

# SMbulletin

Friday, 28 May 2021

## GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

The members of the General Council have been working together around several items on their agenda, amongst other things: the Australia Chapter Decisions, Colin's cause, the location of the novitiate, financial matters, leadership training.

This week Fr John Larsen was present at the international joint USG/UISG (zoom) meeting, comprising for the first time ever Superiors General from both female and male congregations from around the world. More than 250 participants connected with each other for three days. The theme of the meeting was "Consecrated life at the service of Fraternity in a wounded world".

Frs John Larsen and Ben McKenna will embark on their first intercontinental travel since the beginning of the pandemic. In June they will join our African confreres in Cameroon at the time of their District Chapter.

On Monday the annual audit of the General Finance Office started. As usual it is carried out by professional auditors of KPMG.

## MARIST YOUTH WEBSITE



The International Marist Youth website has been updated recently. The aim of the website is to provide news and information for (Marist) youth, and for those who accompany them on their journey. There is information on the Marist ministries, the Society of Mary and the Marist Family, vocations, the World Youth Days and Marist Youth Gatherings, our Marist Saints, etc. There is also a new section on the Marist Vocation Year. The website is available in several languages.

[www.maristyouthinternational.org](http://www.maristyouthinternational.org)

## GINGKO TREE PLANTING

At the recent Marist family leaders gathering, a Ginkgo tree was planted in the gardens of the Manziana property of the Marist Brothers, by the four Superiors General. On that occasion, each Superior General of the religious branches of the Marist family received her/his tree to plant in their own grounds as a symbol of the Marist Family, one heart and soul, working together in doing Mary's work in the world.

Consequently, on Pentecost Sunday, the members of the General House community gathered to plant "our" Ginkgo tree in the gardens of Villa Maria.

