

# SMbulletin

Friday, 10 November 2023

## GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

In October, the members of the General Council had a three days' session in Nemi for team building and to start preparations for the 2025 General Chapter. Their gathering was facilitated by Br. Joseph McKee fms and Ms. Frances Heery.

During November the General Council is holding its plenary session to deal with a well-filled agenda. Among the items are some financial matters, including budgets for 2024, preparations for ARC2024 and the General Chapter 2025, some appointments, reports and questions to consider after the several workshops held this Summer and follow up from the recent visitations. Topics also include consideration of candidates for novitiate 2024, and other formation matters.

Please note that the Council has also requested Fr Setefano Mataele to accept responsibility for the portfolios "Youth" and "Vocations" which were previously a responsibility of Fr Juan Carlos Piña.

There is also a review of the functioning of the General House IT, servers and networks, with a special attention to cyber security.

## A HOUSE FOR STUDENTS IN MEXICO

The confreres in Mexico have been ministering for 55 years at the *Centro Politecnico de Proyección* in Mexico City, a large public university. In recent years, a group of catholic teachers, along with the Marist Fathers, has sought to respond to the needs of the students, especially those who are at risk of leaving their higher studies for economic reasons. A few years ago, they founded a new ministry offering rooms and, above all, a community/family for students. The project hosts 35 students divided into two houses managed by the Marists with the help of lay people. At the end of October all these students participated in a Marist camp to focus on community building and human development.



## COLIN ANNIVERSARY

Next Wednesday, 15 November, we celebrate the anniversary of the death of our Founder.

A Novena articulating some of his virtues and praying for special graces, can be found on the Jean-Claude Colin [website](#). The

Novena is not limited to the days before his anniversary, but can be utilized at any time. Sharing personally with each other on qualities we admire in our Founder can help all of us to grow in our appreciation of his greatness. We encourage also those who are active on social media, to continue promoting the love for, or 'fama' of Venerable Jean-Claude Colin. Colin's cause is proceeding slowly through the Dicastery in Rome. Please continue praying through his intercession for a life-giving miracle.

