

# SMbulletin

Friday, 7 February 2020

## GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

In the final week of the plenary session of the General Council attention was given to vocations, preparations for CS 2021, safeguarding, revisions in the administrative directory, the new GA website. Fr John Larsen is in Peru for three weeks and Fr Pat Devlin is enjoying a break during this month.

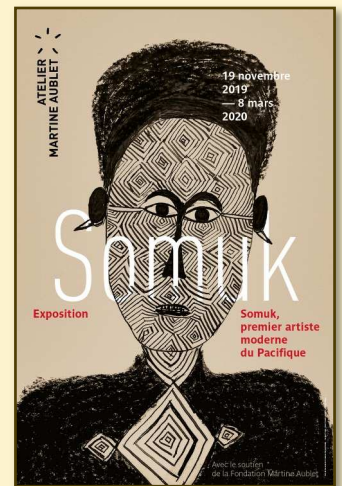
## CHANGING OF THE GUARD IN NEW ZEALAND

On 1 February Fr David Kennerley finished his second term as the provincial of New Zealand. He is succeeded by Fr Tim Duckworth who has been serving in the provincial administration for many years, as vicar provincial and provincial bursar. In a recent letter the Superior General thanked David for his generous service in the last six years and welcomed Tim while taking up his new role.



## Somuk—Exhibition in Paris

The *Musée Du Quai Branly-Jacques Chirac* in Paris is showing in a temporary exhibition a series of drawings from our Marist archives in Rome and from the *Musée d'Océanie* at La Neylière. The drawings are those from Somuk (1900?-1965), who was one of Bougainville's pioneering artists. He started working in the 1920s with the support from Fr Patrick O'Reilly sm, who visited Bougainville in 1934-35. Patrick O'Reilly's journal, *Séjours à Bougainville, Îles Salomon* 1934-45, is illustrated with 28 original drawings by Somuk which document stories, customs and life in Bougainville between the wars, and also engage with Christian themes.



For more: <http://www.quaibrany.fr>

## DISTRICT ASSEMBLY IN BRAZIL

From 13 to 15 January the confreres of the District of South America held their annual assembly. They gathered in Igarapé, Minas Gerais, Brazil to discuss items related to the life and mission of the District. During the session on Marist Laity, lay Marist women from three different groups joined them to reflect together on this important topic stressed by the 2017 General Chapter. During the assembly a new district council was elected.



**LET US PRAY THAT OUR DECEASED CONFRERE  
MAY REST IN PEACE**

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