

# SMbulletin

Friday, 9 December 2022

## GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Fr John Larsen arrived last week in Nouméa, New Caledonia where he was warmly welcomed. He has been visiting this week our confreres in New Caledonia, and in the coming days he will travel to Wallis et Futuna and to Vanuatu.

Fr Ben McKenna has departed from Rome yesterday to travel to his home country Australia for a vacation. After the Council of the Society during their plenary session, the members of the General Council have given attention to a wide range of items, among which the Organisation of the General Council towards GC 2025, approval of new communities and projects in several Provinces and Districts, Budgets and other financial matters, possibilities for a mission in Samsun.

## ORDINATION IN AFRICA

On Saturday 26 November 2022, during a colorful celebration, Fr Yves Tuma from the District of Africa was ordained to the priesthood in his region, Bafoussam, in the west of Cameroon by the Bishop of Bafia, Mgr. Emmanuel Dassi. Bishop Georges Nkuo, English-speaking bishop of Kumbo was concelebrating. Yves is appointed as the vicar of the Marist parish of Ste Anne d'Obili in Yaoundé.



## TWO NEW COMMUNITIES

Recently the Superior General gave permission to the provinces of the USA and Canada to establish two new communities which are mainly involved in migrant ministry.

In the USA a community is established in the State of New Mexico, along the USA-Mexican border, in the **Diocese of Las Cruces**. Fr Joe McLaughlin is working with migrants crossing the border into El Paso, at Annunciation House, where Marist Brothers and a few other religious also work. The facility, run and staffed mostly by lay workers, welcomes migrants and helps get them prepare for moving on to where their sponsoring family lives. Fr George Szal is working in the same diocese as a chaplain at a hospice with mainly catholic families. They live together in a simple community in a prayerful life.

In Canada Fr Didier Hadonou (Africa) and Br Mario Béland started a new community in the **Archdiocese of Gatineau**. The Archbishop has entrusted them with a ministry among young migrant families. The children often adapt rather easily but many adults are struggling with settling in their new life, and need to be accompanied to find a new orientation.

As both communities are small, they link on a regular basis with other confreres present in the area.

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

**P. Louis Richard Molloy**  
Australia  
18.12.1929 – 09.11.2022

**P. Allan Connors**  
Australia  
06.03.1928 – 30.11.2022

**F. Sairusi Nabuli**  
Oceania / Fiji  
23.11.1953 – 01.12.2022

**P. Epokifo'ou Manu**  
Oceania / Tonga  
23.03.1969 – 06.12.2022