

SMbulletin

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ORDINATION IN NEW ZEALAND

Fr Hayden Powick (New Zealand) was ordained to the priesthood by Cardinal John Dew, Archbishop of Wellington, on 9 October in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Richmond. Covid-19 protocols restricted the number attending to 100 enabling a representation of confreres, family and parishioners. Hayden celebrated a Mass of Thanksgiving the following morning with Fr Pat Brophy preaching. He has been appointed to the Mount



Street community in Wellington with ministry at St Patrick's College Wellington and St Mary of the Angels Shrine in the city.

Cardinal John Dew with Hayden

COUNCIL OF THE SOCIETY

The Superior General has announced that the Council of the Society will take place from 8 to 21 October 2022. The meeting, which had been scheduled to take place this year, had been postponed because of the Pandemic. The hope is that CS2022 will take place with all participants physically present; the location has yet to be decided.

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The Council of the Society meets between general chapters. It has the governing powers given to it by the Constitutions and by the decrees of a general chapter. Its principal function is to review and evaluate the carrying out of decisions taken at the previous general chapter and to prepare for the next one. It fosters unity between the general council and the provincial superiors and allows for adaptation to changes in the life of the Church.

General Administration

On Wednesday the Major Superiors and the members of the General Administration met by ZOOM for their tenth CLOC meeting. Besides taking time to share news from the units and from the GA, they gave attention to the Year of Vocations, the distribution of news and the Council of the Society. It was decided to continue these regular meetings at least until June of next year.

Some of the main topics on the agenda of the recent General Council meetings were: the Vocations Year, the admission of novices to the formation program, ongoing formation, the Mexico Statutes.

Fr John Larsen arrived yesterday in Canada where amongst other things he will join the confreres for their Provincial Chapter later this month.

Last week Frs John Larsen and Ben McKenna participated in the second part of their "Discerning Leadership Course" in Rome.

KALENDARIUM

Attached with this SMbulletin you will find the Kalendarium for 2022. The Kalendarium can be printed and distributed locally for use among confreres in all units.