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Friday, 8 November 2024

CHAPTER DELEGATES

There will be 36 capitulants at the General Chapter:

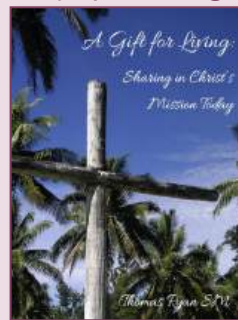
- 17 *ex-officio* members: The members of the General Administration, the previous Superior General, Fr John Hannan, and the Major Superiors from our 10 units.
- 19 *elected delegates*:
 - Albert Kabala (Af)
 - Renivaldo de Souza Rodriguez (AS)
 - Lionel Mechavez (As)
 - Gerard Hall (S)
 - Kevin Redmond (S)
 - Mario Béland (C)
 - Martin McAnaney (EU)
 - Declan Marmion (EU)
 - Jean-Marie Bloqueau (EU)
 - Thilo Saft (EU)
 - David Sánchez (M)
 - Merv Duffy (Z)
 - Pat Breeze (Z)
 - Kevin Mowbray (Z)
 - Aisake Vaisima (O)
 - ‘Ekuasi Manu (O)
 - Petero Matairatu (O)
 - Jim Duffy (US)
 - Joe Hurtuk (US)

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Yesterday was the last day of the General Council Plenary Session. In the past weeks a variety of topics has been covered, among which the approval of chapter statements and decisions from several units and the admission of the candidates for Novitiate 2025. Time was also dedicated to preparations for the General Chapter. On 7 and 8 November the Council had meetings with Br Joe McKee fms, one of the facilitators. Fr Tony Kennedy, the chair of the pre-chapter committee, gave a report on the Survey which was carried out among the membership of the Society in preparation for the Chapter. More than 60 communities worldwide have sent in their responses to the survey. These responses are now being collated in one document, which will be shared in a short time with all confreres.

A GIFT FOR LIVING

Fr Tom Ryan (Australia) has recently published a book: *A Gift for Living: Sharing in Christ's Mission Today*. In his book he explores how the gift of God's love in the Holy Spirit changes who we are and guides



how we live. In its content and style, the book is a form of practical theology for the general reader. It is available [online](#) on the website of MMC Australia.

AWARD FOR MARISTS WHO HAVE SERVED AT THE MAJOR SEMINARY OF DAVAO



On the 60th Founding Anniversary of St. Francis Xavier Regional Major Seminary in Davao, Philippines, the seminary honored those who laid the foundation for this institution. The District Superior of Asia, Fr Kevin Medilo, received a plaque of recognition on behalf of Marist priests who made a significant contribution over the years as lecturers and spiritual directors of the seminarians. They are Frs Larry Duffy, Kevin Mowbray, Gavin Foster, Fernando Ingente, Joseph McLaughlin, Patrick Muckian and Fr Philip Callaghan R.I.P. The seminary has produced thousands of priests and twelve bishops serving the local church in the Philippines.