



SM bulletin

Friday, 5 January 2018

General Administration

In the first days of their plenary meetings for January, the GA set the agenda for the month; reviewed the many tasks set for it by the General Chapter allocating and prioritising these tasks; presented short reports on each of the units of the Society; approved a new edition of the Administrative Directory and the publication of the *Decreta Capitularia* of the 2017 Chapter.

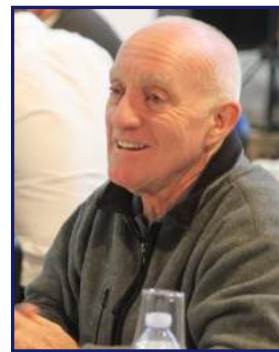
Fr Ben McKenna is in Tasmania, Australia, where he was able to be with his father in his last days and to celebrate with his family the Mass of Christian Burial.

Bishop elect Fr Paul Martin has returned to the General House for a few days to hand over the affairs of the general bursar to Fr John Harhager.

FR PAT DEVLIN APPOINTED TO SUCCEED FR TONY CORCORAN



The Superior General has appointed Fr Pat Devlin to succeed Fr Tony Corcoran, whose terms as Secretary General and Superior of the General House finish during this year. Pat Devlin joined the Society in New Zealand, and has spent many years of his life in Asia, where he became Superior of the District in 2012, for



two consecutive terms.

Pat will take up the role of Superior of the General House on 1 July 2018. He will have time to work with Tony Corcoran and get familiarized with the tasks of the Society's Secretary General—and take over that role on 1 November 2018.

Tony Corcoran became part of the General Administration on 1 January 2007, when he was appointed as Secretary General. Soon after he took up also the roles of Superior of the General House and later of Procurator General.

MARIST COMMUNITY ON THE CAMINO DI SANTIAGO

The Province of Europe has announced the establishment of a Marist community on the Camino di Santiago. Three European confreres, Frs Dani Fernández and Toño Fernández from Spain and Andrea Volonnino from Italy will form the new community which will be settled in Sahagún, more or less at the centre of the Camino. They will welcome pilgrims in a Benedictine monastery carrying the name of "Virgen Peregrina". The community members have started their work recently by writing their own charter of ministry; they should start their mission in April of this year.



DECEASED CONFRERES

We pray for

Fr Brendan Bradshaw, aged 80, of the Province of Europe (Ireland), who died on 10 December.

May he rest in peace.