

SMBulletin

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NEWS FROM THE USA

The provincial of the United States of America, Fr Joseph Hindelang, reports:

“The Superior General, Fr John Larsen, visited the Province of the United States from April 2-23. He was able to visit the communities and ministries of the two large schools, Notre Dame in Pontiac, Michigan and Marist School in Atlanta, Georgia, both of which have a large dedicated lay staff. He also spent time with two communities of Marists in Boston, Massachusetts and the ministry along the Mexican border in Brownsville, Texas, where he joined in the Triduum celebration.

John then returned to Washington, DC where he participated in the Provincial Chapter, which was finally able to meet after two years of postponement because of the pandemic. The 13 members of the Chapter met in a prayerful atmosphere to discuss the issues raised by members of the province over the previous couple of years in regional meetings and an assembly. The Chapter appreciated John’s address which used the image of the Paschal Mystery—Good Friday and Easter—as the context in which to discuss ministry, finance, demographic and senior care projections for the future. The USA Marists had been especially concerned for the province to focus on our spiritual life as Marists as we move through this time of “letting go” confident of the supporting presence of Mary, the image of hope.”



FEAST OF ST PETER CHANEL

Yesterday, on the Feast of Saint Peter Chanel, a festive gathering took place at the General House, with the members of the General House Community and staff, some scholastics from Casa di Maria, Marist Brothers and SMSM Sisters. The Marist Sisters were not present, but united in prayer, as they began their General Chapter on Sunday. Also present was Archbishop Michel Calvet from New Caledonia.

Fr Paul Molbwet presided at the Mass which was celebrated using the Chalice of Saint Peter Chanel. Deacon Sefo Amuri gave the homily. After Mass all joined for the traditional festive meal.



VOCATIONS WEBINAR

Today, Friday, at 1.00 pm CET the second Vocations Webinar will take place. The main speaker is Fr Stephen Wang, rector of the Venerable English College in Rome and the meeting is moderated by Fr Dani Fernández. The participants will have the opportunity to discuss his address in work groups and bring their questions to the plenary. The webinar is simultaneously translated in English, French and Spanish.