

# SMBulletin

Friday, 23 February 2024

## THE SUPERIOR GENERAL VISITS MAHIA AND WAIROA

Within five years of the approval of our Society of Mary in 1836, our confreres, Bishop Pompallier and Fr. Claude Baty, had already reached the remote Maori settlements of Mahia and Wairoa in the Hawkes Bay of Aotearoa/New Zealand. Two Marists, Fr. Rob Devlin and Brother Denis O'Brien, are still serving in Wairoa and Mahia. Our Superior General, Fr. John Larsen, visited them this week as one stop of his visitation to the Province of New Zealand. He has already met with the confreres and communities in Whangarei and Auckland and this week he focused his visit on the Hawkes Bay. Next week he moves south to Wellington.



Fr John Larsen with Fr Rob Devlin, Br Denis O'Brien and some parishioners in Wairoa.

## SAFEGUARDING PROJECT AT STE ANNE D'OBILI

In collaboration with the "my body is my body" campaign, the District of Africa organised an awareness campaign on safeguarding with the children of the Parish of Ste Anne d'Obili in Yaoundé, Cameroon. With the help of the coordinator of the Children's Choir, through songs, drama and other activities, the importance of child protection was stressed, involving in the first place the children themselves. While in many African countries sex education of children is still a taboo, the Parish community and all involved were reminded of the responsibility of Christians to protect children against any kind of abuse.



## START OF THE SPRING CLASSES IN CENTRO HISPANICO MARISTA

The *Centro Hispanico Marista* is reporting that it has inaugurated this February its new semester with enthusiasm. The *Centro Hispanico Marista* was founded by Marist Confreres in the US in 2012, to provide affordable preparation classes for hundreds of adults who did not finish their secondary education earlier in life. The Centro works in close collaboration with Marist School Atlanta, and the teachers, all volunteers, wish to reach out to and uplift those marginalized by poverty in great need of an education, following the Society's teachings.

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

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