has been very challenging for all those involved over the past year. To be in harmony with canon law requirements, it was decided that the best way to proceed is to transfer the province into a district. The official transition will take place on 23 September, on the eve of the anniversary of Jean-Claude Colin's election as Superior General of the Society of Mary.

## INTERRELIGIOUS DIALOGUE

This week Frs Larry Hermes Sabud and Kevin Medilo attended the International Conference in Interfaith Dialogue in Singapore. The Conference gathers 800 participants and resource speakers from 40 countries to discuss the critical role of Interfaith Dialogue towards more connected and cohesive societies. In his special address, Cardinal Pietro Parolin highlighted the importance of solidarity and human fraternity for a more peaceful and cohesive community of nations. Pictured here our confreres with the newly installed Cardinal William Goh, archbishop of Singapore.



## APPOINTMENT

The Superior General has extended Fr Tony Kennedy's term as the superior of the International Theologate in Rome, until the end of the first academic semester in February 2025. His term of office had been due to finish in October 2023. Tony has been the Superior of the Theologate since 2017.



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

- Br Benedito Gonetabu, Oceania / Fiji, who died on 18 July
- Fr Brian Sigere, Oceania / Bougainville, who died on 20 July
- Fr José Luis Chanfón, Mexico, who died on 28 July
- Fr James W. Ware, Australia, who died on 13 August
- Fr Walter Poppe, Europe / Nederland, who died on 13 August
- Fr Gerard A. Demers, USA, who died on 13 August
- Fr Brian Cummings, New Zealand, who died on 19 August
- Br. Daniel Connell, New Zealand, who died on 26 August
- Fr Mikaele Paunga, Oceania/Tonga, who died on 3 September