

Best wishes
for 2026!

SMbulletin

Friday, 9 January 2026

REMEMBERING DECEASED CONFRERES AT THE GENERAL HOUSE

Three of the confreres who passed away recently have been particularly attached to the General House. Confreres and staff have been praying for the repose of their soul and remembered how they have served the Society faithfully in many different ways, and more particularly while being at Monteverde.

- ♦ **Br Terry Garrett** worked in the General House in 2005 and 2006, looking after the General House community and its many visitors.
- ♦ **Fr Hubert Bonnet-Eymard** was a General Assistant when Fr Jan Hulshof was Superior General, from 2001 to 2009. After finishing his mandate on the General Council, he became the provincial of the newly erected unified province of Europe.
- ♦ **Fr Justin Taylor** lived at the General House for many years, while doing research on the Society's History – which culminated in Fr Colin's biography "Reluctant Founder", published in 2018.

We pray that, along with many other confreres, the Lord may reward them and welcome them into eternal life.



RENEWAL OF VOWS

On 3 January at Casa di Maria, 11 students—Robert, Manuele, Eduardo, Hansford, Joseph, David, Zulu, Lachie, Alban, Pascal and Marc Fidèle—renewed their vows for one year. The vows were received by Fr Tony Kennedy representing the Superior General.



FAREWELL AT ST PAT'S, CHURCH HILL



In the District of Australia, on 28 December a farewell thanksgiving Eucharist took place at St Patrick's inner-city shrine, Church Hill, Sydney. A packed church brought together parishioners from all walks of life and ethnicities to honour the service of Marists since 1868. Fr Michael Whelan, the last Marist Parish Priest, thanked the staff, volunteers, choir and people of St Patrick's, and paid tribute to "generations of travelers past and present, folk who come looking for God, searching for peace, wanting to give thanks, seeking strength and light in their struggles with good and evil." For 157 years, Marist confreres have taken care of the Church. Originally located in a slum, St Pat's became the church of choice for Masses and confessions for workers in CBD skyscrapers since the 1950s. It is one of the busiest churches in Australia, with four Masses celebrated each weekday, 10 Masses on weekends, hours of exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and many hours of confession throughout the week.

LET US PRAY THAT OUR DECEASED CONFRERES MAY REST IN PEACE

P. Earl Crotty

New Zealand

11.10.1933—23.12.2025

F. Terry Garrett

Australia

05.10.1940—23.12.2025

P. Hubert Bonnet-Eymard

Europe / France

20.12.1947—26.12.2025

P. Justin Taylor

New Zealand

26.08.1943—06.01.2026