

SMbulletin

Friday, 11 June 2021

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION



Frs John Larsen and Ben McKenna left the General House to join the confreres of the District of Africa for their chapter, which will start on 14 June and conclude with the first professions of the novices on 19 June.

Fr John Harhager will leave Rome next week to travel to his home country, the US, for a retreat and holidays. He will be back by the end of July.

FINANCIAL AUDIT

The Finance Office for the general administration has been especially busy these past few weeks with the annual audit for the year 2020. It will be mostly completed by the end of this week with the final printed statements available in September. Preliminary indications are that the Society had a positive year due to excellent investment performance and reduced travel expenses. The two endowments (International Formation Endowment Fund and the Endowment for Mission) also showed constructive results.

CLOC

Between Tuesday and Wednesday of this week a CLOC meeting took place.

A special welcome was given to Fr Joseph Hindelang, the provincial elect of the United States of America, who will take up his role on 1 July. Outgoing provincial Fr Paul Frechette was thanked for his generous service. Besides the sharing of local and international matters by the participants, attention was given to the following items:

- Plans in the District of Africa to re-open a community in Burundi
- The scheduling of two international meetings: a workshop for vocations promoters (2022) and one for formators (2023)
- The location of the International Novitiate in 2022
- Mission funding

THE “TREE OF BREAD” IN TUTU

The Tutu Rural Training Centre under the leadership of its director, Fr Petero Matairatu, has recently held a breadfruit symposium focusing on breadfruit as an alternative cropping for sustainable farming practices.

Breadfruit is a common traditional staple food in the Islands of the South Pacific. The breadfruit has the potential to play a significant role not only in alleviating hunger but also as a commodity for both the local economy and export markets. With a growing health-conscious society the offering of gluten-free breadfruit products is in great demand.



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

P. Wilfried Brand
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