

SMBulletin

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A blessed time
of Lent to all.



PROVINCIAL OF EUROPE



After having received the results of a consultation process among the confreres of the European Province, the Superior General has appointed Fr Kevin Duffy for a second term of three years as Provincial Superior. Kevin received great support from confreres throughout the eight regions of the province. His term will start on 1 July.

RECTOR OF THE PACIFIC REGIONAL SEMINARY

On 21 February, Fr 'Okusitino Ulupano was elected Rector of the *Pacific Regional Seminary of Saint Peter Chanel* in Suva. "Fr Tino" has served in PRS from 2012 as moderator and lecturer before he was appointed vice-rector in 2019. He was appointed 'acting rector' when the Office of the Rector became vacant in June. The *Pacific Regional Seminary of Saint Peter Chanel* was established in 1970 by the Oceania Bishops Conference (CEPAC). From its foundation, the Society of Mary has been an important partner in the development of the seminary. At the request of the Bishops of Oceania the Marists continue to try to contribute teachers for the faculty of Philosophy and Theology. Our Marist students in the early years of their academic formation participate in the life in the seminary before they go to the international Marist Novitiate in Davao and then the Theologate in Rome. The Seminary has developed in recent years also online classes, and became an important centre for the life and future of the Catholic Church in the Pacific.



SAHAGÚN COMMUNITY OPENS FOR THE NEW SEASON OF PILGRIMAGES



On 15 March the Marist Community of Sahagún will open its doors again as the season of pilgrimages is beginning. The community is located on the Camino, and welcomes pilgrims on their way to Santiago di Compostela. In agreement with the Province of Europe and the General Administration, last year it became an international "Omnes Gentes" community. The community is now composed of four members: Fr Paul Molbwet from Vanuatu, Fr Antonio Fernández and Valentin Aparicio from Spain and Fr Matthew Crawford from New Zealand.

This week the community gathered to prepare for the new year, focusing both on community life and the mission of the *Albergue*. They themselves went on Pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela to pray through the intercession of the apostle for

the community's mission. Next week they will go around several cities to distribute flyers and posters to promote the Marist hostel.

For more information on the community in Sahagún, visit their [website](#).