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Friday, 28 June 2024

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

- Fr John Larsen will depart for the Philippines next week, to visit the District of Asia and the International Novitiate.
- Fr John Harhager is in Suva, Fiji, where he has been attending a meeting of the Council of the Province. He is due to be back in Rome early next week.
- Fr Ben McKenna is currently in Chicago, US, where he is attending the Retreat, Assembly and Chapter of the Province of the United States of America.
- Fr Juan Carlos Piña will leave Rome next week to join the confreres of the District of South America holding their Chapter.

DEGREE IN CANON LAW



This week Fr Juan Carlos Piña graduated with honors in Canon Law at the Angelicum University in Rome. When in 2018 he was appointed Procurator General of the Society, he started his academic studies to refine his competence in this important field of the work of the General Administration.

NEW ZEALAND PROVINCIAL CHAPTER



The New Zealand Province recently completed its Chapter in Auckland. Fr John Harhager, who is the GA-link person for New Zealand, was present. Among the many topics discussed, the Chapter looked at reshaping existing ministry and preparing for future ministry; the Province's international contribution and cooperation; resources and assets; the many styles and types of Marist Laity; formation and recruitment; Omnes Gentes; care for communities of mostly

senior confreres; suggestions of agenda items for the General Chapter; professional Standards and safeguarding. The Chapter elected Frs Merv Duffy, Pat Breeze and Kevin Mowbray to join Fr Tim Duckworth (Provincial) at the General Chapter.

RETREAT FOR US MARIST SCHOOL EDUCATORS AND ADMINISTRATORS

Educators and administrators from four USA schools owned or sponsored by the Society of Mary gathered at a retreat house near Detroit for three days of prayer, talks, discussion and socializing. 31 teachers came from Marist School in Atlanta, Notre Dame Prep in Pontiac, Notre Dame Academy in Duluth (near Atlanta) and Notre Dame des Victoire School in San Francisco. Presenters were Frs Alois Greiler from Germany and Jim Strasz from the US along with lay Marist educators Kevin Mullally and Mike Coveny from Marist School.

