

# SMbulletin

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## THE SMSM SISTERS ELECT THEIR NEW CONGREGATIONAL LEADER

With great joy we have received the news that Sr Cristina Giustozzi smsm was elected as the new Congregational Leader of the Missionary Sisters of the Society of Mary. Sr Cristina, who is Italian, is a medical doctor and was



General Assistant in the previous administration. The new General Councilors are Srs Denise McMahon, Aubierge Amoussou and Pelenatita Kieoma Finau.

On Wednesday the Sisters participating in the General Chapter were spotted at the General Audience on St Peters Square where they greeted Pope Francis. We join the Sisters in their thanksgiving for their new Leadership Team and continue praying with them for a good outcome of their General Chapter.



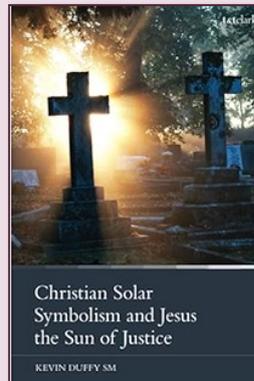
## BLESSING OF “WHANAU MARIA”

Recently the property of the Good Shepherd Theological College in Auckland, New Zealand was extended, which enables it to house lay based ministries and on that occasion the building was renamed: “Whanau Maria”, which means “Family of Mary”.

In addition to the Marist Laity office the building contains the Logos Project which is the Society’s vehicle for providing youth development programmes by Logos’s lay leadership. Last Sunday, after extensive refurbishment, Whanau Maria was blessed by Bishop Steve Lowe, bishop of Auckland, and opened by the Provincial Tim Duckworth. A large crowd gathered for the joyous event. The atmosphere was one of thanksgiving for the space and hope for the future.



## TWO PUBLICATIONS



The provincial of Europe, Fr Kevin Duffy, has advised us that his book “Christian Solar Symbolism and Jesus the Sun of Justice”, which had been published in a hardback version in 2022, has now been re-published in a much cheaper paperback version, and his editor is giving extra discount to Kevin’s friends. Those who are interested to purchase the book can contact [Kevin Duffy](#).

The vicar-provincial of Europe, Fr Declan Marmion, is one of the co-authors of “Reforming the Church: Global Perspectives”. The introduction states: “Some are calling the synod on synodality “the greatest consultation effort in human history” and for good reason. Taking a cue from this ongoing synodal process, the authors place the broader issues relating to church reform in their historical context, while exploring themes that have ongoing relevance to the universal church.” The book can be purchased [here](#) .

