

# SMbulletin

Friday, 18 June 2021

## GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Frs John Larsen and Ben McKenna are currently in Cameroun to participate in the District Chapter. They will travel back to Rome on Monday.

This week both Frs John Harhager and Juan Carlos Piña have left the General House. John will be in the US until August, while Juan Carlos traveled to Mexico, where besides having a break, he will also participate in the Provincial Chapter.

## NEWS FROM THE DISTRICT OF AFRICA

Frs John Larsen and Ben McKenna arrived safe and well in Cameroun last Friday. Along with Fr Albert Kabala, the District Superior, they visited Nkoloman, where the district runs the *Laudato Si'* Project, an agricultural / educational program to help local people to cultivate the land and raise many types of animals.



Frs John Larsen, Albert Kabala and Luigi Savoldelli (EU) who leads the project

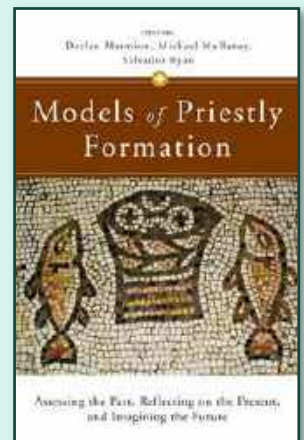
Frs John and Ben had also the opportunity to visit the novitiate in Yaoundé where there are currently two groups of novices in formation. Four of them are due to be professed next Saturday, while the others will continue their novitiate until January.

Since Sunday evening they are gathered with 22 members of the district for their Chapter, starting with a recollection day on Monday and the official opening on Tuesday. The theme of the Chapter is “A servant Church in the image of Mary”. The Superior General gave a brief address and the president of the Chapter was elected: Fr Damien Diouf.

## “MODELS OF PRIESTLY FORMATION”

The European News Bulletin –Euroinfo– reported in its last issue about Irish confrere Declan Marmion, who is a professor of systematic theology at St Patrick’s College, Maynooth, Ireland where he has just finished his term as dean of the theology faculty.

Euroinfo highlighted a book which Declan coedited not so long ago: “[Models of Priestly Formation](#)”. In this book, some of the world’s leading experts on the topic consider



priestly formation since Vatican II, explore current best practices internationally, and imagine what the future of such formation might look like. The introduction of the book states that “the preparation of new priests for ministry currently faces closer scrutiny than at any time since the Reformation, and the importance of effective priestly formation has perhaps never been clearer in the entire history of the church”.