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GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

This week Fr John Larsen, along with Frs Larry Hermes Sabud, Frank Bird, Arnold Garferio and Stev Youm, have been attending a 3 day online conference on Migration: “Migrants and Pilgrims as our Ancestors, Theology of Human Mobility in the 21st century”.

Next week Frs John Larsen and Juan Carlos Piña will visit the community of Sahagún and take the opportunity to meet some confreres in other communities in Spain.

Fr Ben McKenna is currently in Senegal. He will be back in Rome by the end of September.

Fr Juan Carlos Piña has this week been attending the 2nd part of the “Discerning Leadership Course”.

Next week Fr Pat Devlin will lead an orientation course for the Marist student priests who will be studying in Rome this year: Frs Lionel Long Mechavez, Paul Molbwet, Thilo Saft and Lutoviko ‘Olie.

PROVINCIAL OF CANADA

Following on the support given to him by the members of the Province of Canada in the recent consultation, the Superior General confirmed Fr Yvan Mathieu as provincial superior for a second term of three years, beginning on 1 January 2022.



THE DISTRICT OF MEXICO

One of the main and unanimous decisions of the recent provincial chapter in Mexico was to ask the Superior General to suppress the province of Mexico and establish it as a District. The Superior General has now granted this request and has decreed that on 12 December 2021, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the province of Mexico will be suppressed and that the District of Mexico will be erected.

MARISTS CELEBRATING 175 YEARS IN TOULON AND SURROUNDINGS

This past week-end, in the context of *European Patrimony Days*, the Marists in Toulon celebrated 175 years of Marist presence in the area. Marist Fathers came to Toulon, with Mgr Douarre, to sail to Oceania on a French warship. Their departure was delayed, so they preached and offered schooling to some of the local children. This was the beginning of a long story of Marist presence in Toulon.

The celebrations included guided visits to the chapel and spirituality centre in Toulon; a display presenting the Marist history, including that of the 3 Marist schools; two music concerts; a magisterial conference on the first 20 years of Marist presence in Toulon and a celebration in the chapel of Saint Mary's school in la Seyne-sur-Mer, the location of the first school founded by the Society in 1849. A group of singers and dancers from Wallis joined, as did a number of past-pupils providing musical accompaniment. After the Mass, the school offered a champagne reception in the school gardens.

